

**WMCC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

Present: Pamela Laflamme (Chair), David Backler, Kevin Carpenter, Julie King, Mike Laracy, Chuck Lloyd, Alan Smith

Absent: Heidi Barker

Guests: Tim Allison, Colbie Ayotte, Sarah Boone, Beth Carpenter, Will Cunningham, Mark Desmarais, Steve Ellis, Steve Fader, Kristen Miller, Corey Riendeau, Melanie Robbins, Gretchen Taillon

The White Mountains Community College (WMCC) Advisory Committee convened on September 28, 2022, at 12:00PM.

- Introductions and Updates

Chair Laflamme welcomed the group to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves and give any updates they'd like to share.

Ms. King discussed how staffing has been a challenge.

Mr. Carpenter discussed returning to a more normal school year, as things have calmed down in regard to the pandemic.

Mr. Smith discussed how much of a difference there has been in having students in-person.

-Approval of Minutes

There were a number of meetings for which there was not a quorum present to approve previous meeting minutes. Mr. Backler made the motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of June 15, 2022, February 3, 2022, and September 20, 2021. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, and all in attendance were in favor.

-College Updates

Dr. Miller discussed the NECHE fifth year interim report, which is due next August, and second institute for guided pathways.

Dr. Desmarais discussed community engagement and recruitment efforts to build enrollment. The college has been awarded a three-year Persistence and Continuing Education (PACE) grant in collaboration with Campus Compact of NH.

Ms. Robbins discussed the groundbreaking ceremony that happened in Littleton for the Advanced Technology Building. She also discussed the new student hub area in Littleton.

Mr. Ellis said the Littleton groundbreaking was a great event, and that it was nice to see all the students there in attendance.

Mr. Fader told the group that WMCC ended the fiscal year with a strong balance sheet. He also discussed some of the upcoming purchases/construction projects.

President Lloyd reminded the group that the annual Golfing the Gap tournament is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, at the Maplewood Golf Course in Bethlehem.

-System-Wide Updates

President Lloyd gave a number of updates. Patrick Cate has been named as the Interim President at Lakes Region Community College. NHTI is undergoing a president search. The System-wide strategic plan has been endorsed verbally by the board of trustees.

Mr. Allison gave a few updates regarding the Foundation for NH Community Colleges. They are looking to connect business owners with WMCC in regard to the new building in Littleton. The Foundation is in great shape, with several new funds having recently been established.

Chair Laflamme reminded the group that the committee is required to meet in person and have a quorum in the room and that members should plan on attending meetings in person.

President Lloyd let the group know that the WMCC Advisory/Legislative Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 9.

-Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colbie Ayotte

Human Resources/President's Office