

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 12, 2017

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Anderson, Chairperson	PRESENT
Don Oelsligle	ABSENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Carol A. Sibbel	PRESENT
Shirley J. Petsche, ex-officio	PRESENT

STAFF

Dr. Michael Chipps
Mary Honke
John Blaylock
Lynne Koski
Derek Bierman
Amanda Nipp
Eric Johnson
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Craig Garrett
Jen Greve
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Keith E. Harvey	PRESENT
Arlan W. Kuehn	PRESENT
Dr. Terry F. Nelson	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Jeffrey M. Scherer	PRESENT
Gene L. Willers	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. Steve Anderson, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 1:01 p.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting.
3. Dr. Tracy Kruse provided a review of the bills that are of interest to Nebraska's community colleges. Dirk Petersen requested that the bill grid be emailed to the board members. Steve Anderson advised that the Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Board of Directors will review this bill grid line by line and determine whether they will support, not support, or remain neutral to the proposed bill. Greg Adams, NCCA Executive Director, will call on the community college presidents or board members to testify at legislative sessions as needed.
4. Chris Tudor, Development Office, reported that Northeast has established the Founders Society to celebrate and thank individuals who demonstrate their commitment to the College by establishing a planned gift. Planned gifts include bequest in wills or living trusts; life income plans such as gift annuities, charitable trusts, and pooled income funds; and beneficiary designations of retirement plans, brokerage accounts, and life insurance policies.

Kickoff of the Founders Society will be April 6, 2017 as part of the annual scholarship luncheon celebration. Members that have left Northeast in their estate plans and inform us by that date will be listed as Charter Members of the Founders Society.

Chris will continue to educate financial and other advisors regarding Northeast's Founders Society. Jeff Scherer commended Chris on the materials that she presented.

5. Dr. Tracy Kruse reviewed a tentative schedule for the National Legislative Summit (NLS) in Washington, DC., February 12-16, 2017, that includes visits with various agencies, congressmen, and senators.

Over the past several years, the Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) Day has been held in Washington the same week as NLS. This year RCCA Day will be scheduled at a later time.

6. Dr. Michael Chipps provided an update on the West Point Extended Campus, reporting that six schools voted to join the Pathways 2 Tomorrow (P2T) consortium that is operationalized through the leadership of staff at ESU #2. The partners of P2T have agreed to work with Northeast to collaborate on offering technical education classes at the West Point Extended Campus.

Once the programming in the facility is identified, the information will be provided to the fundraising group to assure the programming in the facility can be accommodated, including space, design, and equipment.

7. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 2:43 p.m.