

INTEGRATION INSIGHTS – 5/11/21

1. Highlights from the Plan

More than 500 students, faculty, staff, trustees, and community leaders helped shape the Northeast Integration plan. Below are some of the highlights:

- A single faculty providing instruction in a unified academic program array. Students will be able to select from an expanded array of academic programs, including nearly double the program options for Mansfield and Lock Haven students.
- 75% of our enrollment is clustered in 8-10 disciplinary areas and these academic programs will continue to be delivered 100% in-person on all three campuses. A typical student will take most in-person courses at their home campus and some courses through real-time remote learning.
- Significantly expanded opportunities for adult students seeking to re-skill and up-skill through non-degree credentialing courses.
- Each institution's name, logo, mascot, and identity will be preserved. An integrated entity name will be established and used for accreditation purposes.
- Students will enjoy on-campus housing, student clubs and organizations, athletics, and vibrant campus life on all three campuses. Athletics remains an important part of our campus culture, and we are pursuing a path with the NCAA where each campus will retain its current complement of teams.
- Students can design a university experience that works for them with dedicated support services on each campus.
- A single President and leadership team with one reporting relationship to the Board of Governors through the Chancellor.

[Read the Northeast Integration Plan](#)

2. Integration Insights Process and Timeline 5-11-21

Process:

- Share the implementation plan(s) with the public, holding at least two public hearings and taking public comments on the plan
- Submit the implementation plan(s) for final approval by the Board
- Begin implementation (July 2021 - August 2022)
- Welcome first class of students to integrated university in August 2022

3. Timeline:

April-July 2021—Public Comment Period

On April 28 the Board of Governors took the next step in System Redesign by voting to approve implementation plans for the Northeast and West university integrations so that we can begin a [60-day public review/comment period](#) before the Board considers final approval this summer.

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Your feedback is important and may be shared through the [designated State System options](#).

- [Online Form](#)
- **Email** - publiccomment@passhe.edu
- **U.S. Mail**
Office of the Chancellor
University Integrations Public Comment
Dixon University Center
2986 N. Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110
- **June 2021 Public Hearings**
 - June 9, 4:30-6 p.m.
 - June 10, 4:30-6 p.m.
 - Zoom Links TBD

July 15, 2021 Board of Governors' Meeting

Board votes whether to provide final approval of proposed implementation plans for West and Northeast integrations.

4. Next Steps

As we learn more through the 60-day public comment period work continues to evolve the plan to bring three institutions together to create an affordable, quality student experience. Through integration we are committed to:

- **Preserving Yesterday:** We will preserve the founding principles of each campus and the communities we serve.
- **Adapting to Today:** We will answer the greatest challenges facing higher education: access, cost, opportunity, quality, and relevance.
- **Building a Stronger Tomorrow:** We will change the trajectory of public higher education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and will enhance the value of degrees from Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield universities.

As this work continues, we are all making plans for the Fall 2021 semester to be held in-person. We remain wholly committed to supporting our current students and recruiting future Huskies, Bald Eagles, and Mounties.