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John Grosskopf selected as NFCC's eighth president

NFCC Board of Trustees votes to appoint Grosskopf to official position as college president

MADISON, FL – North Florida Community College Acting President John Grosskopf was officially selected as president of the college during the Jan. 20 NFCC District Board of Trustees meeting. The Board's decision to appoint Grosskopf in a more permanent leadership role comes six months after Grosskopf accepted the position of acting president.

"John Grosskopf is familiar with the college and its mission," said John Maultsby Jr., Chair of the NFCC District Board of Trustees. "He is totally committed to the success of students and is anxious for NFCC to provide learning experiences for all students of our six-county area."

Grosskopf has served NFCC since 2001 in the roles of English Instructor, Director of Teaching and Learning, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, and since July 2008 as acting president. He now enters into the official role of president at NFCC with much anticipation as well as determination to ensure that NFCC is successful in the years to come. He plans to continue leading NFCC and working with college faculty and staff in efforts to provide the North Florida region and beyond access to high quality educational, cultural and community building opportunities.

"I appreciate the vote of confidence from the Board," said Grosskopf. "Luckily I've come into a job where I already have excellent tools to turn NFCC into the type of institution that we can continue to be proud of for the next 50 years. Our service district depends on the college to provide all students with access to quality educational opportunities. Providing that access to education is our primary mission. Times are tough, but we will adapt and we will continue to fulfill our mission."

Founded in 1958, NFCC specifically serves Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties and NFCC Board members are confident in Grosskopf's ability to move NFCC forward as a vibrant educational institution for this area and beyond.

"He has done a very good job," said NFCC Board Member Michael R. Williams during the Jan. 20 Board meeting. "He certainly has a vision for this school to move beyond where we are to where we need to be. He has been proactive and innovative. I feel he will provide the leadership we need and the stability we need in this time of uncertainty in the economy. He is here because he loves this place; he has a love for this school and a love for these students."

The pride Grosskopf carries for NFCC, its students and the local community is evident and as North Florida welcomes Grosskopf as its eighth president, Grosskopf welcomes students and the community to explore what NFCC has to offer – “We are your community college,” said Grosskopf.

Grosskopf is a graduate of Florida International University in Miami where he received a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in English; he received a Master of Arts in English from Florida State University in Tallahassee and is currently ABD in English at FSU. He has presented numerous educational presentations throughout the United States and abroad. Grosskopf is a native of Hialeah, Fla. He and his wife Patricia currently reside in Madison, Fla. with their children Jonathon, Karl, Emily, Rebecca and Joseph.

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