



NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Prior to convening the meeting, Chairperson Steve 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

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| Steve Anderson, Chairperson..... | Present |
| Arlan Kuehn, Vice-Chairperson | Absent-Excused |
| Julie Robinson, Secretary..... | Absent-Excused |
| Del Ames | Present |
| Donovan Ellis..... | Present |
| Dr. Terry Nelson | Present |
| 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
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, June 4, 2021. Chairperson Steve Anderson convened the Regular Meeting at 3:14 p.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.

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Del Ames MOVED to adopt the Agenda of the June 10, 2021 Regular Meeting. Carol Sibbel SECONDED the motion.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

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

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Donovan Ellis MOVED, and Gene Willers SECONDED the motion to approve Minutes of the May 13, 2021 meetings as follows:

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

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

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President Barrett provided the following report:

- Northeast Community College marked its 48th annual commencement with six ceremonies May 21-22. Approximately 905 graduates, including those earning more than one degree, and

259 who completed their studies this past summer and fall, were listed in commencement programs.

- Thirty-six associate degree nursing and 41 practical nursing students were recognized during a special ceremony with the presentation of their nursing pins and their diplomas. In a normal year, the ceremonies are held separately, but in 2021 the tradition of nursing students receiving their pins from family members or a close friend who have helped them along their journey returned.
- Northeast Community College is offering free tuition to students who enroll in summer credit classes. Free tuition is designed to remove financial barriers for students who have been negatively affected by the pandemic. It is also an opportunity to help them stay on track or assist new students beginning their education. This includes high school students who want to get ahead, current students or students from other colleges who want to transfer credits.
- Northeast Community College is collaborating with Franciscan Healthcare to offer opportunities for students that will help address workforce demands at its facilities in West Point. The new Educational Assistance Program includes paying for students to complete their coursework through the College in Practical Nursing/Associate Degree in Nursing or the Health Information Management System (HIMS). As part of the program, qualified students who are selected will have their tuition paid in full and are guaranteed employment at Franciscan Healthcare after completion of their programs.
- Northeast Community College is one of 25 colleges that has been selected to participate in a program that is designed to better align student goals for career and continuing education opportunities. Following a competitive application and interview process, the Teacher's College at Columbia University selected teams representing 25 colleges in 19 states, including Northeast, to participate in its Summer 2021 Institute, Guided Pathways at Rural Colleges: Using Data to Launch Large-Scale Reform. The institute will be hosted by the Community College Research Center (CCRC).
- Present and past Northeast Community College employees came together for an end of year celebration and to mark the farewell of several members who have or are about to retire. Retirees were recognized and also presented "retirement good wishes boxes" containing cards and notes of congratulations from their co-workers. Their work equals a combined total of 624 years of service to Northeast Community College.
- Two longtime employees who are retiring this summer have been conferred with emeritus status. Karen Severson, who currently serves as interim associate vice president of human resources, was conferred with the emeritus award as Vice President of Student Affairs, a position she held for most of her 28-years at the College. Debb Strate, Executive Assistant in the Ag, Math and Science Division, has also been awarded with emeritus status for her meritorious work at the College. Debb began her employment at Norfolk Junior College in 1968. Karen's and Debb's names will soon be included on the Emeriti Wall Plaque in the Maclay Building to recognize this honor.
- A representative on behalf of the Gene Hass Foundation presented a \$10,000 check to Northeast Community College recently to assist students in the College's Machining and Manufacturing Automation program. The funds will be used to provide scholarships to students enrolled in the program.
- Approximately 60 high school students from across the region had the opportunity to get exposure to various careers in the healthcare industry recently. Northeast held its annual Health and Wellness Summer Expos on the Norfolk and South Sioux City campuses.

