

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 12, 2018

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Shirley Petsche, Chairperson	PRESENT
Steve Anderson	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Gene Willers	ABSENT
Dirk Petersen, ex-officio	PRESENT

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Del Ames	PRESENT
Keith Harvey	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	ABSENT

STAFF

Dr. Michael Chipps
John Blaylock
Lyle Kathol
John Robertson
Derek Bierman
Amanda Nipp
Lindsay Spiegel
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock

OTHERS

Greg Adams

MINUTES

1. Shirley Petsche, Chairperson of the Governance Committee, convened the meeting at 9:59 a.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting as distributed.
3. Following a brief discussion, a consensus was reached by the Governance Committee to accept the SECOND READING and recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of revisions to BP-5113, Residency. Amanda Nipp reported that this policy was reviewed as part of the regular review cycle and minimal revisions were made.
4. A consensus was reached by the Governance Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to accept the SECOND READING and approve deletion of BP-5135, Academic Amnesty. An administrative procedure governs this process.
5. An administrative procedure is being developed to govern unauthorized absences but is not yet in place, therefore, the SECOND READING of BP-7342, Unauthorized Absence is being TABLED until the May meeting.
6. Revisions to BP-5150, Student Military Leave, are minor and review of the policy was completed as part of the regular review process. A consensus was reached by the Governance Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to accept the FIRST READING of revisions to BP-5150, Student Military Leave.

7. At 10:03 a.m., Steve Anderson MOVED to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel evaluation to protect the reputation of an individual and to reconvene to the Governance Committee after business is discussed. Terry Nelson SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Petsche, Anderson, Nelson, and Petersen
Voting No: None
Absent: Willers

8. The Governance Committee was reconvened at 11:34 a.m.
9. A consensus was reached by the Governance Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to approve the president’s contract for 2018-2021.
10. At 11:35 a.m. the Governance Committee was recessed so that the Board of Governors could join the Northeast Community College Foundation Board of Directors for a joint luncheon.
11. The Governance Committee was reconvened at 1:25 p.m.
12. Strategic conversations included viewing of a two-minute excerpt from a speech given by President Donald Trump, expressing his support of community colleges. President Trump also expressed his thoughts that community colleges should be called vocational and technical colleges.

Greg Adams, Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Executive Director, stated his understanding for being called community colleges dates back a number of years. In the early 1970s a series of bills created the community college we now have, which was a merger of the junior and technical colleges. Nebraska followed that national model by merging. Each community college has a service area which becomes a locally governed community. Community colleges include technical education as part of their statutory priority.

Discussion was held regarding communicating what community colleges are through a series of newspaper guest editorials, letters, etc.

13. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.