

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, December 10, 2020

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Carol Sibbel, Chairperson	PRESENT
Donovan Ellis	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Nicole Sedlacek	PRESENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

Del Ames	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	ABSENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT

**STAFF**

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

**MINUTES**

1. Carol Sibbel, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, convened the meeting at 1:18 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. With John Blaylock's impending retirement, Amanda Nipp will become a part of the Recovery Team.

Northeast's Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) are available on the Northeast website. Vice Presidents and department leaders can use the SOPs to make decisions about employee schedule. The number of employees on campus will continue to be lowered and raised based on the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department's guidelines and the spread of Covid in the health district or on campus. Northeast Community College remains fully operational whether employees are working on campus or remotely.

To date, 75 employees and 135 students have been impacted by Covid, whether presumptive positive, quarantining, or a positive test. Of those employees and students who reported testing positive, everyone has recovered.

Good guidance was received from our Director of Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Brian Paulsen who recommended that Northeast submit a request for reimbursement for personal protective equipment used across campus.

**Mission**

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

More rooms in the residence halls will be opened to accommodate an additional 80 students this spring. It remains only one person per sleeping room. Quarantining guidelines continue to be revised per guidance from the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department.

Staff are beginning the process for commencement activities. Students have requested an in-person event so several small commencements are being organized to maintain social distancing while allowing family members to participate.

Approximately \$800,000 in CARES Funds were distributed in scholarships. The remaining CARES Funds were used to reimburse residence life accounts when we had to reimburse student who moved home in March.

4. The inaugural intersession has been very successful. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 336 students registered for 1,264 credit hours.

Spring 2021 enrollment reflects a slight decrease in students and credit hours compared to one year ago. Virtual spring registrations continue to be held and enrollment numbers should be positively affected. The Spring semester does not begin until January 25<sup>th</sup> so students may be slower at registering for Spring classes.

Dr. Gill reported that she has spoken with instructors and asked them to think outside the box on ways to offer safe in-person classes.

5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.