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QCC Board Announces Interim President

Worcester—Quinsigamond Community College Board of Trustees Chair Roland Gauthier recently announced the appointment of Ms. Sheila Sykes as Interim President of the college. Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis, president of QCC for the last ten years, resigned to become the Chancellor of the Community College of Baltimore County, a three campus complex serving over 70,000 students.

Ms. Sykes is the college's Vice President of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer. She took over her new duties on October 3. Mr. Gauthier said, "the Board of Trustees was unanimous in its vote to appoint Sheila as acting president. Her dedication and close working relationships with every division of the college were the major reasons for our choice." Speaking for the Board, he added, "We feel she will bring strong leadership to the position as we move forward with the process of starting a national search for a new president."

Appointed as Vice President in 2003, Ms. Sykes has more than 32 years experience in education. She is the college's chief fiscal and administrative officer with added responsibilities of overseeing the physical plant operations, infrastructure and environment, capital improvements, technology, and campus security and auxiliary services. She previously worked at Mt. Wachusett Community College as Dean of

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Administrative Services and also as Associate Dean of Human Resources and Affirmative Action. At Berkshire Community College, she was the Director of Human Services and Affirmative Action in addition to being the Director of the Early Childhood Education Certificate Grant.

The interim president is no stranger to the classroom having taught early childhood education for six years and elementary school for six years in addition to managing an early childhood education center for 11 years. Ms. Sykes holds a Master's degree in educational administration, a Bachelor's in elementary education, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduates Studies in higher education policy, research, and administration. She also attended the Senior Management Development Program at Harvard University's School of Government. Ms. Sykes resides in Worcester.

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Caption: Ms. Shelia Sykes, Interim President of Quinsigamond Community College

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