

MEETING MINUTES

Advisory Board

Wednesday May 5, 2021, 5 – 6 p.m. via Zoom

Attendance: Hal Koch, Tim Sink, Chris Emond, Karen Welch, Aidan Hastings (student), Melanie Kirby, Laura Pantano, Rebecca Dean, Andrew Fisher, Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki, Charles Seugling, Laura Scott, Tim Allison (guest), Amy Proctor (scribe).

Absent: Jack Dearborn, Jim Snodgrass, Allen Desbiens

Call to Order: Dave Luneau, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Minutes: April 7, 2021 minutes were approved as written.

Student Story: Aidan Hastings, the President of the Student Senate shared his experiences at NHTI. Aidan is going into this third year at NHTI and is both an Architectural Engineering Technology student and a Computer/Electronics Engineering student. Aidan spoke of the value of the NHTI education and plans to transfer to a four-year institution once he graduates next May.

NECHE Accreditation

Dr. Mullin-Sawicki shared the good news that NECHE approved NHTI's 5th year report and commended the college for a transparent and comprehensive report.

Climate Assessment

Dr. Mullin-Sawicki shared the outcomes of a climate assessment that was conducted by Ann Chapman of Drummond/Woodsum resulting from allegations of harassment made at a February College Council meeting.

The report indicated that no harassment or bullying had taken place; however, the report provided mixed reviews of the college climate mostly related to communication and morale. Ms. Chapman provided 12 recommendations which are being worked on over the summer by a 20-member taskforce made up of faculty and staff. The assessment can be found at the newly created Climate Assessment webpage which houses all assessment documentation for NHTI. Aidan Hastings was invited to join the taskforce. Amy will send Aidan information about the taskforce and when it meets when it is decided.

Commencement Update

Dr. Pantano provided an updated on the 7 mini-commencements that will be held over May 19, 20 and 21. Students can attend in person or through our on-line streaming of the event. Advisory board members can attend one on-site ceremony at the Grappone Conference Center or all seven through the on-line event. Those interested in attending should contact

Amy Proctor immediately at aproctor@ccsnh.edu and register at <https://www.nhti.edu/current-students/commencement/>

Transfer Academy

Dr. Dean shared the new Transfer Academy program that creates a seamless pathway for Running Start and Early College students to NHTI to UNH schools. The program will be rolled out on 5-12-21 to Bow High School with other schools to follow.

Summer Lynx

Dr. Dean provided information on the revamped Summer Lynx program that is intended to address academic achievement gaps of our underrepresented populations of students. The program runs from July to August and offers gateway math and English courses. The cost of the program is \$100 for a 7-credit program. Information about the program can be find here. Special thanks to our funders including Hal Koch.

Alumni/Development Update

Laura Scott provided updates on fundraising.

Tim Allison shared that there will be an announcement next week regarding a joint gift for New Hampshire high school graduates. More information can be found here: www.givenhcc.org/classgift.

Open Public Comment

No public attendees

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Proctor
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