

JOINT STATEMENT  
Joint Media Release  
December 2, 2020

New England Commission of Higher Education and Goodwin University

At its meeting of November 20, 2020, after a review of Goodwin University's decennial comprehensive evaluation, the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) voted to continue Goodwin in accreditation and also approved a substantive change proposal that will result in a change of ownership for University of Bridgeport. There remain a number of steps ahead that the Commission will monitor carefully. The Commission commends Goodwin University and University of Bridgeport for their partnership in service to their students, faculty, staff, alumni, and to their communities.

"We are grateful to NECHE for continuing the accreditation of the University of Bridgeport as an independent institution under the Goodwin University umbrella and for their guidance during this process," said Mark Scheinberg, president of Goodwin University. "This moves us one step closer on our path to building a new future for the University of Bridgeport that benefits the students, faculty, staff and communities of both University of Bridgeport and Goodwin University."

"We are delighted with the progress that is being made on our work with Goodwin University and remain confident that this collaboration will benefit our students, faculty, staff and the entire UB community," said Stephen Healey, PhD, interim president, University of Bridgeport. "I want to thank NECHE and our other accreditors for their continued support and guidance throughout this important process."

The New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable authority as to the quality of education. The Commission accredits 220 degree-granting institutions in the six New England states and eleven American-style institutions in other countries.

Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education founded in 1999 with the goal of serving a diverse student population with career-focused degree programs that lead to strong employment outcomes. Based in East Hartford, Conn., Goodwin University's innovative learning community empowers hard-working students to become sought-after employees.

Founded in 1927, the University of Bridgeport is home to a diverse student body united by a shared commitment to career readiness, innovation, and a supportive, challenging learning environment. The innovative thinking that led to the University's founding almost a century ago continues to guide the school today as it connects to a wider world. The University of Bridgeport offers career-oriented undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees and programs for those seeking personal and professional growth. The University promotes academic excellence, personal responsibility and commitment to service.

Further information may be found at:

New England Commission of Higher Education: <https://www.neche.org>

Goodwin University: <https://www.goodwin.edu>

University of Bridgeport: <https://www.bridgeport.edu>