

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 10, 2018

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Julie Robinson, Chairperson	PRESENT
Del Ames	PRESENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen, 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
Dr. Wade Herley
Phil Schimonitz

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Anderson	ABSENT
Keith Harvey	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Shirley Petsche	PRESENT
Gene L. Willers	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 1:40 p.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting.
3. Dr. Tracy Kruse indicated that things are slower now that the Legislature has adjourned but the momentum will gain quickly. A reminder was provided that the 1% reduction in state aid applies to the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

With the upcoming election, there are potential new senators that we will need to reach out to. Work will continue to extend an invitation to host senators on campus and provide them with a tour.

Speaker Jim Scheer was recently hosted on campus and feedback was requested regarding the Technology and Applied Research Park (TARP). Dr. Kruse indicated that it is important to emphasize that this is a long-range project and it will not happen overnight. Concerns were expressed that the timeline is too slow. Realizing that we need to proceed with caution, it was stated we need to push ourselves to cut the timeline in half.

4. During the April meeting of the Northeast Community College Foundation, funds were approved to allow work to be completed on the strategic planning and governance model for TARP. Derek Bierman presented the tentative timeline for and stated that he will be working to make TARP a community and regional project.

Discussions are being held with the Weller Foundation to become a subsidiary of the Northeast Community College Foundation. Two attorneys are working together to change the bylaws and organizational structure to make this happen.

The Norfolk Area Big Give Event is scheduled to be held on May 22, 2018. Online giving for the Ag and Water Center of Excellence project should be available at that time.

5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 2:24 p.m.