

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, June 14, 2018

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Shirley Petsche, Chairperson	ABSENT
Steve Anderson	PRESENT @ 9:45 a.m.
Terry Nelson	ABSENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen, ex-officio	PRESENT

**STAFF**

Dr. Michael Chipps  
John Blaylock  
Lyle Kathol  
Lynne Koski  
Carla Streff  
Amanda Nipp  
Eric Johnson  
Dr. Tracy Kruse  
Craig Garrett  
Jim Curry  
Diane Reikofski  
Brenda Sock

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

Del Ames	PRESENT
Keith Harvey	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	ABSENT
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT

**MINUTES**

1. Gene Willers, member of the Governance Committee, convened the meeting at 9:34 a.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting as distributed.
3. Three policies related to environmental, health, and safety and security have been combined into BP-3210, Secure College Environment. In addition to the policy, multiple safety plans are in place to implement safety and security. Sioux City Night Patrol also provides 24/7 coverage on campus. Following a brief discussion, a consensus was reached by the Governance Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to accept the SECOND READING and approve revisions to BP-3210, Secure College Environment.
4. A consensus was reached by the Governance Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to accept the SECOND READING and approve the deletion of BP-3220, Environmental Safety and Health. Contents of this policy have been incorporated into BP-3210, Secure College Environment.
5. Dr. Chipps reported that security is present on the Norfolk campus on a 24/7 basis. The numbering of doors on campus facilities is helpful to law enforcement if they are called to campus. Local police and/or respective county sheriffs' patrol extended campus locations and staff have the ability to contact local law enforcement if the need arises.

A consensus was reached by the Governance Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to accept the SECOND READING and approve of the deletion of BP-3240, Firearms, Explosives and Other Lethal Weapons as its contents have been incorporated into BP-3210, Secure College Environment.

6. Craig Garrett reported that BP-7342, Unauthorized Absence is being deleted and replaced with an administrative procedure. The procedure needed to be in place prior to the deletion of the policy.

A consensus was reached by the Governance Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to accept the SECOND READING and approve the deletion of BP-7342, Unauthorized Absence.

7. Revisions to BP-7011, Harassment, include language changes to provide greater clarification on how situations would be addressed. A consensus was reached by the Governance Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to accept the FIRST READING of revisions to BP-7011, Harassment.
8. Review was given to the proposed timeline for the Board of Governors self-evaluation. Results of the self-evaluation will be reviewed during the August Governance Committee meeting. Mr. Petersen encouraged board members to complete the self-evaluation in two parts; rating yourself as a member of the board and then rating the board as a whole.
9. The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2018 Leadership Congress will be held in New York City, October 24-27, 2018. Steve Anderson reported that he attended last year and found it interesting that many of the topics that we have struggled with over the last 20 years are addressed during various sessions of this conference and the sessions dovetail into what we are trying to accomplish at Northeast. Mr. Anderson stated that he will be attending this year's conference and encouraged other members to consider attending. Del Ames expressed his interest in attending as well.

Dr. Chipps reported that Northeast Community College submitted a session proposal and one of the requirements of the proposal is that a board member also serve as a presenter. We should soon learn if our proposal has been accepted.

10. The 2018 Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Annual Meeting will be hosted by Northeast Community College, November 4-6, 2018. Northeast is passionate about doing this well and working in advance. The theme for this year's conference is "College Access and Engagement Creates Student Success". The Annual Meeting will feature national presenters, Rick Torres, National Student Clearinghouse; Lynn Tinchler-Ladner, Phi Theta Kappa; J. Noah Brown, Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), and Dr. Martha Kanter, former Under Secretary of Education and the Executive Director of the College Promise, whom will speak to various college councils during the conference. This will give Nebraska's community college boards an opportunity to think about free college or the College Promise model and determine, as a state, if this is something that they want to further explore.

11. June 28, 2018 was identified as the date for the new board member orientation session. Members of the Governance Committee will participate in the orientation session, along with Dr. Michael Chipps, John Blaylock, and Diane Reikofski.
12. Dr. Chipps stated that as part of the regular review process of policies, there are some board policies that need revisions. A Governance Committee work session will be held immediately following the new board member orientation session on June 28<sup>th</sup> to review several policies. Keith Harvey expressed concern of a single committee considering changes to policy. Any changes suggested during the work session will be brought forth for consideration by the full Board of Governors during the August meeting.
13. The Nebraska State Chamber will host the Federal Legislative Summit on August 9, 2018 which conflicts with the Northeast Board of Governors meeting. With several members of the board and staff indicating their desire to attend the Federal Legislative Summit, a decision was made to change the date of the August Board of Governors meeting to August 15<sup>th</sup>.
14. Steve Anderson reported that the Haskell Ag Lab in Concord survived the University's budget cuts, but they are scaling back their operations. Many of the current employees will be retiring in the next five to ten years and it may be a challenge for the University to find employees who are interested in moving to Concord to conduct the research that has been done in the past. If changes would ever be made at the Haskell Ag Lab, as a proactive measure, Mr. Anderson indicated that there is a group of people that Northeast needs to acquaint themselves with and inform them of what we do at Northeast Community College.
15. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.