

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 9, 2020

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Del Ames, Chairperson	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	ABSENT
Nicole Sedlacek	PRESENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

**STAFF**

Dr. Leah Barrett  
John Blaylock  
Dr. Michele Gill  
Amanda Nipp  
Dr. Karen Severson  
Eric Johnson  
Dr. Tracy Kruse  
Jim Curry  
Brenda Sock  
Diane Reikofski  
Mary Honke  
Dr. Wade Herley  
Stacy Dieckman  
Lori Trowbridge

**GUESTS**

Mike Flood

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

Donovan Ellis	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT

**MINUTES**

1. Del Ames, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee convened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. in Suite G of the Lifelong Learning Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting as distributed.
3. Mike Flood provided an overview of the Northeast Nebraska Growing Together project.
4. Dr. Tracy Kruse reported that this is the second year of the biennium so bills that were introduced last year remain and additional new bills are introduced this year. With this being a short session, the Legislature will recess in April.

Steve Anderson reported that he and Gene Willers, Northeast's representatives on the Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Board of Directors will meet with Greg Adams and the Board of Directors on January 24<sup>th</sup> at which time they will review introduced bills and take a position on each of the bills.

Legislative Day in Lincoln will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Kruse will work to schedule meetings for her and Dr. Barrett to meet with area senators.

5. Dr. Tracy Kruse directed board members to BoardPaq to review the draft Community College National Legislative Summit (NLC) agenda for February 8-12, 2020. While in Washington, Drs. Barrett and Kruse will meet with the C2A3 Consortium. The majority of NLS activities occur Monday through Wednesday, concluding with the annual NCCA

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luncheon with Nebraska officials. Dr. Kruse will also work with Dr. Jim McKenney to schedule visits with congressional offices and various agencies.

Steve Anderson commended Dr. Kruse for her work in getting Northeast into the USDA and other agency offices. Jim McKenney has been of tremendous value in assisting Northeast with making connections in Washington, D.C.

6. On behalf of the Board of Governors, Del Ames extended his appreciation to Mike Flood for his presentation.
7. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 2:16 p.m.