



NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Prior to convening the meeting, Vice-Chairperson Kuehn led the assembly in pledging their allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

AREA BOARD

Steve Anderson, Chairperson.....	Absent-Excused
Arlan Kuehn, Vice-Chairperson	Present
Julie Robinson, Secretary.....	Absent-Excused
Del Ames	Present
Donovan Ellis.....	Present
Dr. Terry Nelson	Absent-Excused
Dirk Petersen.....	Present
Jeffrey Scherer	Present
Carol Sibbel	Present
Gene Willers	Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Schram, Interim President
Mary Honke, Interim President
John Blaylock, Executive Vice President
Dr. Michele Gill, Interim Vice President of Educational Services
Coleen Bressler, Interim Vice President of Finance and Facilities
Amanda Nipp, Vice President of Student Services
Dr. Tracy Kruse, Associate Vice President of Development and External Affairs
Eric Johnson, Associate Vice President of Center for Enterprise
Dr. Karen Severson, Interim Associate Vice President of Human Resources
Jim Curry, Director of Public Relations
Diane Reikofski, Recording Secretary
Brenda Sock, Technology Services Executive Assistant
Andrew Smith, Student Leadership Association president
Emily Case, *Norfolk Daily News*

Mission

Northeast Community College is dedicated to the success of students and the region it serves.

Eric Chisam, News Channel Nebraska
Dr. Leah Barrett
William Johnson, NPPD
Barry DeKay, NPPD
Cathy Kathol, NPPD
Lori Olson, Dana F. Cole, LLP
Nicole Kreitel, Dana F. Cole, LLP

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Vice-Chairperson Kuehn convened the regular meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

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Jeff Scherer MOVED to adopt the Agenda of the November 14, 2019 Regular Meeting as distributed. Del Ames SECONDED the motion

Voting Yes: Ames, Ellis, Kuehn, Petersen, Scheer, Sibbel, and Willers

Voting No: None

Absent: Anderson, Nelson, and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

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Vice-Chairperson Kuehn noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the tables at the back of the room. No constituents were in attendance to address the board with a public comment.

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Donovan Ellis MOVED, and Dirk Petersen SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2019 meetings as follows:

1. Regular Meeting
2. Governance Committee Meeting
3. Finance Committee Meeting
4. Student Success Committee Meeting
5. Facilities Committee Meeting
6. External Committee Meeting, and
7. Special Meeting of October 23, 2019
8. Governance Committee Meeting of October 23, 2019

Voting Yes: Ellis, Kuehn, Petersen, Scherer, Sibbel, Willers, and Ames

Voting No: None

Absent: Anderson, Nelson, and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

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Bill Johnson, Barry DeKay, and Cathy Kathol, representatives of the Nebraska Public Power District, presented a check for \$16,650 to Northeast Community College. The funding, which is used for scholarships awarded to students enrolled in the state's community college system, was part of \$185,000 raised during the 28th annual Wells Fargo Nebraska Open golf tournament held at the Elks Country Club in Columbus in September. Over the 28 years that the tournament has been held, more than \$1.5 million dollars of scholarship money was raised and Northeast Community College has received over \$331,000 during that time.

Mary Honke, Dr. Michele Gill, and Amanda Nipp provided verbal reports of campus-wide accomplishments, activities, and events. Mrs. Honke reported that Northeast Community College has been named one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. Northeast has been recognized by the Aspen Institute in the past. It was named as a Top 120 institution in 2011, Top 120 in 2013, Top 10 college in 2017, and Top 150 in 2019.

Andrew Smith, Student Leadership Association (SLA) president, reported that student leadership members recently participated in Kindness Day by setting up a booth in the cafeteria, noting that 125 students took part in the activities.

SLA proposed a signature project and recently received confirmation that their frisbee golf course was approved. In an effort to incorporate more diversity across campus, a second signature project is being considered. SLA continues to brainstorm ideas.

Other projects SLA is involved with include making tie blankets for residents of the Norfolk Veteran's Home and adopting a family for the holidays.

Carissa Kollath, Director of Student Activities, along with members from the SLA and the Student Activities Council (SAC) recently attended the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) Conference in Chicago, IL. They had the opportunity to gain ideas of events or activities to bring to campus. Josh Escamilla competed on-site in an e-sports tournament throughout the conference and won 2nd place in the Super Smash Bros. bracket. Additionally, Carissa Kollath received the Midwest Region Advisor of the Year Award, and SAC member, Victoria Gaona, was named Midwest Region Student Programmer of the Year. Both women now qualify for the same awards at the national level at APCA's annual conference in Orlando.

