

WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PROPOSED AGENDA

- A. Call to Order, Ms. Walworth
- B. Roll Call
- C. Community Comments
- D. Board Chairperson Comments
  - 1) Copy of Nebraska Open Meetings Act available at Back of Room
- E. Consent Calendar
  - 1) Review Contents of Consent Calendar
    - a) Agenda
    - b) Excuse Absent Board Member(s)
    - c) Minutes
      - 1) Regular Meeting, February 15, 2017
    - d) Claims
      - 1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - \$2,627,101.43
      - 2) WCCA Restricted Fund - \$40,745.80
      - 3) WCCA Federal Fund - \$1,719.50
      - 4) WCCA Agency Fund - \$16,160.00
      - 5) WCCA Loan Fund - \$ -0-
      - 6) WCCA Plant Fund - \$1,500.00
      - 7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - \$117,221.15
    - e) City Planning Commission Reports
    - f) Reports and Proposals
      - 1) From the Students
      - 2) From the Faculty
      - 3) From the Administration
      - 4) From the Board

REGULAR MEETING

March 15, 2017

12:00 P.M. - LUNCH

Conference Room  
Pioneer Activity Center  
Western Nebraska Community College  
Scottsbluff Campus  
1409 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

1:00 P.M. - REGULAR MEETING

Boardroom  
Western Nebraska Community College  
Scottsbluff Campus  
1601 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

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E. Consent Calendar – Cont.

- 2) Approval of Consent Calendar
- 3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Consent Calendar

F. Bid Consent Calendar

- 1) Review Contents of Bid Consent Calendar - None
- 2) Approval of Bid Consent Calendar
- 3) Consideration of Items Extracted From Bid Consent Calendar

G. Personnel Consent Calendar

- 1) Review Contents of Personnel Consent Calendar
  - a) Resignation(s):
    - 1) Mr. David E. Groshans, Vice President of Human Resources and Institutional Development
    - 2) Dr. Guy Wylie, Social Science Instructor
  - b) Appointment(s): - None
- 2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar
- 3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

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(Handout)

H. Western Community College Area Board of Governors – Ms. Walworth

- 1) Informal Meeting
  - a) Planning Session
  - b) May 16, 2017,???? p.m. and May 17, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
  - c) Fairfield Inn & Suites
- 2) Consider Request for Sale and Use of Alcohol Beverages at College Sponsored Event(s)
  - a) WNCC Foundation Visionaries Reception – March 25, 2017

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I. Report and Recommendations from Board Policy Committee – Ms. Klemke

- 1) Policy #410.0250.17 – Employment of Family Members (Nepotism) (Handout)
- 2) Policy #830.0200.17 – Special Meetings (Pages 5b – 5c)

J. Report and Recommendations from ad hoc Committee to Name Facilities

K. Monitoring Reports

- 1) 2015 – 2016 Graduate Placement Report – Dr. Rivera (Handout)
- 2) 2017 Legislative Update – Dr. Holcomb
- 3) Nebraska Community College Association – Dr. Gramberg, Dr. Perkins
- 4) Association of Community College Trustees – Dr. Perkins, Dr. Holcomb
  - a) 2017 National Legislative Summit, February 13 – 16, 2017

L. Board Member Comments

M. President's Comments

N. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 1) Nebraska Community College Association
  - a) 2017 Regular Meetings
    - 1) Second Quarter Meeting
      - A) May 1, 2017
      - B) Lincoln, Nebraska
    - 2) Third Quarter Meeting
      - A) August 14, 2017
      - B) Lincoln, Nebraska
    - 3) Fourth Quarter (Annual Meeting)
      - A) November 6 and 7, 2017
      - B) McCook, Nebraska

N. Upcoming Meetings and Events – Cont.

2) Association of Community College Trustees

- a) 2017 Annual Leadership Congress
  - 1) September 25 – 28, 2017
  - 2) The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas
  - 3) Las Vegas, Nevada

O. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 115 and 116,  
Western Nebraska Community College, Sidney Campus, 371 College Drive, Sidney, NE.

