

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 9, 2017

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Carol A. Sibbel, Chairperson	PRESENT
Steven M. Anderson	PRESENT @ 9:43 a.m.
Don Oelsligle	PRESENT
Dirk A. Petersen	ABSENT
Dr. Terry F. Nelson, ex-officio	PRESENT @ 9:44 a.m.

STAFF

Dr. Michael Chipps
Mary Honke
Dr. Michele Gill
Lynne Koski
Derek Bierman
Amanda Nipp
Eric Johnson
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Craig Garrett
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock
John Robertson

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Keith E. Harvey	PRESENT
Arlan W. Kuehn	PRESENT
Shirley J. Petsche	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Jeffrey M. Scherer	ABSENT
Gene L. Willers	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. Carol A. Sibbel, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting.
3. Dr. Tracy Kruse provided a status review of the bills that are of interest to Nebraska's community colleges. Shirley Petsche expressed her appreciation of Greg Adams keeping the NCCA Board of Directors updated on the status of the various bills. Request was made for Shirley or Steve Anderson, NCCA Board representatives, to forward the status updates to the remaining Northeast board members.

Dr. Michael Chipps reported that Jeff Scherer testified in front of the Education Committee last Monday. Jeff spoke from his heart and committee members listen well to testimony from business and industry representatives.

Dr. Kruse reported that priority bills are due this week. Speaker Jim Scheer prioritized LB376, the regional center bill. This bill will now be heard on the floor of the Nebraska Legislature.

Discussion was held regarding recommendations on how to get the governor and senators to campus for a visit and to inform them about Northeast Community College.

4. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 10:24 a.m.