

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 15, 2015

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Arlan Kuehn, Chairperson	PRESENT
Steve Anderson	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Shirley Petsche	PRESENT
John W. Davies, ex-officio	PRESENT

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

Keith E. Harvey	ABSENT
Terry F. Nelson	PRESENT
Don Oelsligle	PRESENT
Larry W. Poessnecker	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Gene L. Willers	PRESENT

**STAFF**

Dr. Michael Chipps  
Mary Honke  
John Blaylock  
Lynne Koski  
Dr. Karen Severson  
Derek Bierman  
Dr. Tracy Kruse  
Eric Johnson  
Jen Greve  
Diane Reikofski  
John Robertson

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was convened at 1:07 p.m., in Suite G of the Lifelong Learning Center, by Arlan Kuehn, Chairperson of the External Relations Committee.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the December 11, 2014 meeting.
3. Dr. Tracy Kruse provided a summary of legislative bills of interest to Nebraska's community colleges. She will continue to provide status updates and hearing dates for the bills of interest.

Senator Jim Scheer has introduced LB 56 for the transfer of the Norfolk Regional Center property to Northeast Community College for use as a technology park. LB 57 has also been introduced by Senator Scheer for funds needed for demolition and clean up the Regional Center property if the land is not transferred to Northeast Community College.

Discussion was held regarding opportunities for Northeast to be involved with creating options for a technology/innovation park on the Regional Center property. Board members expressed support for Dr. Chipps to continue to discuss with Senator Scheer possible acquisition of the Regional Center property.

4. Dr. Tracy Kruse reported that she continues to work on scheduling visits with senators and congressmen while she, Dr. Chipps, Steve Anderson, Don Oelsligle, John W. Davies, and Arlan Kuehn are in Washington, D.C. for the upcoming National Legislative Summit. A copy of the schedule of visits with congressional offices arranged by the Nebraska Community College Association will be distributed to attendees when it is received.

5. Dr. Kruse provided a handout of talking points regarding the Obama's America College Promise proposal
6. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.