

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 14, 2020

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Terry Nelson, Chairperson	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Gene Willers	ABSENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

STAFF

Dr. Leah Barrett
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Del Ames	PRESENT
Donovan Ellis	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Nicole Sedlacek	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. Terry Nelson, Chairperson of the Governance Committee, convened the meeting at 12:05 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. The meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing pursuant to the Executive Order issued on March 17, 2020 by Nebraska Governor, Pete Ricketts.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the April 9, 2020 as presented.
3. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Leah Barrett provided budget planning scenarios related to residential life and the general fund. To prepare for post-pandemic, President Barrett discussed some strategic moves being made to assure that the budget aligns with our strategic priorities including:
 - Guided Pathways culture
 - Embed the Center for Enterprise staff into the Educational Services division
 - Review grant opportunities, e.g., Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Education, Kiewit, etc.
 - Focused recruitment
4. In other business, Julie Robinson inquired about the status of the interviews. President Barrett reported that candidates were on campus to participate in interviews for the Vice President of Administrative Services and Vice President of Technology Services positions. Reference checks are currently being conducted. The search firm and President Barrett are reviewing the data received from the open forums. She stressed that these are important

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positions and she wants would like or needs? to be sure to hire the right person to help move the institution forward.

Discussion was held on how Dr. Barrett will keep the Board of Governors informed and updated about the vice president candidates and activities related to the pandemic. Suggestions included an hour long meeting every other week via Zoom or for her to send a five to ten-minute video with what is happening, changes, etc. Terry Nelson stated that these additional meetings would not be intended to go on forever, just during these unprecedented times.

So that the board members are not caught off-guard or unprepared, Julie Robinson requested that the Board of Governors be made aware of changes at the same time that faculty and staff are informed.

Steve Anderson stated that while he would like the entire Board of Governors to be fully aware and comfortable with any changes, he cautioned that the additional meetings would need to be public meetings if a majority of the Board participated.

President Barrett asked to postpone this conversation for one hour until they had received an update during the Student Success Committee meeting regarding a phased approach to return to normal operations.

5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.