P. Adjournment

MISSION STATEMENT:

*“WNCC assures learning opportunities for all – enriching lives, invigorating communities, creating futures”*

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

TIME AND PLACE ROLL CALL NOTICE OF MEETING	A regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors was held at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27 <sup>th</sup> Street, in the City of Scottsbluff, in the County of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, as per the publicized notice in the <u>Star-Herald</u> , on Friday, March 10, 2017, with the following members present: Timothy H. Daniels, Merlyn L. Gramberg, Linda A. Guzman-Gonzales, F. Lynn Klemke, William M. Packard, M. Thomas Perkins, Thomas L. Perlinski, R. J. Savely, Jr., Richard G. Stickney, Julienne K. Walworth, Chairperson. Absent: Kimberly A. Marcy. Student Representatives present: None. Faculty Representatives present: None. College Staff present. Todd R. Holcomb, William D. Knapper, Coral E. Richards, Kimberly J. Dale, Evangeline K. Grant, David E. Groshans, Paula J. Abbott, Kathy A. Ault, Ellen M. Dillon, Robyn R. Iossi, Jennifer Rogers, Schvalla R. Rivera, Rosie Hernandez. College Attorney present: Philip M. Kelly. A current agenda was available in the College President's office and the Board Secretary's office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.
QUORUM	Ms. Walworth declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.
COMMUNITY COMMENTS	Ms. Walworth asked for comments from the community. Pursuant to Board Policy #830.1000.79, Ms. Walworth reminded community members who wish to make comments that each speaker will be limited to a five minutes presentation. There were no community comments.
BOARD CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS	<p>Ms. Walworth announced that for public information, there is a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act available on the table at the back of the room.</p> <p>Ms. Walworth reported Ms. Marcy notified the Secretary that she would be unable to attend the meeting today because of Personal Health.</p>
CONSENT CALENDAR Review Contents	<p>Ms. Walworth reviewed the contents of the Consent Calendar which include the following item(s):</p> <p>1) Agenda, March 15, 2017</p>

CONSENT CALENDAR  
Review Contents  
Cont.

- 2) Excuse Absent Board Member(s) – Marcy
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- 5) City Planning Commission Reports – Attachment A
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  - b) From the Faculty – Attachment B – B-2
  - c) From the Administration
  - d) From the Board

Ms. Walworth inquired if there were any item(s) on the Consent Calendar which any Board member wished to have removed for separate consideration. There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR  
Approval

Dr. Gramberg moved the Consent Calendar be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Stickney. The vote was, Yes: Daniels, Gramberg, Guzman-Gonzales, Klemke, Packard, Perlinski, Savely, Stickney, Walworth. No: None. Abstain: Perkins. Absent: Marcy. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR  
Consider Items Extracted

There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar.

BID CONSENT CALENDAR  
Review Contents

There were no items on the Bid Consent Calendar.

PERSONNEL CONSENT  
CALENDAR  
Review Contents

Ms. Walworth reviewed the contents of the Personnel Consent Calendar which includes the following resignation(s) and appointment(s):

- 1) Resignation(s):
  - a) Mr. David E. Groshans, Vice President of Human Resources and Institutional Development, effective June 30, 2017.
  - b) Dr. Guy Wylie, Social Science Instructor, effective August 31, 2017.
- 2) Appointment(s): - None

Ms. Walworth inquired if there were any item(s) on the Personnel Consent Calendar which any Board member

PERSONNEL CONSENT  
CALENDAR  
Review Contents  
Cont.

wished to have removed for separate consideration. There were none.

PERSONNEL CONSENT  
CALENDAR  
Approval

Mr. Daniels moved to approve, with trepidation, the Personnel Consent Calendar as presented. Seconded by Ms. Klemke. The vote was, Yes: Gramberg, Guzman-Gonzales, Klemke, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Stickney Daniels, Walworth. No: None. Absent: Marcy. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL CONSENT  
CALENDAR  
Consider Items Extracted

There were no items extracted from the Personnel Consent Calendar.

WESTERN COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE AREA BOARD  
OF GOVERNORS  
Informal Meeting

Ms. Walworth remarked that following last year's Informal meeting for the purpose of a Planning Session, Board members agreed a similar session should be held annually. She suggested a possible date for a planning session is May 16, and 17, 2017, which would coincide with the Regular May 2017 meeting. Ms. Walworth remarked the Fairfield Inn is a convenient location. Ms. Walworth asked for discussion concerning the date, timeframe and location for the Informal meeting.

Ms. Walworth reported some possible topics for discussion during the Informal meeting might include the Strategic Plan, the FY 2018 Budget, Student Success, and a Construction Update. Board members suggested an update on the 2017 Legislative Session. Among the comments from last year's meeting was the need for more time for open Board member discussion and Board feedback. Dr. Holcomb reported there has been some discussion about inviting the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation Board of Directors to the meeting.

Ms. Walworth commented the meeting last year began at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, took a break for dinner, and continued the meeting until about 8:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened in an adjourned session at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. The Regular meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. Board members discussed the time to begin the meeting and suggested 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Daniels moved the Board hold an Informal meeting for the purpose of a planning session beginning at 6:00 p.m.,

WESTERN COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE AREA BOARD  
OF GOVERNORS  
Informal Meeting

on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, and reconvening in an adjourned session 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 17, 2017. He further moved the meeting be held at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 902 Winter Creek Drive, Scottsbluff NE. Seconded by Mr. Savely. The vote was, Yes: Guzman-Gonzales, Klemke, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Stickney, Daniels, Walworth. No: None. Absent: Marcy. Motion carried.