Mary Honke, Dr. Michele Gill, and Corinne Morris provided a recap of Northeast's agricultural programming. They also reported that Northeast Community College is one of seven partners in a new agricultural educational compact with goals that are designed to contribute to workforce and talent development while serving the educational needs of youth and lifelong learners. The work of the Northeast Nebraska Agriculture and Natural Resources Education Compact is based on what Northeast has been doing for years: improve college and career readiness, educational attainment, community and economic vitality, and growth. Members will collaborate to increase educational and workforce development as it relates to agriculture and natural resources in the region.

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Gene Willers, NCCA Board of Directors representative, reported that the NCCA Annual Meeting was held in Lincoln on November 3-4, 2019. It was a great conference with many good workshops. Next year’s annual meeting will be held in Scottsbluff, NE, October 11-12, 2020.

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Jeff Scherer MOVED, and Carol Sibbel SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and accept the Monthly Financial Report for October 31, 2019 and claims paid in October 2019 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 5,572,693.87
Auxiliary Fund.....	\$ 394,291.00
Grants and Contracts	\$ 58,262.36
Scholarships and Financial Aid	\$ 5,491.00
Student Loans	\$ 0.00
Student Clubs.....	\$ 5,593.38
Other Agencies	\$ 23,065.67
Capital Improvement	\$ 81,320.74
Restricted Plant.....	\$ 816,333.52
Debt Service	\$ 27,227.71
Payroll Fund	\$ 3,146,303.24
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID.....	\$ 10,130,582.49

Voting Yes: Kuehn, Petersen, Scherer, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, and Ellis

Voting No: None

Absent: Anderson, Nelson, and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

12581

Gene Willers MOVED to acknowledge the Northeast Community College Area Financial Statements for June 30, 2019 and 2018. Dirk Petersen SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Petersen, Scherer, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Ellis, and Kuehn

Voting No: None

Absent: Anderson, Nelson, and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

12582

Gene Willers MOVED and Del Ames SECONDED the motion to approve the 2020-2021 tuition, fees, housing, and meal plan rates as follows:

- Resident tuition rate be set at \$105.00 per credit hour.

- Tuition for Iowa and South Dakota residents be set at \$106.00 per credit hour.
- Non-resident Tuition be set at \$147.00 per credit hour.
- Student Services Fee remain at \$5.00 per credit hour.
- Decrease Facility Fee to \$9.00 per credit hour.
- Technology Fee remain at \$6.00 per credit hour.
- All other tuition and fees remain the same as the 2019-2020 rates.
- Average housing and meal plan rates remain at \$4,380.00/semester.

Voting Yes: Scherer, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Ellis, Kuehn, and Petersen

Voting No: None

Absent: Anderson, Nelson, and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

12583

Dirk Petersen, Chairperson of the Governance Committee, advised that the FIRST READING was heard on the following:

- Revisions to BP-2310, Meetings of the Area Board;
- Deletion of BP-2331, Employee Associations Representatives: Board Meetings;
- Deletion of BP-2332, Student Government Representative: Board Meetings.

In an effort to create efficiency in policies, language from two policies has been incorporated into an existing policy.

12584

Dirk Petersen MOVED to appoint Nicole Sedlacek from O'Neill, NE to fill the Boards of Governors District II vacancy. Jeff Scherer SECONDED the motion.

Mrs. Sedlacek will be sworn in during the December 17th Board of Governors meeting.

Voting Yes: Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Ellis, Kuehn, Petersen, and Scherer

Voting No: None

Absent: Anderson, Nelson, and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

12585

Dirk Petersen MOVED, and Del Ames SECONDED the motion to approve payment of the 2020 NCCA annual membership dues in the amount of \$65,437.74.

Voting Yes: Willers, Ames, Ellis, Kuehn, Petersen, Scherer, and Sibbel

Voting No: None

Absent: Anderson, Nelson, and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

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In other business, Dirk Petersen reported that he recently accompanied his granddaughter on a tour of Northeast Community College. Even though he is familiar with the institution, he reported that it was a very educational experience for both he and his granddaughter. He commended Amanda Nipp and her team for their work. It was a great experience!

Vice-Chairperson Kuehn provided a reminder that the December meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Vice-Chairperson Kuehn recognized board and staff member birthdays for the month of November.

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At 3:56 p.m., with no further business to discuss, it was UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY VOICE VOTE to ADJOURN the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Diane Reikofski, Recording Secretary.

Dirk Petersen, Member
Northeast Board of Governors

Arlan Kuehn, Vice-Chairperson
Northeast Board of Governors