

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 14, 2019

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Carol Sibbel, Chairperson	PRESENT
Del Ames	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

STAFF

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

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Donovan Ellis	PRESENT
Keith Harvey	ABSENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	ABSENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT

MINUTES

1. Carol Sibbel, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 2:27 p.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting.
3. Steve Anderson reported that the main topics of discussion during the 2019 Community College National Legislative Summit include reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, Pell Grants, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students. There was also discussion on the second chance Pell Grant. Arlan Kuehn reported that he was impressed with Congressman Don Bacon who is very supportive on community colleges.

Legislative Day in Lincoln was held on February 7th. Senators Tim Gragert and Joni Albrecht are always receptive to meeting with constituents. Steve Anderson reported that they had an opportunity to sit in on some of the Nebraska Chamber discussions in the afternoon.

Dr. Tracy Kruse reviewed bills that have advanced from committee onto the floor of the Nebraska Legislature. She stated that testimony has already been sent on several bills and she will continue to monitor legislation.

4. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 2:38 p.m.

Mission

Northeast Community College is dedicated to the success of students and the region it serves.