

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, July 9, 2015

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Julie Robinson, Chairperson	ABSENT
John W. Davies	PRESENT
Don Oelsligle	PRESENT
Larry W. Poessnecker	ABSENT
Gene L. Willers, ex-officio	ABSENT

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS**

Steve Anderson	PRESENT
Keith E. Harvey	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	ABSENT
Terry F. Nelson	PRESENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Shirley Petsche	PRESENT

**STAFF**

Dr. Michael Chipps  
Mary Honke  
John Blaylock  
Lynne Koski  
Dr. Karen Severson  
Mike Auten  
Eric Johnson  
Dr. Tracy Kruse  
Craig Garrett  
Jim Curry  
Diane Reikofski

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was convened at 12:49 p.m., in Suite G of the Lifelong Learning Center, by Don Oelsligle, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting.
3. John Blaylock, Vice President of Educational Services, reported that the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) requires programs of study to have a comprehensive review every seven years. Lyle Kathol, Shanelle Grudzinski, and John Knapp provided the review of the Welding program.

Welding processes are widely used in construction projects and in manufacturing facilities all over the world. The processes require precision, dexterity, and an understanding of metals. The Northeast Welding program focuses on the major welding and cutting processes, which include Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW), Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW), Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW), and Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW). The program also addresses safety, print reading, and math. The welding coursework helps in the development of quality welds in all position on plate and pipe. Successful completion of the course gives the student the technical information required for entry level employment. Classrooms used for training in both Norfolk and South Sioux City are modern and contain the latest teaching technologies.

Following discussion, a consensus was reached by the Student Success Committee that the Welding program is a strong and viable program that is meeting the needs of employers across the region and state and also exceeds the thresholds established by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and will recommend to the Board of Governors to approve continuation of the Welding program at Northeast Community College to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

4. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.