

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

April 11, 2019

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Julie Robinson, Chairperson	PRESENT
Del Ames	ABSENT
Donovan Ellis	ABSENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

Keith Harvey	ABSENT
Arlan Kuehn	ABSENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	ABSENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT

**STAFF**

Dr. Michael Chipps  
John Blaylock  
Lyle Kathol  
Derek Bierman  
Amanda Nipp  
Eric Johnson  
Dr. Tracy Kruse  
Craig Garrett  
Jim Curry  
Diane Reikofski  
Kirk Christian  
Tom Wiese  
Dr. Wade Herley  
Phil Schimonitz  
Terri Heggemeyer

**MINUTES**

1. Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, convened the meeting at 11:13 a.m. in the Citizens Rooms A & B of the Nielsen Community Center, West Point, NE.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting as distributed.
3. Amanda Nipp, Vice President of Student Services, introduced the 2018 Graduate Report, reporting that it is a year-long process for staff in the Career Services office to track students, gather information, and compile the report.

Terri Heggemeyer, Director of Career Services, presented the 2018 Graduate Report. Report statistics reveal that 99% of the 2018 graduates are employed or are continuing their education, 85% are employed in a field related to their program of study, and 58% are employed in our 20-county service area. Since 1973, there have been 26,533 graduates from Northeast Community College, contributing to and supporting our regional workforce.

Staff in the Career Services Office assist students in writing resumes and cover letters, filling out applications, interviewing skills, and making connections with employers. The Northeast Job Board is maintained by their office and currently has more than 300 jobs posted. Additionally, their office provides lifetime services to alumni, at no charge.

**Mission**

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

The Graduate Report is mailed to area high school counselors, principals, and superintendents as well as economic development offices, senators, congressmen, etc.

Steve Anderson stated that this report is one of the most important documents that is sent out from the College. It is a great advertising piece, justifies the existence of community colleges, and serves as a report card to employers and taxpayers.

4. An update on the Graphic Design Program was provided by Dr. Wade Herley and Phil Schimonitz. A year ago, the Board of Governors was provided with a full review of the Graphic Design Program. While the data met all requirements as established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE), members of the Board requested additional discussion a year out.

Lyle Kathol, Dr. Herley, and Mr. Schimonitz reported that they have taken the opportunity to take a closer look at the program and have identified ways to enhance promoting the program, which includes continuing to offer Fridays @ Northeast opportunities, flexible student tours, and career days. In addition, they are exploring the possibility of developing cross-discipline certificates.

Mr. Schimonitz reported that Northeast's Graphic Design Program is ranked in the top 3% of the nation's college and university (two- and four-year) graphic design programs.

Dirk Petersen commended Dr. Herley and Mr. Schimonitz for being proactive and working to improve the program.

5. In other business, Dr. Wade Herley reported that he will be accompanying a group of 70 students as they participate in the SkillsUSA state competition in Grand Island. The mission of SkillsUSA is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens. SkillsUSA improves the quality of our nation's future skilled workforce through the development of personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academic. Mr. Herley anticipates several of the teams participating will advance to national competition.
6. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.