



NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Prior to convening the meeting, Chairperson Anderson led the assembly in pledging their allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

AREA BOARD

Steve Anderson, Chairperson.....	Present
Arlan Kuehn, Vice-Chairperson	Absent
Julie Robinson, Secretary.....	Present
Del Ames	Present
Donovan Ellis.....	Present
Dr. Terry Nelson	Absent
Dirk Petersen.....	Absent
Jeffrey Scherer	Present
Nicole Sedlacek	Absent
Carol Sibbel	Absent
Gene Willers	Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Leah A. Barrett, President
John Blaylock, Executive Vice President
Amanda Nipp, Vice President, Student Services
Scott Gray, Vice President, Administrative Services
Paul Feilmeier, Vice President, Technology Services
Dr. Karen Severson, Interim Associate Vice President, Human Resources
Dr. Tracy Kruse, Associate Vice President, Development and External Affairs
Dr. Michele Gill, Interim Vice President, Educational Services
Jim Curry, Director of Public Relations
Diane Reikofski, Executive Assistant to the President
Lauren Wagner, *Norfolk Daily News*
Cody Ronnenfelt, WJAG

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The Northeast Community College Board of Governors met for its regular session Board Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020 in Suites F & G of the Lifelong Learning Center, located on the campus of Northeast Community College. Notice of the Regular Meeting is published on the Northeast Community College website and was published in the *Norfolk Daily News* on Friday, October 1, 2020. Chairperson Anderson convened the Regular Meeting at 3:01 p.m.

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Del Ames MOVED to adopt the Agenda of the October 8, 2020 Regular Meeting as distributed. Jeff Scherer SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Scherer, and Willers

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Sedlacek and Sibbel **MOTION CARRIED**

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Chairperson Anderson advised that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the tables at the back of the room. No constituents were in attendance to address the board with a public comment.

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Gene Willers MOVED, and Donovan Ellis SECONDED the motion to approve Minutes as follows:

August 13, 2020

1. External Relations Committee Meeting
2. Facilities Committee Meeting

September 10, 2020

1. Regular Meeting
2. Finance Committee Meeting
3. Governance Committee Meeting
4. Student Success Committee Meeting

Voting Yes: Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Scherer, Willers, and Ames

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Sedlacek and Sibbel **MOTION CARRIED**

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Amanda Nipp, Vice President, Student Services, provided the following report:

- Northeast Community College and the other eight Midwest community college members of the Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement (C2A3) have signed a memorandum of understanding with the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service to support hands-on student learning in the field, develop future conservation-minded farmers and ranchers, and to cultivate more graduates interested in pursuing careers with the federal agency. Dr. Tracy Kruse, of Northeast, serves as the C2A3 executive director.
- Northeast's Nexus Campaign to construct new agriculture facilities has received generous donations from supporters over the past month. This includes \$50,000 from the Greater Omaha Packing Co. Foundation, and \$50,000 from the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation, Boone and Nance County Cattlemen, and Cuming County Feeders.
- Tait Ziems, Northeast Community College graduate, and 49 other recipients who have been named 2020 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholars by the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society, were recognized on Tuesday of this week during the annual Association of Community College Trustees' Congress. Ziems, an automotive technology graduate from Plainview, is continuing his education in Minnesota.
- The Northeast Community College Library was among libraries across the country to join the American Library Association in support of the freedom to read during Banned Books Week recently. Banned Books Week spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools.
- Northeast Community College hosted two roundtable sessions recently that served as follow ups to the region's business and community members' participation in workforce needs assessments that have been completed for the Growing Together Initiative.
- Northeast was recently awarded a \$92,000 grant from the Nebraska Department of Education through its Career and Technical Education program. Northeast was one of two community colleges in the state that received funding in the competitive program. With the grant, Northeast plans to enhance its existing Class A Commercial Driver's License training program and expand into Class B training, too. A Class B license allows individuals to operate straight trucks, dump trucks, parcel delivery trucks, garbage trucks, cement mixers and others. Companies have been reaching out to the college indicating that there is a great need for this type of training. The funds will allow for the purchase of a used truck and the hiring of part-time credentialed trainers. The overall goal is to establish Northeast as the leader not only in Class A, but also Class B CDL training.
- Northeast Community College in Norfolk and South Sioux City will launch two non-credit programs this fall that are specifically tailored to meet industry needs in electrical-instrumentation maintenance and mechanical maintenance in manufacturing facilities. The programming is being introduced as Northeast continues to hear from regional employers who say they are in a great need of additional employees with these skills. A large portion of the costs of the programming may be covered through financial assistance programs. The Community College Gap Assistance Program (GAP) and the Get Nebraska Growing Workforce Retraining Initiative are available funding sources to assist students who meet income requirements.

- Students in Northeast’s Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program have taken an active role in the ALS in the Heartland Norfolk and Columbus Community Walk since 2007. The students typically volunteer with set up and take down during the event, participate in face painting and other children’s activities, take photos, staff water and snack stations and provide any other assistance to ALS in the Heartland representatives to ensure a successful Community Walk each year.
- The Northeast Families newsletter was distributed by email to approximately 500 families on Sept. 21. Three days after the newsletter distribution, the recipient open rate for the email was over 50% with the newsletter being opened a total of 386 times. The next Northeast Families newsletter will be distributed in Jan. 2021.
- The Financial Aid Office recently completed two FAFSA Nights to assist students and parents with FAFSA completion from Newman Grove High School and Winside High School.
- The National Council for Marketing & Public Relations’ (NCMPR) District #5 announced the college finalists for this year's Medallion Awards. Northeast Community College received the following awards:
 - Annual Report – Northeast Graduate Report
 - Outdoor Media (single or series) – Northeast semi-trailer branding
 - Interior Signage/Displays (single or series) –Foundation Conference Center artwork
- Student Activities hosted a number of events the past month. The events continue to include some face-to-face activities such as a Drive-in Movie, and virtual Bingo.

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Steve Anderson and Gene Willers, NCCA Board of Directors representatives, reported that a meeting is scheduled for October 13th which replaced the annual meeting that was scheduled to occur in Scottsbluff but was canceled due to Covid.

ACCT Annual Leadership Congress is being conducted virtually this week. On-demand sessions will be available mid-month.

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Julie Robinson MOVED and Donovan Ellis SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and accept the Monthly Financial Report for September 30, 2020 and claims paid in September 2020 as follows:

General Funds.....	\$ 1,901,876.80
Auxiliary Funds.....	\$ 402,843.80
Grants and Contracts	\$ 62,379.74
Scholarships and Financial Aid.....	\$ 13,015.30
Student Loans	\$ 0.00
Student Clubs.....	\$ 830.45
Other Agencies	\$ 12,326.62
Capital Improvement.....	\$ 21,330.29
Restricted Plant.....	\$ 1,900,288.51
Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Payroll Fund	\$ <u>3,168,298.23</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID.....	\$ 7,483,189.74

Voting Yes: Ellis, Robinson, Scherer, Willers, Ames, and Anderson

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, Sedlacek and Sibbel

MOTION CARRIED

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In other business, Chairperson Anderson recognized staff member birthdays for the month of October.

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At 4:42 p.m., with no further business to discuss, it was UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY VOICE VOTE to ADJOURN the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Diane Reikofski, Recording Secretary.

Steve Anderson, Chairperson
Northeast Board of Governors

Julie Robinson, Secretary
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