



NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 11, 2021

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Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

AREA BOARD

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Leah A. Barrett, President
Paul Feilmeier, Vice President, Technology Services
Scott Gray, Vice President, Administrative Services
Amanda Nipp, Vice President, Student Services
Dr. Tracy Kruse, Vice President, Development and External Affairs
Dr. Michele Gill, Vice President, Educational Services
Dr. Karen Severson, Interim Associate Vice President, Human Resources
Jim Curry, Director of Public Relations
Diane Reikofski, Executive Assistant to the President
Carissa Kollath, Director of Student Activities
Paul Muncy, History/Geography instructor
Carlos Villareal, Student Leadership Association president
Lauren Wagner, *Norfolk Daily News*
Cody Ronnenfelt, WJAG

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Notice of the Regular Meeting is published on the Northeast Community College website and was published in the *Norfolk Daily News* on Friday, March 5, 2021. Chairperson Steve Anderson convened the Regular Meeting at 3:16 p.m.

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Gene Willers MOVED, and Carol Sibbel SECONDED the motion to adopt the Agenda of the March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting as distributed.

Voting Yes: Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Kuehn, Petersen, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, and Willers

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

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Due to the coronavirus and pursuant to Governor Ricketts' executive order No. 20-36, today's meeting is being conducted via Zoom videoconferencing. Pursuant to Nebraska State Statute, Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting may be accessed on the Northeast Community College website.

No constituents were in attendance or were participating in the Zoom videoconference to address the board with a public comment.

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Donovan Ellis MOVED, and Arlan Kuehn SECONDED the motion to approve Minutes of the February 11, 2021 meetings as follows:

1. Regular Meeting
2. Governance Committee Meeting
3. Finance Committee Meeting
4. Student Success Committee Meeting
5. Facilities Committee Meeting
6. External Relations Committee Meeting

Voting Yes: Anderson, Ellis, Kuehn, Petersen, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, and Ames

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

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Rose Graham, Student Leadership Association (SLA) secretary, addressed the Board of Governors, reporting the following:

- SLA prepared a Proclamation in support of ending daylight savings time that will be sent to Senator Tom Briese. SLA will be working with Dr. Tracy Kruse to learn how to forward their support to the legislature.
- SLA is working on a proposal to be sent to the Nebraska legislature to request that Nebraska move to ranked choice voting.
- Student Leadership development training regarding diversity and inclusion was held on March 9th.
- SLA has been promoting the diversity mural and have already received one submission.
- Recruiting is underway for officers and members for the 2021-2022 academic year.

President Leah Barrett provided the following report:

- Approximately 225 Northeast Community College employees received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 one dose vaccine on March 8th. The Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department coordinated the clinic. Employees at Northeast's extended campuses have or are in the process to receive the vaccine through their local health departments. It is estimated that all Northeast employees who requested the vaccine, either through the Northeast clinic or on their own, will be accommodated by Friday, March 12th.
- Northeast Community College is planning a return to regular college operations beginning with the Fall 2021 academic semester, including face-to-face classes and events. Face-to-face classes will again be the primary instructional delivery method for courses. It is important to note that this may change based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, Directed Health Measures, or if positive case numbers at the College should change. Face masks will continue to be required. In addition, sanitization and disinfecting protocols for instructional and college spaces will remain in place.
- Northeast Residence Life staff are prepared to fill on-campus housing facilities with students in Norfolk for the 2021-2022 academic year. Residence Life will open all rooms for regular capacity to begin the fall semester.
- Northeast Community College's work of taking one of its agriculture programs on the road has received a financial boost that will allow for continued partnerships with a number of entities, including area high schools. The CHS Foundation, funded by charitable gifts from CHS, Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative, has awarded the College a three-year, \$250,000 grant that will allow the purchase of additional precision agriculture equipment that will provide more hands-on learning opportunities for producers and high school students across Northeast's 20-county service area.
- Northeast Community College is expanding its work with Tyson Foods, Inc., as the company launches Upward Pathways, an in-plant career development program that provides frontline team members with job skills training and workforce certifications at no cost. Northeast's Adult Education program is focused on upskilling Tyson employees who are interested in moving into industrial maintenance.

