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Gittell to lead N.H.'s community colleges

First day as chancellor is Feb. 1

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CONCORD — Portsmouth resident Ross Gittell is taking the reins of the Community College System of New Hampshire at what he and others describe as a critical time for the system.

The community college system trustees announced the appointment of Gittell, a distinguished professor at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics, to the post of chancellor Monday. He will take over Feb. 1 for Portsmouth resident J. Bonnie Newman, who has served as chancellor on an interim basis since August.

"I am tremendously excited at the opportunity to lead this vital organization at a time when the role of community colleges has never been more important," Gittell said. "Our ability to provide affordable and accessible programs of high academic quality, with strong ties and relevance to business and industry, is essential to ensure a competitive New Hampshire economy and broad economic opportunity."

His appointment comes at a challenging time for higher education in New Hampshire, where legislators passed a budget this year that cut funding to the university system by 50 percent and to the community colleges by 20 percent.

"Funding is a serious issue that needs to be addressed," Newman said. "We need to come up with a model for future funding that is sustainable and allows us to provide the service we need to provide to students and the business community."

Newman said she is confident Gittell is the right educator for the job. She said the system is in need of leadership, creative thinking, innovation and increased integration with the business community.

"He brings all of the qualities that you would hope for. He's been a distinguished professor at UNH and he's probably one of the foremost authorities in work-force development, which is so central to the work of the community college system," she said.

In making the announcement, the trustees described Gittell as one of the state's foremost authorities in economic analysis and forecasting. With an extensive background in university teaching, strategic planning and management, Gittell has been focused on applying economic, organizational and management theory to regional, state and community economic development issues.

"New Hampshire's Community College System has taken very important steps in recent years to meet the shifting economic and work-force needs in New Hampshire, and we have great challenges and opportunities ahead," said Paul Holloway, chairman of the community college system trustees. "Ross Gittell brings key skills and unparalleled expertise to the role of chancellor. The board is very excited to work with him."

Gittell said community colleges are inextricably linked to the current and future health of the state's economy. He said he is glad to have the support of the business community, four-year institutions and others who understand that a skilled work force is critical for fostering a competitive business climate.

The Portsmouth resident said he sees New Hampshire enduring a "very slow recovery" from the recession of 2008-09, with less than 1 percent growth over the next 12 to 18 months. He said his goal is to better align higher education to the future needs of businesses and the economy to enhance that growth.

Gittell said that while New Hampshire has a strong higher education system, it needs to be more in tune with the work-force needs of state businesses.

"The largest segment of job opportunities are going to be the so-called middle skill jobs," he said, which require more than a high school education but not necessarily a four-year college education. He said those jobs are projected to represent 40 percent of the future job openings in New Hampshire.

Will Arvelo, president of Great Bay Community College in Portsmouth, said he and many of his colleagues are excited to work with Gittell on the ongoing evolution of the state's community colleges. The system needs to

be more efficient, remain affordable and accessible, and form partnerships with businesses, he said.

"I think he's coming on at a crucial juncture for the community college system," Arvelo said.

Gittell holds a Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard University, a master's degree in business administration from the University of California, Berkeley, and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Chicago. His teaching career in management and economics spans 20 years and includes, in addition to the Whittmore School, teaching at the Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy at the New School for Social Research in Manhattan, and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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Gittell to head N.H. community college system

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Ross Gittell will reach out more to business and industry when he takes over as the new chancellor of the Community College System of New Hampshire, the economist told NHBR Monday, shortly after his appointment was announced.

Gittell, a professor at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics, will take over the job from interim director Bonnie Newman on Feb. 1.

The board of trustees undertook a national search, and Gittell said he did not initially seek the job. But after the board approached him, he was excited about the possibilities of the position and pursued it.

Gittell, an oft-quoted economist who frequently testifies in front of various legislative committees, has consulted for and sat on the boards of numerous institutions and businesses, but he has yet to run one as an executive. However, he did note that just running his classes - which this year consist of some 670 students - require some administrative skills. Besides, he said, this new position will give him a chance to implement many of the ideas he has been advocating for a long time.

"That's the attraction," he said. "I always felt strongly about the issues of economic opportunities of people of low income to join the middle class and for those in the middle class to stay there."

Gittell will take over a system that encompasses seven community colleges with a total of 27,000 students. Although the colleges were originally thought of as mainly technical schools, over the last decade they have emphasized their role more as feeder schools to four-year colleges, particularly those in the state's university systems.

