

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

May 9, 2019

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Julie Robinson, Chairperson	PRESENT
Del Ames	PRESENT
Donovan Ellis	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

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**MINUTES**

1. Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, convened the meeting at 11:20 a.m. in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting as distributed.
3. Dr. Karen Weidner, Director of Nursing Programs, introduced the Nursing instructors and provided a review of the Nursing program at Northeast Community College. There is a multitude of data that shows there is a great demand for nurses regionally, state-wide, and nationally; the demand for nurses is projected to increase in the years ahead. The projected shortage of nurses is expected to intensify due to an increasing emphasis on preventative care, growing rates of chronic conditions such as diabetes and obesity, and demand for healthcare services from the baby-boom population as they live longer and more active lives.

The Northeast Nursing program remains a strong academic program of study. Annually the program is producing quality graduates for a national shortage of RNs to work in health care both locally and in our 20-county service area.

The Nursing faculty at Northeast believe that having consistent and qualified faculty and time to enact methods for student success is key to a program's success. Recognizing the faculty to student ratios required by the accrediting body, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), account for the program not meeting the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) threshold for SCH/Faculty FTE of 275

**Mission**

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

hours averaged over a five-year period. The programs' graduate production more than meets the average of 10 graduates per academic year.

Discussion included utilization of space in the College of Nursing. Dr. Weidner explained that lab space is especially full in the fall and faculty are utilizing every space in every room. She also explained the multi-dimensional issues that would occur should additional classroom space be added to the facility to increase student numbers, including the need to have an adequate number of clinical sites available in the service area.

Following discussion, a consensus was reached by the Student Success Committee that this is a valuable and viable program of study and will recommend to the Board of Governors to recommend the continuation of the Nursing program at Northeast Community College and to forward for submission to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE).

4. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.