Consider Request for Sale  
and Use of Alcohol  
Beverages at College  
Sponsored Event

Ms. Walworth reported the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation has submitted a Request for the Sale and Use of Alcohol Beverages at a College sponsored event. The event, a Visionaries Reception, will be held at the Gering Civic Center on Saturday, March 5, 2017.

Mr. Savely reminded Board members of the dangers of alcohol consumption. He commented he has a friend who is coping with a situation that is a result of alcohol consumption. Mr. Savely remarked that he will be voting against the approval of such requests.

Ms. Klemke moved the Board approve the request from the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation for the Sale and Use of Alcohol Beverages on March 25, 2017, at the Visionaries Reception. Seconded by Mr. Daniels. The vote was, Yes: Klemke, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Stickney, Daniels, Gramberg, Guzman-Gonzales, Walworth. No: Savely. Absent: Marcy. Motion carried. (A copy of the approved request is attached in the official minute book.)

REPORTS AND RECOM-  
MENDATIONS FROM  
BOARD POLICY  
COMMITTEE  
830.0200.17  
Special Meetings

Ms. Klemke reported the Board Policy Committee met earlier today to consider a re-write to Board Policy #410.0250.17 – Employment of Family Members (Nepotism) and revisions to Board Policy #830.0200.17 – Special Meetings. She asked Mr. Groshans to present the Committee report.

Mr. Groshans reported the proposed policies have been prepared by Legal Counsel. He reported they are being presented today for Board member review and Board action will occur during the April 2017 Board of Governors meeting. Mr. Groshans asked Mr. Kelly to present the policies.

Mr. Kelly reported the current Board policy regarding Special meetings allows a special meeting to be called only upon a resolution. This prohibits the Chair from calling of a



REPORTS AND RECOM-  
MENDATIONS FROM  
BOARD POLICY  
COMMITTEE  
830.0200.17  
Special Meetings  
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Special meeting between Regular Board meetings. Mr. Kelly reported the proposed revision will allow the Chairperson to call a Special meeting upon a motion or resolution approved by the Board or upon the consent of four members of the Board to the Chair, or by the Chair whenever he/she determines such a meeting is necessary.

Mr. Kelly reported an opening statement has been added to Board Policy Section 830.0000.17 – Board Meetings, which states that all Board meetings are subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. It further states that meetings of the Board must be preceded by public notice of the time, place and subject matter of the meeting as set forth in Nebraska State Law and in Board Policy.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Kelly responded that reasonable advanced notice is not defined in statute. He remarked here has been some case law that determined five days was not sufficient notice.

#410.0250.17  
Employment of Family  
Members (Nepotism)

Mr. Kelly reported the Board has had a nepotism policy in place that allows members of the same family to be appointed to College positions. He reported the re-written policy defines family members to include a familial or close relationship with a current College employee. For purposes of the policy a close relationship is considered to exist when there is a committed relationship, romantic relationship or where the benefited individual resides in the same residence. Additionally, family members will not be considered for employment where family members would be employed in the same work group, or where an individual would be employed in a work group, under the supervision of a family member.

Mr. Kelly reported the employment of a family member of any member of the Board shall comply with Board Policy #835.0100.00. Additionally, the proposed policy reserves the right of the Board to waive the policy in accordance with state statute. Additionally, all job applicants shall be required to disclose to Human Relations all family members known to be employed at the College.

In response to a question from the Board concerning whether or not this policy would apply to two individuals who are sharing a residence, Mr. Kelly responded that house mates would not apply under this policy.

REPORTS AND RECOM-  
MENDATIONS FROM ad  
hoc COMMITTEE TO  
NAME FACILITIES

Dr. Packard reported the ad hoc Committee to Name Facilities met earlier today to consider naming opportunities presented and recommended by the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation. He reported the Board has a policy, #235.0100.89, which allows for naming of College facilities.

Dr. Packard reported the Committee also reviewed possible revisions to Board Policy #235.0100.89, and suggested the proposed revisions be forwarded to the Board Policy Committee for consideration.

Dr. Packard referred Board members to the handout materials which contains a letter from the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation that lists suggested naming opportunities. He asked Western Nebraska Community College Foundation Executive Director, Ms. Rogers, to present the naming opportunities information.

Ms. Rogers reported the Foundation recently completed the WNCC Works: Expanding the Possibilities Campaign, which successfully raised more than \$9.6 million to support student success workforce success and community enrichment. She reported that as a part of the campaign, naming opportunities were provided to donors in order to provide recognition for their efforts and generosity.

