

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 9, 2017

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Carol A. Sibbel, Chairperson	PRESENT
Steven M. Anderson	PRESENT
Don Oelsligle	PRESENT
Dirk A. Petersen	PRESENT
Dr. Terry F. Nelson, 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	PRESENT
Arlan W. Kuehn	PRESENT
Shirley J. Petsche	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	ABSENT
Jeffrey M. Scherer	PRESENT
Gene L. Willers	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. Carol A. Sibbel, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting.
3. Dr. Tracy Kruse provided a status review of the bills that are of interest to Nebraska's community colleges. Dr. Michael Chipps and Board members may be called to testify in Lincoln as the legislative session progresses.
4. The Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) will be in Washington, DC, February 13-16, 2017. 2017 attendees include Dr. Michael Chipps, John Blaylock, Dr. Tracy Kruse, Steve Anderson, Shirley Petsche, and Arlan Kuehn. Numerous meetings are scheduled on Monday with federal agencies; Tuesday will include NLS activities; and Wednesday's activities include participation in the Nebraska Breakfast, and meetings with congressmen and senators. On Thursday, the Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) office made arrangements for all of Nebraska's community college attendees to meet and have lunch with the congressmen and senators at one time as opposed to trying to schedule individual meetings with the offices.
5. Stacy Dieckman, Director of Financial Aid, reported that the Northeast Community College Financial Aid Office awarded \$15,020,436 in federal, state, institutional and private aid during the 2015-2016 academic year. During the 2015-2016 academic year, 79% of the Northeast student population received some type of financial aid.

The financial aid information provided is valuable to those attending the NLS in Washington, DC and Don Oelsligle commended Ms. Dieckman for her work in providing all of the information.

6. The quarterly Foundation Report was provided by Arlan Kuehn who reported that the January 24, 2017 Foundation Board of Directors meeting was canceled due to weather and hazardous driving conditions. In lieu of a meeting, the Foundation Board of Directors approved by a majority vote the Scholarship Payout Determination for School Year 2017-2018 by electronic vote. The 4% scholarship payout rate is \$197,475.00 and the 1% administrative fee is \$44,406.71.
7. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 11:27 a.m.