

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 14, 2016

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

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

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Anderson	PRESENT
Keith E. Harvey	PRESENT
Arlan Kuehn	PRESENT
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Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Shirley Petsche	PRESENT

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

OTHERS

Scott Gray
Jeffrey Scherer

MINUTES

1. The meeting was convened at 1:20 p.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 December 10, 2015 meeting.
3. Stacy Dieckman, Director of Financial Aid, provided an update on financial aid as it relates to Vision 2020 and the Board of Governors goal of 'Increase student success and access'. The Northeast Community College Financial Aid Office awarded \$15,847,770 in federal, state, institutional and private aid during the 2014-2015 academic year. During the 2014-2015 academic year, 67% of the Northeast student population received federal financial aid.
4. An update on Vision 2020 and the Board of Governors goal of 'Provide a globally competitive workforce' was provided by Dr. Michael Chipps and Dr. Tracy Kruse. Northeast Community College's ten agriculture and agriculture-related programs graduate more students in these programs than any other two-year college in the state and understands its responsibility to grow and sustain an industry that is connected to one of every four jobs in Nebraska. Review was given to the development of a Center for Excellence, along with site planning, educational programming, applied research and partnerships.

Following legislative intent and the new Board mission and goals, the Center of Excellence for Agriculture, Water, and Energy is on a journey to provide educational opportunities for the 21st century farmer and rancher scientists of Northeast Nebraska and beyond.

5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.