

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Carol Sibbel, Chairperson	ABSENT
Del Ames	PRESENT
Steve Anderson	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Dr. Terry Nelson, ex-officio	PRESENT

STAFF

Dr. Michael Chipps
John Blaylock
Lyle Kathol
Lynne Koski
Derek Bierman
Amanda Nipp
Eric Johnson
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Craig Garrett
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock

OTHERS

Scott Gray

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

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

MINUTES

1. Steve Anderson, member of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 1:06 p.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting.
3. Dr. Tracy Kruse provided a review of the bills that are of interest or concern to Nebraska's community colleges. Steve Anderson advised that during the January 19th Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Board of Directors meeting they will review this bill grid line by line and determine whether they will support, not support, or remain neutral to the proposed bills.
4. Review was given to the tentative schedule for the National Legislative Summit (NLS) in Washington, DC., February 11-14, 2018, that includes visits with various agencies, congressmen, and senators.

Due to the change in dates and schedule of the NLS Conference, attendance at the Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) Day is not possible this year.

5. Keith Harvey reported that the Rural Election Association (REA) will be pushing for the need for increased broadband in northeast Nebraska.
6. Steve Anderson encouraged attendance at the February 1st Legislative Day in Lincoln. Each community college is responsible for scheduling meetings with respective senators. Since

Northeast has been unsuccessful in getting senators to visit the Northeast campus, this scheduled day provides the opportunity for Northeast administrators and board members to travel to Lincoln to meet with them.

7. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 1:48 p.m.