

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, December 14, 2017

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Carol Sibbel, Chairperson	PRESENT
Steven Anderson	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	ABSENT
Dr. Terry Nelson, ex-officio	ABSENT

**STAFF**

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

**OTHERS**

Del Ames

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

Keith E. Harvey	ABSENT
Arlan W. Kuehn	PRESENT
Shirley J. Petsche	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Jeffrey M. Scherer	PRESENT
Gene L. Willers	PRESENT

**MINUTES**

1. Carol A. Sibbel, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 10:09 a.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting.
3. Dr. Michael Chipps reported that during the NCCA Annual Meeting in McCook, the community college president's developed a list of topics to discuss with Senator Stinner during their meeting with him on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of the Stinner meeting were shared with board members.

The community college presidents, along with state college presidents, met recently with University of Nebraska-Lincoln president Hank Bounds. This year the state college presidents were also invited to attend and discussion was held on transferability and the need for the opportunity for degree transfer.

It was reported that area guidance counselors are becoming more aware as Northeast tells our story better and the counselors learn about the need for a skilled workforce. Mr. Blaylock stated that Northeast continues to work closely with the counselors, but the counselors have a lot of work to do and are responsible for providing students with information on numerous institutions.

4. In other business, Dr. Chipps provided a reminder that the National Legislative Summit will be held in Washington, D.C. February 11-14, 2018. Steve Anderson expressed the importance of taking advantage of the opportunity to advocate for community colleges on the national level.
5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 10:45 a.m.