

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 8, 2016

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Anderson, Chairperson	PRESENT @ 11:40 a.m.
Don Oelsligle	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Carol A. Sibbel	PRESENT
Shirley J. Petsche, ex-officio	PRESENT

STAFF

Dr. Michael Chipps
Mary Honke
John Blaylock
Lynne Koski
Derek Bierman
Amanda Nipp
Eric Johnson
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Craig Garrett
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Keith E. Harvey	ABSENT
Arlan W. Kuehn	PRESENT
Dr. Terry F. Nelson	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	ABSENT
Jeffrey M. Scherer	PRESENT
Gene L. Willers	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. Don Oelsligle, member of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 11:37 a.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting.
3. Dr. Tracy Kruse reported that she is reaching out to the new senators in our 20-county service area. Two new senators, Joni Albrecht and Tom Briese, have been invited to campus to develop relationships with them and keep them informed of what Northeast does and the important role that community colleges serve in the state.

Dr. Chipps reported that he continues to monitor the state's financial status and the impact of the proposed deficit in future budgets. Shirley Petsche inquired if a budget cut would go into effect immediately should community colleges be included in the state's budget cuts. Lynne Koski indicated that first a legislative bill would need to be introduced regarding the cut, but then there are many things that could change until it goes through the legislative process.

4. In other business, Dr. Kruse thanked board members for their year-end donations. She reported that she and her staff are working on a Peter Kiewit grant, and a question on the grant deals with the percentage of board members who contribute; it's great to be able to say that there is 100% participation.
5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 11:45 a.m.