Ms. Rogers presented the following naming opportunities for Board member consideration: 1) Platte Valley Companies Performing Arts Center; 2) Judy Chaloupka Theater; 3) Oregon Trail Community Foundation Theatre Entrance Plaza; 4) Kelley Bean Company Box Office; 5) Howard P. Olsen, Jr. Student Success Center; 6) Quivey Bay State Foundation Orchestra Pit; 7) First State Bank SMART Classroom (location to be determined at a later date); and 8) Bytes Computer and Network Solutions SMART Classroom (location to be determined at a later date).

Ms. Rogers asked for questions.

In response to a question from the Board, Ms. Rogers responded there may be additional naming opportunities brought forward in the future. Board members commented that the signage for recognizing the names will not be detrimental to the "look" of the College.

REPORTS AND RECOM-  
MENDATIONS FROM ad  
hoc COMMITTEE TO  
NAME FACILITIES  
Cont.

Dr. Packard reported the ad hoc Committee to Name Facilities is recommending the Board approve the naming of facilities as presented.

Mr. Stickney moved the Board approve the recommendation of the ad hoc Committee to Name Facilities to name College facilities as follows: 1) Platte Valley Companies Performing Arts Center; 2) Judy Chaloupka Theater; 3) Oregon Trail Community Foundation Theatre Entrance Plaza; 4) Kelley Bean Company Box Office; 5) Howard P. Olsen, Jr. Student Success Center; 6) Quivey Bay State Foundation Orchestra Pit; 7) First State Bank SMART Classroom (location to be determined at a later date); and 8) Bytes Computer and Network Solutions SMART Classroom (location to be determined at a later date). Seconded by Mr. Daniels. The vote was, Yes: Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Stickney, Daniels, Gramberg, Guzman-Gonzales, Klemke, Walworth. No: None. Absent: Marcy. Motion carried.

RECESS

Ms. Walworth declared a ten minute recess at 1:22 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Ms. Walworth declared the Open meeting in session at 1:31 p.m.

MONITORING REPORTS  
2015 – 2016 Graduate  
Placement Report

Dr. Rivera referred Board members to the handout materials which includes the "Graduate Data Report, 2016." Dr. Rivera commented the 2015 – 2016 Graduate Placement Report reflects graduates from August 2015, December 2015 and May 2016. A total of 262 students received awards during this time period. She reported that all graduating students receive a Graduate Placement Survey as a part of their graduation packet. The graduates are asked to complete the survey and return it to the College. The surveys are used in preparation of the Graduation Placement Report, which also involved extensive follow-up with graduates.

Dr. Rivera reported 244 (93.13 percent) of the graduates are working, which is up from 48.31 percent last year. There are 181 (69.08 percent) graduates who are continuing their education. This is an increase from the previous year of 124 graduates. Dr. Rivera reported at the time this report was prepared there were nine graduates looking for work. She reported the College was unable to locate thirty of the graduates compared to six from the previous year.

Dr. Rivera reported 51.7 percent of the graduates who are working are employed in the College service area. Of the

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2015 – 2016 Graduate  
Placement Report  
Cont.

remaining working graduates, 34.69 percent are employed outside of the College service area; but, within the State of Nebraska, and 13.61 percent are employed outside of the State of Nebraska. There are no graduates working outside of the country. She reported the graduates who are working out of-state are located primarily in Colorado and Wyoming with South Dakota third and Kentucky fourth.

Dr. Rivera reviewed the Summary of Awards. Thirty-nine percent of the graduates received an Association of Arts degree, followed by 19 percent receiving an Associate of Science degree, 10 percent a diploma and 9 percent an Associate Degree in Nursing. Seven percent of the graduates received an Associate of Applied Science degree, and seven percent received an Associate of Occupational Studies degree. There were 14 (5 percent) certificates awarded

Dr. Rivera reported of the 72 graduates who are continuing their education, in the College service area - 47.47 percent are attending Chadron State College, 12.12 percent are attending the University of Nebraska Medical Center/Scottsbluff, 10 percent are attending the College, and 3 percent are attending Regional West School of Radiologic Technology. She reported 26 (26.26 percent) of the graduates are continuing their education within the State of Nebraska. The top six states for out-of-state transfers include Colorado, Utah, Florida, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. Dr. Rivera commented these figures do not include online learners, unreachable students or non-responses.

Dr. Rivera remarked the graduates make Nebraska better as 86.30 percent of them remain within the State. She commented there are new opportunities to increase enrollment and graduation rates that include additional partnerships with hospitals, schools and correctional facilities, transfer agreements for seamless transfer, and recruiting, retaining and training a diverse student population.

