



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 22, 2021

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY
PLYMOUTH, NH

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Committee members present: M. Jacqueline Eastwood, Chair; George Hansel, Vice Chair (remote); Amy Begg; Jose Calvo; Zachary Christie (remote); Frank Edelblut; Cathy Green; Shawn Jasper; Alana Lehouillier; Mackenzie Murphy (remote); David Westover; Ashley Ackert (remote); Reshma Giji (remote); Ty Gioacchini (remote); Christian Merheb (remote); Jacob Riley (remote)

Other trustees present: Cassandra Spanos Ardinger; Donald Birx; Todd Black; James Burnett, III; James Dean, Jr.; James Gray, NH Senate; Rick Ladd, NH House of Ref

Academic Program Changes

Information item:

- PSU: BA Anthropology/Sociology
- BA Art
- BA Art History
- BS Early Childhood Education
- BS Environmental Planning
- BA French
- BS Geography
- BA History (combined with Social Studies)

The provosts reviewed the fall admissions, enrollment, and retention outcomes information provided in the meeting materials.

Information regarding campus support for student mental health and wellness through services and holistic residential life approaches were shared by chief student affairs officers: Ken Holmes, UNH senior vice provost and dean of students; Tiffany Doherty, GSC director of student affairs; Jennifer Ferrell, KSC associate vice president for student engagement; and Jeff Furlone, PSU dean of students. During discussion, trustees expressed interest in reviewing data pertaining to USNH student mental health issues and services to inform their understanding of campus support capacity.

The provosts described strategies to support first-year student retention and on-time four-year degree completion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.