

**JOINT STATEMENT**  
**New England Commission of Higher Education and Bay State College**

At its meeting on November 19, 2021, the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) considered the show-cause report submitted by Bay State College and voted that action on the show-cause report submitted by Bay State College be deferred. Further, that additional evidence be provided to support the College's compliance with the standards on *Institutional Resources; Students; Organization and Governance; and Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship* by April 1, 2022 for consideration at the Commission's April 2022 meeting. Finally, that the institution be removed from the Program of Special Monitoring. The College remains accredited by the Commission.

"We appreciate the Commission's thoughtfulness and support throughout this process," said Bay State College President Steven C. Combs. "The Commission's request for additional information gives the College an opportunity to demonstrate continued forward momentum, and its commitment to providing our students with excellent academic programs as well as a financially secure and well-governed educational institution."

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 205 degree-granting institutions in the six New England states and eleven American-style institutions in other countries.

Bay State College was first accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (now NECHE) in 2008. Bay State is a private for-profit college whose mission is to prepare students for successful careers and global citizenship through academic rigor and individualized support.

Further information may be found at:

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

Bay State College: <https://www.baystate.edu/>

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