

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 12, 2015

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

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Terri Heggemeyer
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MINUTES

1. The meeting was convened at 10:04 a.m., in Room 1108B of the College Welcome Center, by Julie Robinson, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting.
3. Amanda Nipp, Dean of Enrollment Management, reviewed the Northeast Community College Annual Enrollment and Retention Report. Highlights include Northeast has increased the number of students who enroll directly out of high school within our service area by 12% over the previous year. While the number of high school graduates continues to decrease in our 20-county service area, Northeast has increased its market share of these students. Northeast has increased the number of high school graduates matriculating to 759 in the fall of 2014, which is an increase of 74 students above 2013.

The number of high school students enrolling on Northeast's dual credit courses increased 36%, or 270 students, from the previous year to an all-time high of 1,022 students.

The retention rate for our first-time, full-time freshman credit students who enrolled in fall 2013 and returned in fall 2014 is 66%.

Northeast graduated its largest class to date during the May 2014 graduation ceremony with 858 graduates and 878 degrees awarded. Northeast's 2010 cohort graduation rate of 43% places Northeast well above the average for Nebraska community colleges, which is at 28.1%.

Board members acknowledged the professional and succinct Annual Enrollment and Retention Report that was provided.

4. Terri Heggemeyer, Director of Career Services, presented the 2014 Graduate Employment Report. Data reveals that 99% of the 2014 graduates are employed or are continuing their education, 83% are employed in a field related to their program of study, 88% are employed in Nebraska, and 60% of the 2014 Northeast graduates are employed in our 20-county service area.

Other services provided by the Career Services Office includes providing assistance to students with writing and completing resumes, applications, and cover letters, providing one-on-one advisement as students conduct their job search, conducting mock interviews, etc.

The Career Services Office will host the 2015 Spring Job Fair on Wednesday, March 18th, with 90 employers registered.

Mr. Harvey suggested that the report include wage data for all programs, noting the external sources used if students do not self-report wage information.

Board members commended Ms. Heggemeyer for the excellent and professional report, noting that this report does not happen by accident; it is a result of the hard and dedicated work of employees. Mrs. Robinson stated that this report also serves as an excellent marketing tool.

5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.