

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 10, 2021

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

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

STAFF

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

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

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

Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Corinne Morris
Tara Smydra
Michael Lechner
Brandon Keller

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 provided by Corinne Morris and Tara Smydra, Dean and Associate Dean of Agriculture, Math, and Science, 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 students 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 BoardPac. 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.