- Northeast Community College has earned recognition for its work assisting current members of the military and military veterans in their pursuit of higher education. Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. The designation is based on an institution’s ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer), and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.
- Students enrolled in Northeast Community College’s veterinary technology program received their white lab coats and pins during a special ceremony held recently in Norfolk.
- Over 1,100 high school students from 46 area high schools, recognized by their blue jackets and bright gold lettering, participated in the 2021 FFA Districts 3, 4 and 10 Career Development Event – Ag Education Contest at Northeast in Norfolk.
- Richard Chrisman, information technology instructor, spoke on consumer cybersecurity during an interactive forum, sponsored by the Norfolk LAN Party. Northeast offers a program that trains students in the field of cybersecurity. In 2018, the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security selected the College’s Cyber Center as a “National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Two-Year Education,” one of two community colleges in Nebraska with the designation.
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) is recognizing 1,081 chapters for their efforts to bring the life-changing benefits and opportunities of PTK membership to even more students on their campuses in 2020. Northeast’s Tau Chi chapter is among the honorees. The recognition is part of PTK’s REACH Rewards program, which celebrates and rewards Phi Theta Kappa chapters excelling in membership development.
- TRIO staff members held several workshops in February that were designed to help students expand their knowledge of community and campus resources available to them. Staff held an in-person workshop with 25 students, a Zoom workshop with 23 others, and a Northeast scholarship application session for seven students where they provided one-on-one support as students completed and perfected their applications for Northeast scholarships.
- A virtual Health & Wellness Career Day was held on February 23rd, with 34 prospective students attending from 16 different Nebraska high schools. On March 3rd, a virtual Business & Technology Career Day was held with 22 prospective students attending from 18 different high schools in Nebraska and South Dakota.

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Steve Anderson and Gene Willers, NCCA Board of Directors representatives, reported that their next quarterly meeting will be held in May. Greg Adams continues to keep directors up to date on what is occurring in the legislature.

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Gene Willers MOVED, and Arlan Kuehn SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and accept the Monthly Financial Report for February 28, 2021 and claims paid in February 2021 as follows:

General Funds.....	\$ 3,490,228.22
Auxiliary Funds	\$ 333,348.23
Grants and Contracts	\$ 73,495.52

Scholarships and Financial Aid.....	\$	17,296.00
Student Loans.....	\$	5,130.00
Student Clubs.....	\$	1,599.99
Other Agencies.....	\$	3,955.79
Capital Improvement.....	\$	552,628.97
Restricted Plant.....	\$	1,459,764.79
Debt Service.....	\$	0.00
Payroll Fund.....	\$	<u>2,798,145.49</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID.....	\$	8,735,593.00

Voting Yes: Ellis, Kuehn, Petersen, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, and Anderson

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson and Robinson **MOTION CARRIED**

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Dirk Petersen MOVED to accept the SECOND READING and approve the deletion of the following:

- BP-7030, Emeritus Classification
- BP-7565, Post-Retirement Benefits.

Nicole Sedlacek SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Kuehn, Petersen, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, and Ellis

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson and Robinson **MOTION CARRIED**

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Jeff Scherer, Chairperson of the Facilities Committee, MOVED to approve the Resolutions authorizing the sale of House #120025 South and House #120026 Middle South. Donovan Ellis SECONDED the motion. *(A copy of the Resolutions is attached to these original Minutes.)*

Voting Yes: Kuehn, Petersen, Scherer, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, and Ellis

Voting No: None

Absent: Nelson and Robinson **MOTION CARRIED**

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Chairperson Anderson recognized staff member birthdays for the month of March.

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At 3:39 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

Arlan Kuehn, Vice Chairperson
Northeast Board of Governors