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CIHE of NEASC and Lincoln College of New England, Southington, CT

Burlington, MA At its meeting on June 28, 2018, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, NEASC, voted to place Lincoln College of New England on probation for a period not to exceed two years because the Commission found that Lincoln College of New England does not now meet the Commission's standard on *Planning and Evaluation; Organization and Governance; The Academic Program; Students; Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship; Institutional Resources; and Educational Effectiveness*.

Dr. James Vernon, interim president of LCNE, commented on the action by the Commission and the future plans for the college. "At this time, Lincoln College of New England has announced a very difficult decision to stop enrolling new students and work with Goodwin College to assist during a transitional fall semester before closing on December 31, 2018. Even in our final months of operation, LCNE will continue to do what it has done for over 50 years in Connecticut which is look out for the best interests of its students, staff and faculty. Finally, as this decision to close has transpired, we have appreciated the guidance provided by Dr. Brittingham and her staff during these challenging times."

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, NEASC, now operating as the New England Commission of Higher Education, is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable authority as to the quality of education. The Commission accredits 224 degree-granting institutions in the six New England states and nine American-style institutions in other countries.

Lincoln College of New England is located in Southington, CT offers associate's and bachelor's degrees. Formerly operating at Briarwood College and as Clemens College, the institution has been accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education since 2006 and from 1982 to 2006 by NEASC's former Commission on Technical and Career Institutions. Lincoln College of New England is owned by Lincoln Educational Services Corporation.

Further information may be found at:

Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, NEASC: <https://cihe.neasc.org>

Lincoln College of New England: <https://www.lincolncollegene.edu/>

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