Gittell said many of the skills needed for a job in industry are the same as continuing to a four-year education. And job opportunities are increasing for mid-level workers, as they shrink for the high school dropout or the Ph.D. student.

Nationally, such jobs now represent 38 percent of the job market -- and they make up over 40 percent in New Hampshire, Gittell said.

"We have to make sure there are students trained to fill those positions," he said.

The key for community college is to work with business and industry to figure out what will be needed in the future, said Gittell, who paraphrased hockey great Wayne Gretsky's formula for success -- not to skate where the puck is, but where the puck is going to be.

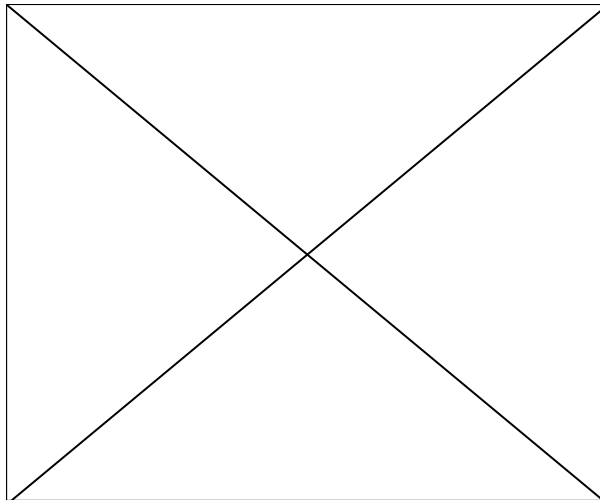
For New Hampshire, that will be more targeted training for advanced manufacturing and for the allied health fields, as nursing and other professionals take over many of a traditional functions of an M.D., he said. -- BOB SANDERS/NEW HAMPSHIRE BUSINESS REVIEW

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UNH economics professor named chancellor for Community College System of NH

By CAMERON KITTLE



CONCORD – The Community College System of New Hampshire appointed Ross Gittell, a University of New Hampshire economics professor, as its new chancellor Sunday.

Gittell, of Portsmouth, will step into the position Feb. 1. He will replace interim Chancellor J. Bonnie Newman, who served since August while the system's trustees conducted a hiring search.

“New Hampshire’s Community College System has taken very important steps in recent years to

meet the shifting economic and workforce needs in New Hampshire, and we have great challenges and opportunities still ahead,” Paul Holloway, chairman of the trustees, said in a statement. “Ross Gittell brings key skills and unparalleled expertise to the role of chancellor. The board is very excited to work with him.”

Gittell has taught courses in management and economics for 20 years at three schools: UNH, Harvard University and the New School for Social Research in Manhattan. He has a Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard, a master's degree in business administration from the University of California at Berkeley and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Chicago.

“I am tremendously excited at the opportunity to lead this vital organization at a time when the role of community colleges has never been more important,” Gittell said in a statement. “Our

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ability to provide affordable and accessible programs of high academic quality, with strong ties and relevance to business and industry, is essential to ensure a competitive New Hampshire economy and broad economic opportunity.”

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UNH Economics Professor Appointed Chancellor of Community Colleges



Dr. Ross Gittell
Courtesy Photo

BY SAM EVANS-BROWN

The New Hampshire Community College System has appointed Economist Ross Gittell as its new Chancellor.

The new chancellor is already a heavy-hitter in policy circles.

Gittell’s nineteen-year career at the Whittemore school of Business has followed an impressive arc.

He has won numerous awards and fellowships, and is considered one of the foremost experts on the New Hampshire economy

Gittell hopes to use that pedigree to make sure that the Community College system is staying relevant.

Gittell: One thing that is very important is to link more closely industry and business with our community college system to ensure that the workers coming out of our system are ready to go.

Gittell says one of the reasons he took the job is deal with the challenges posed by recent budget cuts.

He will assume his new role in February.

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UNH economist Gittell named chancellor of N.H. community colleges



Dr. Ross Gittell

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CONCORD — The Board of Trustees of the Community College System of New Hampshire has concluded the search for a chancellor by announcing the appointment of Dr. Ross Gittell, of Portsmouth, to the post.

Gittell succeeds J. Bonnie Newman, who has served as interim chancellor since August of this year while the national search for a chancellor was under way.

