

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 10, 2020

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Del Ames, Chairperson	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	ABSENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Nicole Sedlacek	PRESENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

STAFF

Dr. Leah Barrett
Scott Gray
Paul Feilmeier
Amanda Nipp
Dr. Michele Gill
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Dr. Karen Severson
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Donovan Ellis	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. Del Ames, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing and in Room 116B of the Maclay Building.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting as distributed.
3. The quarterly Foundation report was provided by Tracy Kruse and included the following:
 - President Barrett provided an update regarding the work on strategic planning and guided pathways.
 - Audit results were received with the highest level being received. Thanks to Brandon Maly and his staff for a job well done.
 - An update was provided on the gifts received over the last quarter.
 - More than 120 grant applications have been submitted this year. A great amount of work has been done this year with researching foundations and submitting applications.
4. The 2021 National Legislative Summit is scheduled to be held virtually, February 8-10. Tracy will work to set up virtual meetings with the national delegation or their representatives. Those expressing interest in participating in the virtual event include President Barrett, Steve Anderson, Tracy Kruse, Del Ames, Gene Willers, and Nicole Sedlacek.
5. Earlier this week, Steve Anderson, President Barrett, and Tracy Kruse participated in a Zoom conference with Penny Wills, President of the Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA).

Mission

Northeast Community College is dedicated to the success of students and the region it serves.

Part of their discussion included the Biden administration, an administration who is in support of the work of community colleges.

6. Steve Anderson will visit with Greg Adams, NCCA Executive Director, to discuss the NCCA Board of Directors involvement with the state legislature this spring. President Barrett will also forward to board members an email update that she recently received from Greg Adams.
7. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 1:17 p.m.