In response to a question from the Board, Ms. Grant responded the College faculty does a very good job of advising students, paying close attention to financial aid so all eligibility is not used at the College.

In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Holcomb responded that the panhandle of Nebraska has a shortage

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2015 – 2016 Graduate  
Placement Report  
Cont.

or workers. He remarked when the economy is better students tend to enter the workforce rather than continue their education, as there are more jobs are available.

Ms. Walworth thanked Dr. Rivera for the report, which contained lots of good information

MONITORING REPORTS  
2017 Legislative Update

Dr. Holcomb reported there are at least forty-two legislative bills involving community colleges that have been introduced in the 2017 Legislative Session. Dr. Holcomb reported the Nebraska Community College Association Board of Directors met in late January 2017, reviewed all of the bills and took a position on each one. A list of the 2017 Legislative Bills that involves community colleges was presented at the February 2017 Board of Governors meeting. Dr. Holcomb remarked Mr. Greg Adams, Executive Director, is doing a yeoman's job of keeping track of the bills and communicating information about them to the Association Board members and College Presidents. Dr. Holcomb remarked that he would forward Mr. Adams' email updates to any Board member who would like to receive this information.

Dr. Holcomb commented because the legislature spent a great deal of time during the first thirty days discussing the debate rules, much of the early debate time was lost. Because of this, only those bills that have been designated as a priority bill will be debated by the full legislature.

Dr. Holcomb reported LB 376, which would donate some property to Northeast Community College has been prioritized by Speaker Scheer.

LB 338 was introduced and has been prioritized by Senator Brasch. This bill, which is still in committee, would change the method of valuing agricultural land by assessing the land based on its capacity to produce income rather than on sales.

LB 432 has been prioritized by Senator Erdman. This bill was introduced by Senator Erdman and it takes away the ability for political subdivisions to budget for delinquent taxes. This bill is still in committee.

LB 124, which was introduced by Senator Baker, would increase the probationary period of community college faculty from two to three years. The bill was moved out of committee. However, because of some amendments

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2017 Legislative Update  
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which were being negotiated, it was placed on "Speaker Hold" and it will not be debated this year.

Board members discussed the possible implications of changes in agricultural land valuations would have on political subdivisions. They remarked that Senator Erdman's focus is property tax relief for agricultural land owners.

Dr. Holcomb remarked Senator Stinner, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, is "fighting hard" to keep the community college appropriation for the next biennium at the same level as the current appropriation.

MONITORING REPORTS  
Nebraska Community  
College Association

Dr. Perkins remarked that he would echo Dr. Holcomb's comments concerning how hard Mr. Adams is working to keep track of all the legislative bills and their status as they move through the legislative process.

Dr. Perkins suggested the Board invite Mr. Adams to a Board meeting. Dr. Perkins commented Mr. Adams is making plans for the future of the Association and for the next legislative session.

MONITORING REPORTS  
Association of  
Community College  
Trustees  
2017 National Legislative  
Summit

Dr. Perkins reported that he and Dr. Holcomb attended the 2017 Association of Community College Trustees 2017 National Legislative Summit that was held February 13 through 16, in Washington, DC.

Dr. Perkins the National Legislative Summit was rather interesting, primarily due to the change in administration. He commented that delegates seemed to have many unanswered questions about whether there will be similar support for community college as there has been with the last two administration. While the President has not been clear about the role and functions of community colleges during his tenure, it does appear that there is a growing interest in Congress to support a year round Pell Grant Program.

Dr. Perkins referred Board members to the handout materials which include an outline the legislative priorities for both the Association of Community College Trustees and the American Association of Community Colleges. He commented the priorities are organized in a different fashion. On the right side of the two columns is a quick overview of the text of the various community college priorities.

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Community College  
Trustees  
2017 National Legislative  
Summit  
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Dr. Perkins reported Mr. Chuck Todd was the primary speaker for the Summit. He gave an analysis of the election that was interesting. Ms. Betsy De Vos, newly appointed Education Secretary, was an addition to the Summit agenda. It was Ms. DeVos' first public speech since being appointed as Education Secretary. She noted the values of community colleges in workforce development.

Dr. Perkins reported that during the National Legislative Summit his responsibilities to the Association of Community College Trustees changed to a greater degree as he was elected chair of the Association's Trustee Advisory Committee. This is a yearlong commitment. The Committee is made up of former Association Board members from each of the five Association Regions. During the year, the Committee will meet via conference call and email and a face to face meeting at the Leadership Congress in the fall.

