

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 8, 2019

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

STAFF

Mary Honke
Steve Schram
John Blaylock
Dr. Michele Gill
Jessica Dvorak
Amanda Nipp
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock
Holly Quinn
Brandon Maly
Chris McKibbon

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

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

MINUTES

1. Carol Sibbel, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee convened the meeting at 10:40 a.m. in Suite G of the Lifelong Learning Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting as distributed.
3. Holly Quinn and Jim Curry 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 been properly notified.

4. Mary Honke, Interim Co-President, shared that Mike Roeber has received the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2019 Western Region Faculty Award. Mike will be presented his award during the Regional Awards Luncheon and Gala during the 50th Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in October. As the Regional Award Recipient, Mike will be the sole nominee from our region for the prestigious William H. Meardy Faculty Member Award. Mike is a long-time dedicated agriculture faculty member who is extremely deserving of this recognition.
5. Mary Honke introduced the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Educational Reporting System (NSWERS) Interlocal Agreement. Parties in the Agreement include the Nebraska

Mission

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

State Board of Education, Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, Nebraska Department of Labor, and each of the six Nebraska Community Colleges.

John Blaylock further explained that LB 1071 (2010) requires the aforementioned entities to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to adopt a policy to share student data for the purposes of evaluation of and research related to public kindergarten, elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education to improve education in Nebraska. NSWERS will exist to provide optimized and secured access to accurate and reliable longitudinal student information to analysts and researchers to discover those policies, processes, and practices across students' academic involvement and transition to the workforce that best improve student outcomes.

Each party will pay for contracted services from NSWERS and the University of Nebraska will serve as administrative lead to pursue external sources to fund the costs associated with NSWERS for the first three years. Since this is legislatively mandated the community college CEOs are hoping that the legislature understands that they have a commitment to fund this down the road. Steve Anderson reported that Greg Adams will be talking to senators to encourage them to fund this project.

Del Ames expressed his concern that definitions must be consistent across all educational systems too allow accurate reporting.

Following discussion, a consensus was reached by the External Relations Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to approve participation in the Nebraska Statewide Workforce Educational Reporting System (NSWERS) Interlocal Agreement.

6. Jeff Scherer, Foundation Board represented, reported that the Foundation Board of Directors conducted their annual meeting on July 23rd with five directors being reappointed and two new directors, Matt Hoelsing and Paula Havranek, being appointed.

The Weller Foundation presented an overview of their Foundation, their history, and the need to become a subsidiary of the Northeast Community College Foundation. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been executed between the Weller Foundation and the Northeast Community College Foundation. As of July 1, 2019, the Northeast Foundation will, approve all Weller Foundation action items, including invoices, scholarships, board members, etc.

Upcoming events include the Nexus Campaign kick off event on August 22nd and the Achievement Awards on October 10th.

7. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 11:11 a.m.