



**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA**

**MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 16, 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**

Steve Anderson, Chairperson.....	Present
Arlan Kuehn, Vice-Chairperson .....	Absent-Unexcused
Julie Robinson, Secretary.....	Present
Del Ames .....	Present
Donovan Ellis.....	Present
Dr. Terry Nelson .....	Absent-Excused
Dirk Petersen.....	Absent-Excused
Jeffrey Scherer .....	Absent-Excused
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  
Jessica Dvorak, Associate Vice President, Human Resources  
Lindsay Spiegel, Associate Dean of Academic Outreach  
Jim Curry, Director of Public Relations  
Diane Reikofski, Executive Assistant to the President  
Carissa Kollath, Director of Student Activities  
Doug Lange, Custodian  
Chris Simpson, Custodian  
Chris Lambertsen, Custodian

Rose Graham, Student Leadership Association President  
Cody Ronnenfeldt, WJAG  
Mark Mahoney, *Norfolk Daily News*

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Notice of the Regular Meeting is published on the Northeast Community College website and in the *Norfolk Daily News* on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Chairperson Steve Anderson convened the Regular Meeting at 3:02 p.m. in Suites E & H of the Lifelong Learning Center.

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Nicole Sedlacek MOVED to adopt the Agenda of the November 16, 2021 Regular Meeting. Del Ames SECONDED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Sedlacek, Sibbel, and Willers

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**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 Carol Sibbel SECONDED the motion to approve Minutes of meetings as follows:

September 14, 2021:

1. Facilities Committee Meeting
2. Student Success Committee Meeting

October 26, 2021:

3. Regular Meeting
4. External Relations Committee Meeting
5. Finance Committee Meeting, and
6. Governance Committee Meeting

**Voting Yes:** Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, and Ames

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

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- Rose Graham, SLA president, reported that there were approximately 1,600 children who attended the Spooktacular Children’s Carnival. SLA members continuing making tie blankets that will be gifted to six residents of the Nebraska Veteran’s Home. A bake sale will be sponsored on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in Union 73.
- President Leah Barrett reported that The Aspen Institute has named Northeast Community College as one of the nation’s top 150 institutions and is eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. The colleges selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds. Northeast has been recognized by the Aspen Institute in the past. It was named a Top 120 institution in both 2011 and 2013, a Top 10 college in 2017, and Top 150 in 2019 and 2021.
- Preston Love, Jr. and Stanley Timm, both of Omaha, have been inducted into Northeast’s Alumni Hall of Success.
- Jeanne Reigle and Russ Vering both of whom served as co-campaign chairs of the Nexus capital campaign, were the recipients of the 2021 Distinguished Service Award.
- Northeast Community College observed Veterans Day on November 11th. The celebration included the College’s presentation of the “Virtual Wall of Honor” video throughout the day in Union 73. The “Virtual Wall of Honor” is an electronic display of current or past U.S. military service members who are either employed at Northeast - or employees who have family members who have served or are actively in the military.
- Northeast’s Precision Agriculture program demonstrated its technology in an innovative way this fall. In preparing the annual field plans for the growing season earlier this year, Chance Lambrecht, precision agriculture instructor, and Rob Thomas, college farm manager, discussed utilizing a multi-hybrid planter that was built in a precision hardware course to plant a design on one of the farm’s soybean fields. It was determined that Northeast’s Hawk athletic mascot could showcase the planter’s technological capability and promote the spirit of Northeast Community College. The design was created by planting a long season soybean variety for the Hawk and a short season variety for the background.
- The Northeast Music Department recently held the annual Fall Concert and a Pops Concert.
- Northeast Community College’s TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program held a celebration to recognize first-generation college students on Mon., Nov. 8, as part of the National First-Generation College Celebration to honor the anniversary of the signing of the Higher Education Act of 1965.
- The TRIO program is working with a Norfolk financial advising firm to offer its students advice on managing their money, investing, and even starting to plan now for retirement. There are three areas the program is focusing its attention over the course of the academic year. Students have the opportunity to attend once-a-month orientation presentations. Once students complete their initial orientation, they are then afforded the opportunity for as many one-one meetings as well as phone calls with a certified financial planner whenever they have any financial-related questions. These personal services will be afforded to all TRIO students for the entirety of their college career at Northeast.
- The Northeast women’s soccer team has qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Tournament in Wichita, KS.

- The Iowa Community College Athletic Conference has named Northeast’s Women’s Soccer Coach Chad Miller Division II Coach of the Year. This is the second consecutive year Miller has earned the recognition. In addition, Naomi Pedroza (Hastings, NE), Romeni Gurmendi (Boulder, CO), Sara Pedroza (Hastings, NE) and Kailey Lincoln (Gold Coast, Queensland) have been named as ICCAC First Team All-Region recipients.
- Adam Potter has been named the next head men's soccer coach at Northeast. He joins the Hawks after a successful stint as the assistant coach at Casper College in Casper, WY.

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The Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Board of Directors will meet in January 2022 to review the legislative agenda.

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Julie Robinson MOVED to approve the redistricting plan of the Northeast Community College voting districts. Nicole Sedlacek SECONDED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Ellis, Robinson, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, and Anderson

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Julie Robison advised that the FIRST READING was heard on the executive limitation, governance process, board president delegation, and ends policies. The second reading and approval will occur in December.

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Julie Robinson MOVED to approve the 2022 NCCA Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$65,181.58. Carol Sibbel SECONDED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Robinson, Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, and Ellis

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Gene Willers MOVED, and Julie Robinson SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and accept the Monthly Financial Report for October 31, 2021 and claims paid in October 2021 as presented.

**Voting Yes:** Sedlacek, Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, and Robinson

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Gene Willers MOVED to acknowledge the Northeast Community College Financial Audit of June 30, 2021 and 2020. Donovan Ellis SECONDED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Sibbel, Willers, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, and Sedlacek

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Gene Willers MOVED and Carol Sibbel SECONDED the motion to approve the 2022-2023 tuition and fees as follows:

- Resident tuition rate be set at \$108.00 per credit hour
- Tuition rate for Iowa and South Dakota residents be set at \$109.00 per credit hour
- Non-resident tuition rate be set at \$151.00 per credit hour
- Student services fee remain at \$5.00 per credit hour
- Facility fee remain at \$9.00 per credit hour
- Technology fee remain at \$6.00 per credit hour
- All other tuition and fees remain at the same rate as the 2021-22 rates

Room and board rates have been TABLED until the December meeting to allow review of recently received information.

**Voting Yes:** Willers, Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Sedlacek, and Sibbel

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Gene Willers MOVED to approve a three-year extension of the Nebraska Community College Insurance Trust (NCCIT). Carol Sibbel SECONDED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Ames, Anderson, Ellis, Robinson, Sedlacek, Sibbel, and Willers

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** Kuehn, Nelson, Petersen, and Scherer

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Chairperson Anderson recognized board and staff member birthdays for the month of November.

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At 3:30 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.*

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Steve Anderson, Chairperson  
Northeast Board of Governors

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Julie Robinson, Secretary  
Northeast Board of Governors