

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 14, 2016

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Anderson, Chairperson	PRESENT @ 9:41 a.m.
Don Oelsligle	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
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	ABSENT
Jeffrey M. Scherer	ABSENT
Gene L. Willers	ABSENT

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. Don Oelsligle, member of the External Relations Committee, convened the meeting at 9:40 a.m., in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting.
3. Dr. Michael Chipps reported that he has made a number of trips to Lincoln to testify or attend legislative hearings and stated that he has concerns with keeping the Legislature informed.

During discussion, board members expressed the need to provide some serious education to members of the legislature about Nebraska's community colleges. Discussion included methods to educate the general public about community colleges.

Dennis Baack has resigned as the Nebraska Community College (NCCA) Executive Director and the process will soon begin to select his replacement. Don Oelsligle suggested that consideration also be given to having a full-time Northeast lobbyist in Lincoln. Lobbyist discussion will be added to the 2016 Board of Governors Retreat agenda.

Dr. Tracy Kruse reported that an updated legislative bill grid is available for review in BoardPac and provided a reminder that the legislative session will come to a close on April 20th.

4. In other business, Dirk Petersen invited board members and administrators to attend the OCT Pipe groundbreaking ceremony. The event for the new facility will be held on April 28th, 2:30 p.m.
5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.