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NHCUC Names Debby Scire, Long-Time Higher Education Leader in NH, as President and CEO

New England College President Michele Perkins will serve as Board chair.

Concord, NH, November 7, 2019—The New Hampshire College & University Council (NHCUC) is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has appointed Debby Scire as the organization’s president and chief executive officer, effective immediately. Scire has served as NHCUC’s interim president since last April.

NHCUC, a statewide consortium of 21 colleges and universities, works to advance higher education in New Hampshire and to increase education opportunities for its members’ 220,000 students. As a coordinating body for higher education institutions in the state, the organization provides forums for discussing emerging issues, sponsors professional development, and manages collaborative initiatives among academic, admission, career, IT, and other campus offices.

NHCUC has also appointed Dr. Michele Perkins, president of New England College, as the new chair of its Board of Directors. The Board comprises the presidents of NHCUC’s member institutions. Describing the Board’s choice to lead the organization into the future, Perkins noted, “We have both challenges and opportunities facing New Hampshire’s colleges and universities, and NHCUC plays a vital role in maximizing opportunities for all. We are confident in the strategic direction of the Council, and we look forward to seeing all that Debby accomplishes.”

As president and CEO, Scire will helm NHCUC’s efforts to address vital issues affecting education in New Hampshire, from expanding college access and success to preparing graduates to meet the state’s evolving workforce and community needs. Scire will also continue in her long-term role as executive director of Campus Compact for New Hampshire (CCNH). The two organizations have complementary missions, with CCNH working to promote campus-community connections and prepare students for community as well as workforce participation.

Scire has served as a higher education leader in New Hampshire for more than two decades, working in both professional and volunteer capacities. In addition to her positions at NHCUC and CCNH, she serves on the Board of the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation and is a former treasurer and Board member of VolunteerNH.

Scire joined CCONH in 1997 and took over as executive director in 2004. Before that, she served as the director of Cooperative Education at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, MA, where she was responsible for cooperative education, internships, and service-learning. She served in a similar capacity at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA. Scire earned her Doctorate of Education from New England College in Henniker, NH.

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About the New Hampshire College & University Council

The New Hampshire College & University Council (NHCUC) is a nonprofit consortium of public and private institutions of higher education across New Hampshire. Founded in 1966, the Council's mission is the advancement of public and private higher education in the state. Through collaborative efforts among member colleges and universities, the consortium enhances education opportunities for 220,000 students currently attending our member institutions.