Dr. Perkins reported he attended the first meeting of the Research and Publications Panel. The panel is composed of five community college presidents, the president of Achieving the Dream, Mr. Noah Brown, two who are editors of the project, an analyst, and two trustees. The purpose of the Panel is: a) to try to imagine what community colleges will look like in the future, and as a result of the discussion; b) to select research topics resulting from the discussion; and c) to public the findings. The target audience will be Trustees and College Presidents.

Dr. Perkins reported the Panel spent the better part of two hours brainstorming about the future. Needless to say the discussion was a rather intense and lively one. The Panel will meet again during the 2018 National Legislative Summit and will also communicate by way of conference calls and emails.

Dr. Perkins reported that a study was conducted by the Association of Community College Trustees in collaboration with the Wisconsin Hope Lab. The research report, "Hungry and Homeless" assesses food and housing insecurity among community college students. More than 33,000 students at 70 community colleges in 24 states were surveyed. Of the students surveyed, one in three community college students experienced hunger, and half were housing insecure – and nearly 14 percent were homeless. The study also found that thirty percent of the former foster youth surveyed were homeless. This is the first study to consider foster youth.

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Community College  
Trustees  
2017 National Legislative  
Summit  
Cont.

Dr. Holcomb reported he attended the President's Advisory Committee meeting prior to the Summit. He remarked he is very thankful to have a great Board to work with. He remarked from community college boards have appointed members.

The meeting with Nebraska representatives included a very lively debate with Senator Fischer regarding full Pell Grants.

Dr. Holcomb remarked the National Legislative Summit was most raucous. He commented he never heard so many boos and cheers as there were during this Summit. The Summit had a different "feel" to it – probably representative of the discourse occurring in the country. Dr. Holcomb remarked that Ms. DeVos did a good job with her presentation.

In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Holcomb reported the meeting with the Nebraska Congressmen and Senators was a special luncheon held in the Russell Senate Office Building. It was more informal and quiet setting that provided the Nebraska Delegation to meet with all of the twenty-eight Nebraska community college representatives.

BOARD MEMBER  
COMMENTS

Ms. Walworth asked for Board Member Comments.

Mr. Daniels regrettably announced that he is resigning from his position on the Western Community College Area Board of Governors, the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation Board of Directors and the WNCC/ESU13 Technology Center Board effective May 1, 2017. Mr. Daniels remarked his resignation is not without angst. He and his wife are moving from the area, making him no longer eligible to serve.

Mr. Daniels remarked he hoped his legacy will be that the College gained as much from his as he gained from being a member of the College Board. Mr. Daniels received a standing ovation.

Mr. Stickney reported Ms. Cathy Bornschlegl, Food Service Director, is recovering from a fall that resulted in a serious shoulder injury. On behalf of the Board Mr. Stickney wished her well, and remarked that Board members missed seeing her at lunch.



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Ms. Walworth asked for President's Comments.

Dr. Holcomb remarked the resignation of three long time individuals associated with the College represents a great deal of historical knowledge and a strong commitment to the College.

Dr. Guy Wylie is a terrific faculty member who set a high standard of care for College students – he always put the students first, and served as an excellent role model. Dr. Wylie also served as the Faculty Negotiator for Collective Bargaining. Dr. Holcomb remarked he always appreciated Dr. Wylie keeping him informed about the negotiations process.

Mr. Groshans has provided Dr. Holcomb with wise counsel, and an historical perspective about College matters. Mr. Groshans created a different kind of Human Resources office and always asked "What can I do to help you?"

Mr. Daniels, Dr. Gramberg, Dr. Perkins and Mr. Stickney are the Board members who were on the Board at the time (December 2010) Dr. Holcomb was appointed College President. At that time, the Board instructed Dr. Holcomb to look at the deferred maintenance of the facilities. And to dream about the future of the College. Since that time, the College has conducted a facilities audit and developed a Master Facilities Plan.

Dr. Holcomb reported that tomorrow, March 16, 2017, he will attend a meeting of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The Commission will consider the Program Statement of WNCC/Scottsbluff Campus Main Building Addition and Renovation project. Dr. Holcomb remarked that he expects the Commission to approve the project.

Dr. Holcomb reported he recently met with Dr. Ron Hunter, a member of the Coordinating Commission, about the College's renovation project. Dr. Hunter asked good questions about the project and is supportive of it.

