

# MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

## Advisory Board Meeting

November 3, 2021 5 – 6 p.m. via Zoom

**Attendance:** Hal Koch, Christa Keddie, Charles Seugling, Dave Luneau, Karen Welch, Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki, Andrew Fisher, Laura Pantano, Rebecca Dean, Laura Scott, Melanie Kirby, Amy Proctor **Guests:** Paul Hogan, Michele Kenney, Kathy Taylor, Tim Allison

**Absent:** Tim Sink, Jack Dearborn, Bill Jones, Anna-Marie Sparks, Chris Emond, Allen Desbiens

Dr. Mullin-Sawicki opened the meeting with COVID updates stating the college's current protocols remain in place.

Dr. Pantano introduced student Michele Kenney who is a "new-traditional" student currently completing her second NHTI degree. Her first degree was Business Administration and she is now working toward her degree in Hospitality and expects to graduate in May, 2022. Her plan is to transfer to continue her studies. Of note, her daughter will attend NHTI in Fall, 2022.

Dr. Pantano introduced Coach Paul Hogan, athletic director, to highlight the athletics program and the newer e-sports program at NHTI. Athletics at NHTI is under the Yankee Small College Conference with the USCAA and competes very similarly to Division II schools. Coach Hogan explained the athletics program is both a service and enrollment tool. He also highlighted the 2020 Men's Basketball Championship.

Dr. Dean, as a follow-up to the Athletics program, explained the college's new initiative in tracking athletes' success and completion utilizing the Advising Center, creating pathways, offering late starts, summer programs, and First Year Experience courses. The goal is to increase success, retention, completion, and transferability for student athletes.

Dr. Fisher introduced our new director of Workforce Development and Community Education in our Business Training Center (BTC), Kathy Taylor. Ms. Taylor came to us from St. Paul's School. She highlighted some of things already happening such as new language learning opportunities along with her vision for a vibrant BTC.

Ms. Scott provided an update on the success of the Mindfulness Speaker Series raising \$4,000 with \$2,000 going to the NHTI Cares Fund and \$2,000 for the Lynx Food Pantry both of which support students. She also told the group that our annual appeal will kick off on Giving Tuesday, November 30. This appeal benefits students through the President's Fund for Excellence. Ms. Scott also announced the receipt of a small grant for Sustainable Agriculture, and the need for fundraising and updating of signs on the athletic fields.

Tim Allison, chief advancement officer for CCSNH announced a 27% increase in Foundation dollars.

Chair, Dave Luneau, made special mention of his delight in the dedication ceremony for the Mary Stuart Gile Early Learning Center. He stated that despite a very upsetting beginning, the partnership between NHTI and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central NH could not have worked out better – it retains the academic agreement affiliation of the CFDC Lab School within the center and even some of the same staff, including the director.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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