

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 11, 2021

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Donovan Ellis, Chairperson	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	ABSENT
Terry Nelson	ABSENT
Nicole Sedlacek	PRESENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

**STAFF**

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

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

Del Ames	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	ABSENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT

**MINUTES**

1. Donovan Ellis, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, convened the meeting at 1:25 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting as distributed.
3. A brief review of Spring enrollment numbers compared to one year ago reveals 139 fewer students enrolled. Amanda Nipp reported that lower income student and ethnicity student enrollment numbers are lower. Higher education across the country is trying to determine if Covid is part of the reason for the lower enrollments of these student populations.

Del Ames inquired if Northeast would continue to offer the intersession. Ms. Nipp indicated that Northeast is looking at a more normal fall semester so the intersession would begin in late December and continue into January. The start of the spring term would be pushed back to allow completion of the intersession classes.

4. Discussions continue regarding the COVID-19 vaccination plan. A majority of Northeast employees have indicated that they have received or will receive the vaccination. Fall 2021 planning includes a return to full campus operations with face-to-face classes. Facemasks will remain a requirement for in-person classes. Residence life is anticipated to be at or near full capacity.

**Mission**

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

All athletic events are occurring this spring. Northeast is a member of the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC) who voted to allow each athlete to have four guests at each sporting event. Attendance at sporting events will be revoked on March 1st.

Del Ames inquired about commencement and Amanda Nipp reported that discussions are currently being held by members of the Commencement Workgroup to review various options for providing a safe, face-to-face commencement ceremony.

Steve Anderson inquired if the student population in residence life would be required to have the vaccination. Ms. Nipp reported that one of the challenges with requiring the vaccination is that it is still considered an experimental vaccine. Another issue is that if we do require the vaccination, we are unsure if students would receive the vaccination prior to moving into the residence halls. On-campus housing requires certain vaccinations and a statement has been added that additional vaccinations may be required due to Covid.

5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.