A distinguished professor at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics, Gittell is well-known in economic and policy circles as a foremost authority in New Hampshire for economic analysis and forecasting. With an extensive background in university teaching, strategic planning and management, Gittell's focus has been on

applying economic, organizational and management theory to regional, state and community economic development issues. He has frequently been a resource for government, non-profit and business decision makers in New Hampshire and nationally on such issues as economic policy, workforce development, job creation strategies, community development and the business climate.

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UNH prof named community college system chancellor

By TED SIEFER

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CONCORD — A prominent economics expert has been tapped to head the state's community college system.

The board of trustees of the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) has appointed Ross Gittell as chancellor.

He will take over from J. Bonnie Newman, the longtime political and business leader who has served as interim chancellor since August.

Gittell is a professor of management at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire. He's also a vice president and forecast manager for the New

England Economic Partnership, which analyzes and provides reports on the region's economy.

"At UNH, I've been very engaged with the business community," said Gittel, who lives in Portsmouth. "One of the attractions to working with the community college system is to more closely align education with the needs of business and industry."

Paul Holloway, the chairman of the CCSNH Board of Trustees, singled out Gittel's economic expertise, noting in a statement announcing his appointment that the college system "has taken very important steps in recent years to meet the shifting economic and workforce needs in New Hampshire, and we have great challenges and opportunities ahead."

The community college system consists of seven state colleges, serving 27,000 students annually.

Both the community colleges and the University System of New Hampshire are grappling with significant cuts in state funding in the budget that went into effect in July, a factor Gittel acknowledged.

"We have to focus on efficient ways to deliver our programs," he said. "We have to think about how to share resources across the seven colleges," Gittel said.

Gittel emphasized that community college remains a great value, especially in light of rising tuition costs at four-year universities.

"We need to ensure high quality, affordable education to a broad cross-section of students, not only recent high school graduates, but people who want to go back to school," he said.

In addition to teaching at UNH, Gittel has taught at the New School for Social Research in New York City and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Outside the academic arena, Gittel is the co-founder of the Green Launching Pad, a business accelerator program. He has also served as a consultant for corporate and public sector clients.

Gittel will assume the chancellor position on Feb. 1.

Source: www.Fosters.com

Community College trustees appoint Gittell to be next chancellor

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

CONCORD — The Board of Trustees of the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) has concluded the search for a Chancellor and is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ross Gittell, of Portsmouth to the post. Gittell succeeds J. Bonnie Newman, who has served as interim Chancellor since August of this year while the national search for a Chancellor was under way.

A distinguished Professor at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics, Dr. Gittell is well-known in economic and policy circles as a foremost authority in New Hampshire for economic analysis and forecasting. With an extensive background in university teaching, strategic planning and management, Gittell's focus has been on applying economic, organizational and management theory to regional, state and community economic development issues. He has frequently been a resource for government, non-profit and business decision makers in New Hampshire and nationally on such issues as economic policy, workforce development, job creation strategies, community development and the business climate.

Gittell holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University, a Master's in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Chicago. He is the James R. Carter Professor in the Department of Management at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire. His teaching career in management and economics spans twenty years and includes, in addition to the Whittemore School, teaching at the Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy at the New School for Social Research in Manhattan, and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Dr. Gittell is active on numerous Boards and commissions.

He is Vice President, forecast manager and board member of the New England Economic Partnership, a Director of the Exeter Trust Company, and a board member of Exeter Hospital and the Foundation for Healthy Communities. He was appointed by Governor Benson to the NH Consensus Revenue Estimating Committee, by Governor Lynch to the Economic Development Advisory Council and to the Shipyard Advisory Council, and has worked with Governor Shaheen on economic policy. He served on the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Task Force for Philanthropy and was a board member of the New England Higher Education Public Policy Collaborative. Professor Gittell is also co-founder and co-director of the Green Launching Pad, an innovative and highly successful business accelerator program in New Hampshire.

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Gittell is extensively published, including books, numerous articles and professional studies. He has received several awards, including the Champion of Educational Opportunity Award from the NH Educational Opportunity Association, the Award for Excellence in Service from the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, as well as the Outstanding Associate Professor Award and the Excellence in Public Service Award, both from the University of New Hampshire. He has held several academic administrative posts at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics and at the University of New Hampshire. Outside the academic arena, Gittell's background includes senior economic consulting for corporate and public sector clients.

Paul Holloway, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Community College System of New Hampshire, said, "New Hampshire's Community College System has taken very important steps in recent years to meet the shifting economic and workforce needs in New Hampshire, and we have great challenges and opportunities ahead. Ross Gittell brings key skills and unparalleled expertise to the role of Chancellor. The Board is very excited to work with him."

