

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 15, 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
John Blaylock
Lyle Kathol
Lynne Koski
Derek Bierman
Amanda Nipp
Eric Johnson
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Craig Garrett
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Anderson	PRESENT
Keith Harvey	ABSENT
Arlan Kuehn	ABSENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. External Relations Committee Chairperson, Julie Robinson, convened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2018 meeting.
3. Dr. Michael Chipps reported that the Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Office will be sending letters to all 49 senators, as well as some candidates, inviting them to attend the NCCA Annual Meeting that will be hosted by Northeast Community College, November 4-6, 2018.

Dr. Michael Chipps and Dr. Tracy Kruse reported that work remains to be done to advance the farm bill.

Bryan Slone, President of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has been touring Nebraska and talking about workforce needs across the state. Mr. Slone is scheduled to be in Norfolk on August 23rd, to tour the campus of Northeast Community College and Nucor Steel, two entities that have a huge impact in Norfolk and the northeast area of the state.

4. Drs. Michael Chipps and Tracy Kruse presented nominations for the Alumni Hall of Success, Distinguished Service, and the NCCA Distinguished Alumni awards.

Following discussion, a consensus was reached by the External Relations Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to approve the nominations presented. Names of the awardees will not be disclosed until the recipients have received proper notification.

5. Jeff Scherer, Foundation Board representative, reported that the Foundation's annual meeting was conducted on July 24th, with two new members, Walter Aschoff and Kendra Buss, being seated on the Board. Nicole Sedlacek and Bill Tielke were appointed to serve as president and vice president respectively. Other highlights of the Foundation meeting include the Foundation approving \$10,000 to support scholarships for students from Norfolk Schools in Malawi, The Northeast Community College Foundation Gift Acceptance Procedures were amended to include the acceptance of memorial and honorary gifts, and amendments to the Invest Policy Statement were approved. The Foundation budget for FY 2018-2019 was also approved.
6. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 1:28 p.m.