



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

1:45-2:30 p.m.

Lifelong Learning Center, Suites F & G

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Donovan Ellis, Chairperson  
Arlan Kuehn  
Terry Nelson  
Nicole Sedlacek  
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Michela Keeler-Strom  
Emily Duncan

THE STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE CAN ONLY RECOMMEND ACTION FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Committee hereby reserves the right to go into executive/closed session pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1410 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

**A G E N D A**

1. Convene meeting
2. Consider approval of Minutes of meeting of June 10, 2021 – (attached pgs. 2-3)
3. Enrollment update – Amanda Nipp
4. Adult Education update – (information only) - Michela Keeler-Strom and Emily Duncan
5. Other - (information only)
6. Adjourn

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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Thursday, June 10, 2021

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| Donovan Ellis, Chairperson | PRESENT              |
| Arlan Kuehn                | ABSENT               |
| Terry Nelson               | PRESENT @ 10:25 a.m. |
| Nicole Sedlacek            | PRESENT              |
| Steve Anderson, ex-officio | PRESENT              |

**STAFF**

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| Dr. Leah Barrett | Chance Lambrecht |
| Scott Gray       | Robert Noonan    |
| Paul Feilmeier   | Bernie Thyen     |
| Amanda Nipp      | Sara Sellin      |
| Dr. Michele Gill | Robb Thomas      |
| Dr. Tracy Kruse  | Mike Zierke      |
| Jim Curry        |                  |
| Diane Reikofski  |                  |
| Corinne Morris   |                  |
| Tara Smydra      |                  |
| Michael Lechner  |                  |
| Brandon Keller   |                  |

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Del Ames       | PRESENT |
| Dirk Petersen  | PRESENT |
| Julie Robinson | ABSENT  |
| Jeff Scherer   | PRESENT |
| Carol Sibbel   | PRESENT |
| Gene Willers   | PRESENT |

**MINUTES**

1. The Student Success Committee was convened at 10:08 a.m. by Donovan Ellis, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, in Room 1108B in the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting as distributed.
3. The program review of the Agriculture programs at Northeast Community College was provide by Corinne Morris and Tara Smydra, Dean and Associate Dean of Agriculture, Math presented the program review for the Agriculture programs with support for the programs being provided by the respective instructor. Dr. Michele Gill reported that collectively, the Agriculture programs at Northeast Community College exceed the threshold established by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) for Student Credit Hour (SCH) of 275 hours and a minimum of ten (10) degrees awarded in a five year time period. Individually, the Precision Agriculture program falls slightly below the CCPE threshold for number of degrees awarded in a five-year period. This program has only been in existence for four years and had good enrollment so there are no concerns with meeting the threshold in the future.

There are fewer acres to raise food to feed the nation so farmers must be more efficient with the acres that are available. Ag faculty continually collaborate to constantly improve the students' education and provide them with a broad base of knowledge. A large number of agriculture students come from family farms or ranch operations and are seeking to return to their operation upon graduation. A significant number of students go to work for employers in the industry while continuing to contribute to their family operations.

**Mission**

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

Faculty members expressed their appreciation to the Board of Governors for approving the construction of the new Ag facilities and keeping our students safe. Instructors are able to teach the theory in the classroom and then take students to the field for the hands-on experience. These experiences have proven to be invaluable.

Support of and the need for the Agriculture programs was confirmed during discussion. A consensus was reached by the members of the Student Success Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to approve the continuation of the Agriculture programs at Northeast Community College for submission to the Nebraska CCPE.

4. Amanda Nipp, Vice President, Student Services, reported that summer enrollment is up 44% or 437 more student compared to summer 2020. Compared to summer 2019 summer enrollment is up 288 students.

Fall enrollments also reflect an increase of 68% compared to 2020 and 24% compared to 2019.

5. Scott Gray advised that the construction report is a written report that is available in the Facilities Committee within BoardPaq. Due to time limitations, the Facilities Committee will not be convened.

Comment was shared that many students cannot afford to attend a four-year or private institution. Students who attend Northeast Community College are not second-class citizens and they deserve the student union opportunities provided in Union 73.

6. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.