Gittell said, "I am tremendously excited at the opportunity to lead this vital organization, at a time when the role of community colleges has never been more important. Our ability to provide affordable and accessible programs of high academic quality, with strong ties and relevance to business and industry, is essential to ensure a competitive NH economy and broad economic opportunity. The state's community colleges are a major part of the educational and economic infrastructure in communities across New Hampshire and an important resource for working families and local businesses and community organizations. I look forward to taking on this new role, and to working with other educational institutions, government agencies and the business community to ensure the continued expansion of high quality educational and economic opportunities across New Hampshire and to develop an educated and skilled citizenry that can meet the needs of the 21st century economy."

Gittell will assume the position of Chancellor on February 1, 2012.

The Community College System of New Hampshire consists of seven colleges located throughout the State, offering associate degree and certificate programs, workforce training, and transfer pathways to four-year colleges and universities.

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NH community college system gets new chancellor

December 12, 2011

CONCORD, N.H.—A University of New Hampshire economist has been named chancellor of the Community College System of New Hampshire.

Ross Gittell, a professor at UNH's Whittemore School of Business of Economics, will take over as chancellor in February.

He was chosen by the community college system board of trustees, which said Gittell will bring key skills and expertise to the job at a time when the system is working to meet the state's shifting economic and workforce needs.

He succeeds Bonnie Newman, who has served as interim chancellor since August. The previous chancellor, Richard Gustafson, retired

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Professor named leader of system



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A University of New Hampshire professor has been named chancellor of the Community College System of New Hampshire by the system's board of trustees.

Ross Gittell is a professor at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics. He previously taught at the Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy at the New School for Social Research and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Gittell will start Feb. 1, succeeding interim Chancellor J. Bonnie Newman, who has served since August while a national search was under way.

Gittell will oversee a community college system that serves more than 27,000 students annually at seven colleges across the state, including River Valley Community College in Claremont and its Keene Academic Center. It offers associate degrees and certifications, workforce training, and programs designed for students transferring to four-year colleges and universities.

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The Board of Trustees deserves congratulations for hiring Ross Gittell as chancellor of the Community College System of New Hampshire.

Gittell, a Portsmouth resident, is a distinguished professor at the University of New Hampshire, one of the state's top economic forecasters, and he has deep ties to the state's business community. He is the right man at the right time for this important job.

First, he's a great teacher. In part, his role will be to lead and empower a team of educators and administrators across seven independent colleges and academic centers to provide quality education to thousands of Granite State students. Gittell has prepared curricula and lesson plans. He has lectured to great halls of students and mentored them one on one. For more than 20 years, he has been in the trenches, preparing students to succeed after graduation.

Gittell has his eye focused on the future. At UNH, he has been on the cutting edge of using technology in the classroom. He was one of the first professors to use an online textbook and is currently allowing students to interact during lessons using text messages. Instead of fighting the technology students use in their daily life, he's incorporating it. He has led many of the university's sustainability efforts.

Second, as an economist who has worked closely with the state's business community, Gittell understands not just how to teach but what students need to know in today's increasingly complex global marketplace. It doesn't matter how well you teach if you're teaching the wrong things.

It's one of the sad truths of the economic downturn that despite lingering high rates of unemployment, many businesses say they simply can't find workers with the skills to fill job vacancies.

This is where the community colleges can play such a valuable role for our students and our business community. Rather than teaching in a vacuum, our community colleges have begun tailoring lessons to meet the needs of local businesses. For example, Great Bay Community College's Business and Training Center has worked with Lonza, Salient Surgical and Sullivan Tire by offering courses, workshops and certificate programs that help workers upgrade their skills.

Third, Gittell complements his skills as an economist and educator with a practical understanding of how government works. This helped Gittell get seed money for programs such as the Green Launching Pad, a green business incubator he co-directed, and it will be important as Gittell advocates for the community colleges in the House and Senate. We expect that Gittell's budget requests will be sound business plans that will detail expected return on investment of public dollars.

Finally, Gittell has solid relationships with all the decision makers at the University System of New Hampshire, and we expect he'll continue to capitalize on the growing cooperation between the two educational systems, which has made it easier for students to apply community college credits toward a degree at a four-year institution.

Our community colleges have never been more important for our state's students or its economy, and we're confident Gittell will continue the excellent programs started by his predecessors while making his own new and innovative contributions.