

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Arlan Kuehn, Chairperson	ABSENT
Steve Anderson	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Shirley Petsche	PRESENT
Gene W. Willers, ex-officio	PRESENT

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

John W. Davies	ABSENT
Keith E. Harvey	PRESENT
Terry F. Nelson	ABSENT
Don Oelsligle	ABSENT
Larry W. Poessnecker	ABSENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT

STAFF

Dr. Michael Chipps
Mary Honke
John Blaylock
Lynne Koski
Amanda Nipp
Derek Bierman
Eric Johnson
Dr. Tracy Kruse
Craig Garrett
Jim Curry
Diane Reikofski
Brenda Sock

OTHERS

Dennis Baack

MINUTES

1. The meeting was convened at 2:54 p.m., in Room 100B of the Maclay Building, by Steve Anderson, member of the External Relations Committee.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting.
3. A hearing on LR 152, focused on some of the municipal economic development tools, including LB840 and how those funds can be used. While the senators were on campus, Dr. Kruse made use of their time and provided them with a tour and overview of the Northeast campus. She also continues to work on LB 231, a legislative bill that would provide training incentives for new and expanding business.

Dr. Kruse was recently in Washington, DC, participating in the Federal Funding Taskforce, and had the opportunity to visit with various funding agencies.

4. Dennis Baack, Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) Executive Director, reviewed the history of the Nebraska community college funding formula.

Mr. Baack stressed the importance of the community colleges being united in developing a new funding formula. He reported that discussion has been very positive as the community college chief executive officers continue to work on the funding formula and he is confident that if they can come to consensus, that Metro Community College may rejoin NCCA.

5. The quarterly Foundation update was provided by Dr. Tracy Kruse who reported the following from their October 20th meeting:
 - The Foundation's audited financial statement was reviewed, with no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

- Eldon Peters received the Director Emeritus distinction by a unanimous vote. Mr. Peters, along with Jerry Petersen and Don Smejkal, will receive the award at this evening's Achievement Awards event for their long-standing service and commitment to the College.
 - The Foundation received a new planned gift over the last quarter valued at over \$300,000.
 - Board committees met and continue to move forward on various awareness, fundraising, and donor prospecting projects.
6. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.