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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to provide an update regarding the planned merger of Granite State College (GSC) and UNH. Our teams have been working diligently to ensure we have a smooth integration plan between the two organizations. In connection with this planning effort, I am announcing some interim changes in our collective organizational structure. These changes are additions or clarifications that will support the continued operations of both GSC and UNH while the planning work continues.

- Scott Stanley, formerly provost and vice president of academic affairs at GSC, will become dean of online education for USNH reporting to UNH Provost Wayne Jones. Scott will support the integration of the GSC and UNH online organizations, along with emerging efforts to expand online across the system.
- As announced earlier, Mike Decelle will continue in his role as dean of UNH Manchester and also become dean of GSC. In his new role, Mike will oversee college operations and directly support the following GSC leaders:
 - Tara Payne, vice president of enrollment management
 - Tamara VonGeorge, dean of academic affairs and undergraduate studies
 - Todd Slover, director of institutional effectiveness, compliance and planning
 - Peter Conklin, director of facilities, safety and sustainability
- Tamara VonGeorge, currently dean of undergraduate studies, will take on additional responsibilities and provide overall leadership of the Academic Affairs organization at GSC. In addition, Tamara will also support the following GSC leaders:
 - Carina Self, dean of graduate studies and associate dean of academic effectiveness
 - Nicholas Marks, dean of the School of Education
 - Rachel French, manager of business partnerships
- In addition to her current responsibilities, Carina Self will also support the following GSC leaders:
 - Courtney French, registrar
 - Shari Colby, academic engagement program manager
 - Reta Chaffee, director of educational technology
 - Lia Horton, college librarian
- In addition to his current responsibilities, Nicholas Marks will also support Julie Panicci, director of the Child Welfare Education Partnership
- Sam Fucile, director of finance, will now report to UNH CFO Marcel Vernon

- Maggie Hyndman, HR director, will now report to UNH CHRO Kathy Neils

In addition to these organizational changes, we are also adding members to the previously announced merger steering committee:

- Cari Moorhead, dean of the UNH Graduate School
- Mihaela Sabin, professor and chair, Applied Engineering & Sciences Department, UNH Manchester
- Tamara VonGeorge, dean of academic affairs and undergraduate studies, GSC
- Kathleen Patenaude, senior lecturer & program director for MS in Health Care Management, GSC

Thank you to all our faculty, and staff across both locations. Your patience is appreciated as we do the important work to bring these institutions together to serve our mission to expand access to public higher education to adults of all ages throughout the state of New Hampshire and beyond. I appreciate your flexibility and willingness to take on new responsibilities and lend your support to those who may be in new roles or have a new reporting structure as part of this integration.

Thank you,

Wayne Jones
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs