Former Governor John Lynch Joins USNH Board of Trustees

September 4, 2013 – Former Governor John Lynch has rejoined the University System of New Hampshire’s Board of Trustees. Lynch was nominated by Governor Maggie Hassan and unanimously approved by the Executive Council. Before his service as Governor, Lynch was the USNH board chairman. The former Governor will replace lobbyist and former Senate President Edward Dupont of Durham, a 10-year trustee, who also served as the board chair for several terms.

“I am honored to return to the USNH Board of Trustees,” said Lynch. “Higher education faces many challenges, including shifting student demographics and the integration of new technologies enabling students to gain a quality education at reduced cost. I am excited to rejoin the board, focused on making sure our public schools of higher education continue to move forward as strong leaders in maintaining and expanding a highly educated workforce, committed to the success of our state.”

“John is truly committed to the state of New Hampshire and understands the merit USNH adds to the state and its citizens. His proven leadership in both government and business will be of tremendous help, as we continue to work towards maximizing the value we offer our students,” said Pamela Diamantis, USNH board chairwoman.

“We are excited to have John Lynch return to the Board of Trustees,” said Dr. Todd Leach, chancellor of USNH. His insight into government and business will be critical to this board, as we continue to seek innovative ways to partner with businesses and graduate more students prepared for this increasingly competitive environment.”

Lynch served as New Hampshire’s Governor for an unprecedented four terms. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of New Hampshire, a master’s degree from Harvard Business School, and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Previously, he was admissions director at Harvard Business School and served as president and CEO of Knoll, Inc., a Pennsylvania furniture company.

The four-year trustee term for Lynch would run through June 30, 2017.

About USNH
The 27-member board is responsible for the oversight of the University System, which includes the University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University, Keene State College, and Granite State College.

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