

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 11, 2021

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Donovan Ellis, Chairperson	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	ABSENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Nicole Sedlacek	PRESENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Dr. Leah Barrett
Scott Gray
Paul Feilmeier
Amanda Nipp
Dr. Michele Gill
Dr. Karen Severson
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski

MINUTES

1. Donovan Ellis, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, convened the meeting at 2:29 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting as distributed.
3. Dual credit enrollment statistics for academic years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 have been banner years for Northeast with 1,346 and 1,726 enrollments respectively. Dual credit courses provide an opportunity for high school students to get a jump to begin obtaining college credit while still enrolled in high school. 28% of the high school seniors taking Northeast dual credit courses matriculated to Northeast in Fall 2019 and 27% matriculated in Fall 2020. Of the students who took Northeast's dual credit courses, the majority came from Northeast's 20-county service area.

Degree matriculation percentages reveal that 35% of 2018-2019 and 27% of 2019-2020 dual credit enrolled students took courses toward an associate of science degree in programs such as pre-professional nursing, pre-vet tech, pre-physical therapy, ag transfer, pre pro-medicine, etc.

Top colleges to which students transfer are Wayne State College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of Nebraska-Kearney, and University of South Dakota. Articulation agreements are in place with each of these institutions.

Mission

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

Northeast Community College's recruitment team is preparing a plan to reach out to high school seniors who are enrolled in dual credit courses but have not enrolled at any college. In addition, Northeast will be studying data to identify reasons why students are not taking dual credit classes to entice them to take advantage of this opportunity. President Barrett added that as the data is studied, we need to understand if barriers are financial, first generation status, etc. As we talk about economic mobility, we know that lower income students are not going to college and we need to give them a pathway to enroll in college by using resources that we have such as stimulus money, Mackenzie Scott gift, other scholarships, etc.

Del Ames inquired about the male/female breakout of dual enrollment students as well as costs. Data will be reviewed, and information brought back to the Board of Governors over the next few months.

4. Discussions continue regarding the COVID-19 vaccination plan. A majority of Northeast employees have indicated that they have received or will receive the vaccination. Fall 2021 planning includes a return to full campus operations with face-to-face classes. Facemasks will remain a requirement for in-person classes. Residence life is anticipated to be at or near full capacity.

All athletic events are occurring this spring. Northeast is a member of the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference (ICCAC) who voted to allow each athlete to have four guests at each sporting event. Attendance at sporting events will be revoked on March 1st.

Del Ames inquired about commencement and Amanda Nipp reported that discussions are currently being held by members of the Commencement Workgroup to review various options for providing a safe, face-to-face commencement ceremony.

Steve Anderson inquired if the student population in residence life would be required to have the vaccination. Ms. Nipp reported that one of the challenges with requiring the vaccination is that it is still considered an experimental vaccine. Another issue is that if we do require the vaccination, we are unsure if students would receive the vaccination prior to moving into the residence halls. On-campus housing requires certain vaccinations and a statement has been added that additional vaccinations may be required due to Covid.

5. Northeast Community College will be fully operational in the fall with face-to-face classes. Residence life will be back to 100% occupancy. Plans are in place in case we need to provide quarantine facilities.

On March 8th, 225 employees received the Covid vaccination. Employees who were not available on Monday were able to contact the Human Resources office and they worked with employees to receive their vaccination in another way.

Details are being worked out to provide multiple commencement ceremonies in May.

6. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.