

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Julie Robinson, Chairperson	PRESENT @ 11:32 a.m.
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
Brad Ranslem

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Anderson	PRESENT
Keith Harvey	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	ABSENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. External Relations Committee member, Del Ames, convened the meeting at 11:09 a.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting.
3. Dr. Tracy Kruse attended the Nebraska State Chamber Fall Legislative Forum which was held in Norfolk on Monday. A brief discussion was held on bills and the conversation then turned to Blueprint Nebraska. Blueprint Nebraska's steering committee is made up of 19 business leaders from around the state who have ideas on how to achieve real, sustainable prosperity. The Steering Committee will visit numerous communities over the next few months to gather input and develop a picture of the state's economic health, its possibilities, and what other groups are already doing to advance Nebraska's future. 16 Industry Councils are charged with digging deep into their respective areas and providing recommendations to the Steering Committee regarding the needs, opportunities, and long-term growth potential in their respective fields. In Spring 2019, the Steering Committee will issue a comprehensive report that will recommend five or six areas that it believes Nebraskans must focus on in order to achieve the ultimate goal of long-lasting economic prosperity for everyone.

Speaker Jim Scheer spoke briefly, reporting that 36 of the 49 senators will have two years or less experience in the legislature. No bills with revenue requests will be considered.

Dr. Michael Chipps reported that he and several staff members attended the C2A3 Consortium at Richland Community College in Decatur, Illinois. Nine college in eight states are catching the vision for the Consortium. By-laws have been created and eventually an executive director will be hired to drive the work between the Consortium and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Dr. Kruse stated that the relationship with NRCS, who has control over the funds that will support our future work and to bring their state conservationists to the C2A3 meeting, demonstrated a huge commitment and the start of greater things.

4. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 11:33 a.m.