

## Joint Statement

### New England Commission of Higher Education and Goddard College

At its meeting on September 23, 2022, the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) voted to issue a Notation to Goddard College because the Commission found that the College is in danger of not meeting the Commission's standard on *Institutional Resources*. Goddard College will be closely monitored by the Commission, including through a progress report in April 2023 on the institution's financial status, with particular focus on reaching its enrollment goals and developing contingency plans to address enrollment shortfalls, and through a focused evaluation scheduled in Spring 2024.

If the Commission finds the institution has successfully addressed the concerns, it will remove the Notation and specify further monitoring if needed. If the Commission finds that the concerns have not been sufficiently addressed, the Commission may issue a continued Notation, or if the Commission has reason to believe that the institution may not meet one or more of the *Standards for Accreditation*, the Commission will ask the institution to show cause why it should not be on probation or why its accreditation should not be withdrawn.

Goddard College President Dan Hocoy stated: "We are grateful for the Commission's continued guidance and support regarding the standard on *Institutional Resources*. We view this as an opportunity to continue to improve and build a stable and sustainable financial future serving our students with highly individualized and rigorous degrees of study. We look forward to updating the Commission on our progress.

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 over 200 degree-granting institutions in the United States and eleven American-style institutions in other countries.

Goddard was first accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (now NECHE) in 1959 and is a private, independent college. The College is located in Plainfield, Vermont, and has instructional locations in Port Townsend and Seattle, WA. Goddard offers BA, BFA, MA, and MFA degrees through low-residency programs, an innovation it pioneered in 1963.

Further information may be found at:

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

Goddard College: <https://www.goddard.edu>

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