Dr. Holcomb reported that Dr. Hunter is seeking persons from western Nebraska, who might be interested in serving as an at-large member on the Nebraska Postsecondary Education Commission. The members on the Commission are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS  
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Dr. Holcomb reported the Vocal Music program, under the direction of Dr. Imgyu Kang will present the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual "A Gala Evening" at the Gering Civic Center on Friday, March 24, 2017 and Saturday, March 25, 2017. The evening begins with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. The theme will take the audience "Around the World," with familiar songs such as "Maria" from "West Side Story" the "James Bond Theme" and "Africa." The event will also recognize the College's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The College Speech and Debate Team recently qualified two students for the National Forensics Association National Speech Tournament at the Bronco Bash Invitational Speech Tournament, which was hosted by Hastings College on February 25, 2017. Dr. Holcomb extended congratulations to Mr. Sebastian Escudero, a freshman from Misiones, Argentina, who placed second in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Mr. Isaac Sam, a freshman from Dansoman, Ghana, who placed sixth in Persuasive Speaking. Mr. Escudero and Mr. Sam will join Mr. Ethan Sheffield, a freshman from Casper, WY, and Ms. Molly Tamirat, a freshman from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, both of whom who qualified last semester, on a trip to Eau Claire, WI, in April.

Dr. Holcomb invited Board members to attend the send-off of the Women's Basketball Team to the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament on March 17, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. The sendoff will show the College's support for the Lady Cougars who have worked very hard to be named Region IX champions and represent the College at the National Tournament.

Dr. Holcomb reported Leadership Box Butte County toured the Alliance Campus on February 21, 2017.

On Tuesday, March 7, 2017 the Alliance Campus held a "Welcome Home" ceremony in honor of Staff Sergeant Jennifer Jensen, a Licensed Practical Nursing student, who was deployed to Qatar, with the Wyoming Air National Guard on Monday, July 25, 2016. In honor of Ms. Jensen's deployment, a Deployment Flag was hung in the Alliance Campus office in July, and was taken down on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, upon her arrival home.

Dr. Holcomb reported Mr. Jerry Lucas presented the Alliance Campus with his poster "The Last Retreat" and spoke about the meaning behind his poem. Mr. Lucas wrote the poem in memoriam of fallen soldiers.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS  
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The Sidney Campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter held an induction ceremony on February 21, 2017. There were nine inductees. Dr. Holcomb thanked Mr. Savely for attending the ceremony.

On March 13, 2017, the Sidney Campus hosted the annual Sophomore Career Conference. Schools that participated in the conference were Sidney, Leyton, Kimball, Garden County and Creek Valley.

Dr. Holcomb announced that Dr. Perkins is hosting a tree planting ceremony on Friday, March 24, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., to honor the memory of his wife, Cara. There will be a reception following the ceremony. Ms. Perkins was a strong supporter of the College and was instrumental in the formation of an Alumni Association.

Dr. Holcomb asked for questions. There were none.

UPCOMING MEETINGS  
AND EVENTS

Ms. Walworth reminded Board members of the following upcoming meetings and events.

1) The Nebraska Community College Association 2017 Regular Meetings as follows: a) Second Quarter Meeting, May 1, 2017, in Lincoln, Nebraska; b) Third Quarter Meeting, August 14, 2017, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and c) Fourth Quarter (Annual Meeting), November 6 and 7, 2017, in McCook, Nebraska.

2) The Association of Community College Trustees 2017 Annual Leadership Congress to be held on September 25 – 28, 2017, at The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ms. Richards remarked that registration is now open for this conference. She asked Board members to advise her if they are planning to attend the Congress, so their travel can be approved and registration be submitted. Board members Perlinski, Perkins, Stickney and Walworth indicated they are planning to attend the Congress.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in Rooms 115 and 116 Western

NEXT REGULAR MEETING      Nebraska Community College, Sidney Campus, 371 College Drive, Sidney, Nebraska.  
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ADJOURNMENT                      The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:42 p.m.

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Julienne K. Walworth, Chairperson

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Coral E. Richards, Secretary

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS**

1) Notice of a Public Hearing by the City of Bayard Planning Commission on March 1, 2017, and the Bayard City Council on March 14, 2017, to consider the following:

a) Application for Tax Increment Financing of Lot 2, Block 4, Fifth Addition to South Bayard.

2) Notice of a Public Hearing of the City of Gering Planning Commission on March 21, 2017, and the Gering City Council on March 27, 2017 to consider the following:

a) An Exception/Conditional Use application to construct a cell tower on the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 21 North, Range 55 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. Except that part deeded to the State of Nebraska in Book 160, at Page 495, records of Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

b) A recommendation/report to consider a rezone for property located on Lot 1, Block 2, Pappas Northwest Addition in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska from Rural Residential Estates (RRE) to Neighborhood Commercial District (BNC), located on the Northwest Corner of Country Club Road and Five Rock Road containing 4.60 acres more or less.

c) A Preliminary and Final Plat of Lob 1, Block 1, Bar-T Subdivision located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 55 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Scottsbluff County, Nebraska located on the West side of 21th Avenue North the Union Pacific Railroad, containing 3.02 acres, more or less and to consider a rezoning said subdivision from AGG (General Agricultural District) to AEDS (Agricultural Estate Dwelling Site).

