

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 10, 2019

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

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

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Arlan Kuehn	ABSENT
Dirk Petersen	ABSENT
Jeff Scherer	ABSENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT

STAFF

Mary Honke
Steve Schram
John Blaylock
Dr. Michele Gill
Coleen Bressler
Amanda Nipp
Dr. Karen Severson
Eric Johnson
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock

OTHERS

Greg Adams

MINUTES

1. Julie Robinson, Chairperson the Student Success Committee, convened the meeting at 3:08 p.m. in Suite E of the Lifelong Learning Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting as distributed.
3. Mary Honke and John Blaylock reported that Northeast is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and explained the importance of accreditation. HLC is one of six regional accrediting bodies in the United States and accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region, which includes 19 states. Attending a regionally accredited institution is an important consideration for a student to transfer credits to another institution or to pursue admission to graduate programs. Accreditation is also required for Title IV, federal financial aid, and funding.

Northeast Community College participates in the Open Pathway accreditation method. Open Pathways follows a 10-year cycle (2013-23), with a focus on quality assurance and continuous improvement. In years 5-9 institutions are required to create a Quality Initiative. Northeast recently received notification that our Quality Initiative proposal, Capacity Building for Implementing a Guided Pathways Culture and System, was approved and is to be completed in 2019-2021.

Northeast has staff responsible for making sure that we stay on task for accreditation. John Blaylock serves as the Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO), Michela Keeler-Strom is responsible for the development, management, and submission of the Assurance Argument, and manages the Quality Initiative project. Julie Melnick serves as the Accreditation Data

Mission

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

Coordinator. In addition, each year Northeast sends 10-12 individuals to the HLC Annual Meeting so that they gain a better understanding of HLC.

Mary Honke commended John Blaylock, Michela Keeler-Strom, and Julie Melnick for their continued work on accreditation.

4. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.