

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 13, 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
Lindsay Spiegel
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Marcus Rios
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Tom Wiese

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

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

MINUTES

1. Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 1:27 p.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the November 8, 2018 meeting.
3. Dr. Michael Chipps reported that Senator-elect Tim Gragert visited campus this past month and was very appreciative to tour campus and receive information regarding Northeast Community College. Mr. Gragert indicated that when canvassing for the election, numerous concerns were voiced regarding community college property taxes and he wished he would have had the facts while canvassing. Dr. Chipps indicated that Northeast Community College needs to take a stronger position in making sure that senators are provided the opportunity to understand community colleges in greater detail.
4. In other business, Dr. Chipps and Steve Anderson reported that the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) is the premier event sponsored by the national organization, the American Association of Community Colleges (ACCT). NLS provides the opportunity to go to Washington, DC to meet with legislators and obtain an understanding of what the topics are at the national level. National legislators also appreciate the opportunity to meet with board members and learn about issues at community colleges that need to be addressed.

Dr. Chipps provided a reminder to please contact Diane Reikofski to register by the December 21st early bird deadline.

5. Also in other business, Mr. Anderson stated that at the NCCA Annual Meeting in November, the discussion that took place regarding the College Promise was to bring the information to the forefront and let board members determine if this should move forward. Mr. Anderson reported that during the NCCA executive committee discussion was held that Greg Adams would be the centralized body for College Promise discussion. Mr. Adams' work on the College Promise will accelerate following adjournment of the legislative session. Mr. Adams will look for several models of the College Promise and bring that information forward for consideration.
6. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 2:04 p.m.