March, 2017

## **Board of Governors Faculty Report March 2017**

**Rex Famitangco and William Loring** served as judges for the 2nd Annual Nebraska Panhandle Area Health Education Center (NP- AHEC) and Nebraska Junior Academy of Science (NJAS) Combined Science Fair. Students from across the Panhandle convened in Scottsbluff on Wednesday, March 1 from 9-1 to share over 40 science projects ranging from "Antiseptic Properties of Aloe Vera", "Fishing Line Strength Test" and "Edible Water Bottles" at the 2nd annual Nebraska Panhandle Area Health Education Center (NP- AHEC) and Nebraska Junior Academy of Science (NJAS) Combined Science Fair.

Students were judged on items including: Scientific Method, communication skills and personal growth by a panel of judges including: Rex Famitangco- WNCC, Larry Gibbs-retired Gering City Council member/Hobby Store owner, Ashley Hansen-Rocky Mountain Bird Conservancy, Katie Juarez- ESU #13, William Loring- WNCC, Dr. Kim Rodehorst- UNMC College of Nursing, and Jana Schwartz- UNL Extension/4-H.

**Lorin King** has secured the use of 17,868 acres of state and private land in Wyoming for paleontological research he is doing. He is doing research in a half dozen areas of the Lance Creek Formation, which is 66 MYA and is late Cretaceous in age and in several areas between Sundance and Moorcroft, which is the Morrison Formation, which is late Jurassic in age and 150 MYA. He is collecting mostly micro fossils in these areas to look at the changes in the biotas of the ecosystems and how they changed between those time frames.

**Tiffany Wasserburger** attended the February meeting of the Nebraska Community College Criminal Justice Educator Association. We are preparing for our presentation at the National Conference for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in March.

**Tiffany Wasserburger** represented WNCC Teacher's Association at the Annual NSEA Legislative Dinner on Wednesday Feb. 22. She had the opportunity to dine with Senator Stinner and discuss the critical role WNCC plays in our community and the Panhandle's economy as well as meeting state-wide educational colleagues and associates of NSEA.

**Tiffany Wasserburger** Isaiah Jaramillo, one of the first students to complete her criminal justice program, has been accepted into the Nebraska State Patrol 58th Basic Recruit Class which started on February 27, 2017. This was his lifelong goal and through the growing Criminal Justice Program at WNCC, we helped him achieve it!

**Aletia Norwood** Representative of the Business division, went to Kearney this week. We have been working with several of the universities to create seamless 2+2 pathways for business and IT. We are working with UNL and UNK.

**Rex F. Famitangco MS, MLS(ASCP)CM QLCCM, MT(AMT)CLC AHI**

**Medical Laboratory Sciences Program Director** | This project is thru the American Society of Clinical Pathology for which I am an active Global Health

Consultant in partnership with the Centers of Disease Control and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). I am grateful to my superiors Dr. Kinsey and Jason for allowing me to impart my knowledge to my fellow laboratorians across the globe.

**Training course title: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quality management system TOT refresher training**

**Time: 13-17 March 2017**

**Venue: Hanoi**

## **1. Scope of work**

One of priorities for QMS program in Vietnam is to standardize a national training curriculum. Currently, several partners such as Vietnam Administration of Medical Services (VAMS), National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE), Pasteur Institute, Hanoi Medical University, University of Medicines and Pharmacy in HCMC (UMP) also provide QMS training for lab technicians in the country. However, each organization develop their own training materials and provide training in different ways. As the consequence, quality of the training also vary from partners to partners. Therefore, CDC together with other partners as such VAMS, Hanoi Medical University has initiative develop national QMS training curriculum which is in line with WHO QMS training package, CLSI and SLTMA training materials. After this workshop, the training materials will be finalized and validated by experience trainers.

This training is the 2<sup>nd</sup> training of the TOT refresher workshops, the training include 30 participants, who are from different organizations

The consultant's responsibilities include as follows:

### **1. Workshop preparation:**

- 1.1. Prepare and revise training material, power point slide, activities' material for assigned sections.

### **2. Lecture and Activities**

Topic 1 What is QC sample and its characteristic and activity (60 min)

Topic 2 Using QC tool Practice (45 min)

### **3. Work as facilitator:**

Facilitate the 5 day workshop together with Vietnamese trainer.

Provide comments/ feedback after other's trainee presentations on teaching methods, content of that sections.

**Robert Thompson** The Theatre program went to The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in January. We took 4 students for the week long festival. James Maag, a theatre major competed in the Irene Ryan National acting competition along with his partner Troy jacobucci. We also brought along Danni Lopez one of our dual credit students from SBH.