

New president for community college

CONCORD — Susan Huard has been appointed president of Manchester Community College

The Board of Trustees of the Community College System of New Hampshire voted unanimously to appoint Huard, who was dean of Learning and Student Development at Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson, Conn. She brings more than three decades of higher education experience as a senior administrator and faculty member. During her 12-year tenure at Quinebaug Valley, enrollment increased by 74 percent. Huard supervised all academic programs, student services, enrollment management, learning resources, community outreach and job placement services. She created new degree and certificate programs, led planning efforts for capital projects, developed institutional assessment programs and established partnerships with industry groups.

A search committee comprised of faculty, administrators and students at MCC, college advisory board members, CCSNH trustees and representatives from the community, assessed candidates for the position and provided feedback to CCSNH Chancellor Richard Gustafson. As a finalist, Huard visited the campus and met with students, faculty, staff and college and system leaders. Gustafson brought forward Huard's name to the board of trustees.

Huard succeeds Ron Rioux, who has served as interim president since 2009. Rioux will resume his position on the CCSNH board of trustees.

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