



**WHITE MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2021**

Present: Pamela Laflamme (Chair), David Backler, Kevin Carpenter, Carrie Gendreau, Julie King, Mike Laracy, Chuck Lloyd, Paul Pinkham, Hanna Seibert

Absent: Heidi Barker, Cathy Conway, Janice Crawford, Ben Gaetjens-Oleson, Al Smith

Guests: Tim Allison, Colbie Ayotte, Mark Desmarais, Steve Ellis, Trinity Gendron, Kristen Miller, Melanie Robbins, Gretchen Taillon

The White Mountains Community College Advisory Committee convened virtually via Zoom on May 6, 2021, at 11:00 AM.

-Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Gendreau and seconded by Ms. Seibert to approve the meeting minutes of January 27, 2021. A vote was taken to approve the minutes, all were in favor.

-Advisory Meeting Format

President Lloyd reminded the group that advisory meetings are public, and information to attend meetings and minutes are posted on the college website. The group then discussed which topics would warrant the meeting to switch from public to non-public.

-System-Wide Updates

President Lloyd spoke about some of the personnel changes at the system level. The Community College System of New Hampshire Chancellor Search has three finalists. Mr. Allison informed the group that the Great Bay Community College President Search also has three finalists. President Lloyd proceeded by giving a brief update regarding the proposed merger of the USNH and CCSNH boards of trustees.

-Community Colleges of NH Foundation Update

Mr. Allison informed the group that on Wednesday there would be an announcement regarding a scholarship opportunity for graduating NH high school students.

-Academic Affairs

Dr. Miller started her update by discussing the feeling of accomplishment students, staff, and faculty feel this time of year. She shared with the group that WMCC was successful in being one of the few colleges that had face-to-face courses in each program and did not have to shift to being held completely remote. Dr. Miller also discussed some of the success she was seeing based around a self-paced learning model. She then informed the group that WMCC will be hosting River Valley Community College's LPN program.

-Student Affairs

Dr. Desmarais spoke to how the college has been meeting the needs of students virtually. He said that the college will start offering some in person tours for new students. The college has a new customer relationship tool, TargetX, that was recently launched, which makes the process of enrolling easier for potential students.

Orientations are being held for the summer semester. This semester, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee held a workshop regarding LGBTQIA+ awareness and sensitivity for employees.

-Academic Centers

Ms. Robbins started her update by discussing the Littleton Academic Center. As new owners of the building there are several maintenance projects she would like to move forward with, including replacing the HVAC system. Ms. Robbins then discussed some updates regarding the North Conway Academic Center. The Veterinary Technician students held a successful onsite pet clinic day, where students received practical, hands-on experience caring for animals. On Saturday, July 17, the college is collaborating with the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce for the White Mountain Outdoor, Health and Wellness Fest at Schouler Park.

-Student Senate Update

Ms. Seibert let the group know that Student Senate held its last meeting for the semester and Ms. Gendron was elected as the new president.

Ms. Gendron said she is looking forward to the next year and is excited to start planning events. Once restrictions have been lifted it will be easier to get students involved.

-Events

President Lloyd spoke about the Campus Compact for NH Presidents' Awards Virtual Ceremony. The recipients were Human Services student Chad Boxall (Presidents' Leadership Award), Nursing Professor Sarah Baillargeon (Presidents' Good Steward Award), and the Androscoggin Valley Covid-19 Workgroup (Presidents' Community Partner Award). President Lloyd then proceeded to discuss this year's upcoming commencement exercises and some of the precautions that will take place.

-Roles and Responsibilities

Chair Laflamme discussed establishing roles and responsibilities for committee members. Chair Laflamme will be sending out a document for members to review before the next meeting and will be asking for member input.

-Regional/Individual Updates & Community Needs

Ms. Gendreau said the Cog Railway had reached out to discuss a potential partnership with the diesel program.

Ms. King is finishing up this year and already planning for the next one. She informed the group she is working on a partnership with the college regarding business courses.

Mr. Pinkham spoke about the labor shortage, and said he is still looking for roughly 40 new employees.

Mr. Carpenter spoke about planning graduation ceremonies during a pandemic.

Mr. Laracy spoke about how we seem to be rounding the corner of the pandemic.

-Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Colbie Ayotte
Human Resources/President's Office