

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Anderson, Chairperson	PRESENT
Don Oelsigle	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	ABSENT
Larry W. Poessnecker	PRESENT
Shirley J. Petsche, ex-officio	PRESENT

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Keith E. Harvey	PRESENT
Arlan W. Kuehn	PRESENT
Dr. Terry F. Nelson	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Jeffrey M. Scherer	PRESENT
Gene L. Willers	PRESENT

STAFF

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

MINUTES

1. Steve Anderson, External Relations Committee Chairperson, convened the meeting at 2:28 p.m., in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting.
3. Dr. Michael Chipps, Dr. Tracy Kruse, Steve Anderson, Shirley Petsche, and Gene L. Willers attended the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, February 8-11, 2016. Meetings were held on Monday with several federal agencies, National Legislative Summit activities on Tuesday, and participation in the Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) Day on Wednesday. On Thursday, Dr. Kruse made arrangements for the Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) luncheon to be held in the Capitol Visitor Center. Board members expressed their appreciation for this organized meeting for all NCCA participants to meet with the congressmen and senators at one time as opposed to trying to schedule individual meetings in individual offices.

Dr. Michael Chipps will testify on Thursday, February 18th, in opposition of LR390CA, a proposed constitutional amendment which would provide that the Legislature only fund community colleges with sales and income taxes, and shall not provide any community college funding with property tax revenue.

Dr. Chipps will also be testifying on LB1104, regarding a change in provisions relating to the distribution of property taxes as it pertains to tribally controlled community colleges located within a community college area.

4. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.