- Northeast's main New Student Registration (NSR) days took place May 26 through June 9. It is during this time that the bulk of new students planning to start at Northeast during the Fall 2021 semester register for classes, meet with advisors, financial aid, and residence life, among others on campus. Over the nine days of NSR, 802 students register for fall classes, which set a new record for the event. There will be a New Student Registration event at the Extended Campus in South Sioux City on June 15, followed by some virtual and smaller-scale face-to-face New Student Registration events throughout the summer.
- Ashley Pena, Norfolk, was named the TRIO program's Student of the Month in April. Pena, who graduated with an Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in Elementary Education from Northeast in May, plans to transfer to the University of Nebraska at Kearney where she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in English as a Second Language.
- Four special visitors to Northeast Community College recently allowed students to let their cares slip away for a short period of time. The golden retrievers are trained comfort dogs and exhibit a gift of love and gentleness with whomever they encounter. They spent time with the students in the College's Union 73 on the Norfolk campus.
- The Northeast women's soccer season officially ended this past weekend after finishing 1-1 at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division National Tournament in Evans, Georgia. #9 Northeast fell to #4 Heartland Community College (Ill.), 2-0 and defeated #5 Howard Community College (Md.) 2-1. Heartland also defeated Howard to move on to advance out of pool play. The Hawks finish the season at 13-4-1 overall and 10-3-1 in the Iowa Community College Athletic Association's Division (ICCAC).
- Northeast's Ty Heimes finished in a tie for 37th place out of 123 golfers at the NJCAA Division 2 National Tournament at the Swan Lake Golf Resort in Plymouth, Ind. He shot a 2-under par 70 to sit in eighth place after Round One. He followed with an 83 on day two, while carding a 76 on the third day of the tourney. Heimes ended with a four-day total of 306 after carding a 77.
- Naomi Pedroza, Hastings, was named the ICCAC Division 2 Women's Soccer Player of the Year; Chad Miller was named the ICCAC DII Women's Soccer Coach of the Year; Ty Heimes, Battle Creek, was named to the ICCAC's All-Region Second Team; and Colin Lynam, Springfield, named to the NJCAA's All-American Third Team.
- Ninety-three Northeast student-athletes were named to the ICCAC's 2021 Spring Academic All-Region Teams. To be named to All-Region Academic First Team, the student-athlete must have earned a 3.5 and above grade point average (GPA). To be named to the All-Region Academic Second Team, the student-athlete must have earned a 3.0-3.49 GPA.

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Steve Anderson, NCCA Board of Directors representative, reported that Greg Adams, NCCA Executive Director, will be retiring, effective December 31, 2021. NCCA hopes to conduct interviews in July, having the new person in place by November 1st to provide training with Mr. Adams through the end of the year.

The next quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held in August at which time the NCCA budget will officially be approved. The NCCA Annual meeting will be held October 3-4, 2021 in Scottsbluff.

Steve Anderson will participate in the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Board of Directors Retreat in July. At that time, four candidates will be interviewed to replace J. Noah Brown. Mr. Brown has represented ACCT for 20+ years. Plans are to bring the new person on board by October.

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Gene Willers MOVED, and Nicole Sedlacek SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and accept the Monthly Financial Report for May 31, 2021 and claims paid in May 2021 as follows:

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| General Funds..... | \$ 1,375,872.86 |
| Auxiliary Funds..... | \$ 307,151.91 |
| Grants and Contracts | \$ 70,773.65 |
| Scholarships and Financial Aid..... | \$ 1,150.00 |
| Student Loans | \$ 0.00 |
| Student Clubs..... | \$ 7,624.98 |
| Other Agencies | \$ 7,224.12 |
| Capital Improvement..... | \$ 1,845.00 |
| Restricted Plant..... | \$ 1,753,378.26 |
| Debt Service | \$ 0.00 |
| Payroll Fund | \$ <u>2,849,574.50</u> |
| TOTAL CLAIMS PAID..... | \$ 6,374,595.28 |

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

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Donovan Ellis MOVED to approve the continuation of the Agriculture programs at Northeast Community College for submission to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Dirk Petersen SECONDED the motion.

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

Voting No: None

Absent: Kuehn and Robinson

MOTION CARRIED

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In other business, Dr. Tracy Kruse reported that her staff is in the beginning stages of planning for the open house/grand opening of the new Vet Tech facility. The event will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on September 23, 2021.

Chairperson Anderson recognized board member birthdays for the month of June.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Chairperson Anderson extended his appreciation to Dr. Karen Severson for her years of service to Northeast Community College and wished her well on her retirement.

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At 3:32 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

Del Ames, Member
Northeast Board of Governors