

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 8, 2018

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Julie Robinson, Chairperson	PRESENT
Del Ames	PRESENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen, ex-officio	PRESENT

STAFF

Dr. Michael Chipps
Michela Keeler-Strom
Lyle Kathol
Lynne Koski
Derek Bierman
Amanda Nipp
Eric Johnson
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Marcus Rios
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Anderson	ABSENT
Keith Harvey	ABSENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Shirley Petsche	ABSENT
Gene L. Willers	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 1:54 p.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting.
3. Discussion was held regarding the legislative session and review of bills of interest or concern to Nebraska's community colleges.

Lynne Koski provided a review of the potential cuts Northeast Community College would realize in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 if Governor Ricketts' proposed property tax reduction bill is approved.

4. Board members provided an overview of the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) and their meetings with congressmen and senators, stating that Northeast Community College is represented well by Dr. Michael Chipps whom is respected by many constituents. Del Ames noted that the meeting with the Embassy of the Republic of Malawi was very informative and provides a great global opportunity for Northeast.

While in Washington, D.C. meetings were also held with Jimmy Bramblett, Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), and Sally Rockey, Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR). These relationships will create new avenues and opportunities for Northeast Community College as well as the nine state consortium.

5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 2:21 p.m.