

WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PROPOSED AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

June 3, 2010

- A. Call to Order, Ms. Wisniewski
- B. Roll Call
- C. Introduction of Visitors
- 1) Community Comments
- D. Board Chairperson Comments
- 1) Copy of Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available at back of room
- E. Approval of Agenda
- F. Excuse Absent Board Member(s)
- G. Consider Resignation of College President, Dr. Eileen E. Ely
- H. Executive Session – Re: Consider Appointment of Interim College President
- I. Appointment of Interim College President
- J. Consider the Presidential Search Process
- K. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 1:00 p.m., Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
- L. Adjournment

1:00 P.M. – SPECIAL MEETING

Boardroom

Western Nebraska Community College

Scottsbluff Campus

1601 East 27th Street

Scottsbluff, NE

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

TIME AND PLACE ROLL CALL NOTICE OF MEETING	A special meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors was held at 1:03 p.m., on Thursday, June 3, 2010, in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27 th 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 Saturday, May 29, 2010, with the following members present: Jacqueline M. Cervantes-Guzman, Timothy H. Daniels, Merlyn L. Gramberg, L. Paul Leseberg, Dennis W. Miller, Jr. M. Thomas Perkins, Darrell E. Roberts, Jane Wisniewski, Chairperson. Absent: Jack L. Nelson, Jecca R. Ostrander, Richard G. Stickney. Student Representatives present: None. Faculty Representatives present: Guy Wylie, Scottsbluff Campus. College staff present: Eileen E. Ely, Coral E. Richards, David E. Groshans, Terry B. Gaalswyk, Kathryn J. Shirley, Garry R. Alkire, Judith L. Amoo. College Attorney present: Richard A. Douglas. A current agenda was available in the College President's office and Board Secretary's office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.
QUORUM	Ms. Wisniewski declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.
VISITORS	Visitors were: Maunette Loeks, Kevin Mooney, Scottsbluff.
COMMUNITY COMMENTS	Ms. Wisniewski asked for comments from the community. There were none.
BOARD CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS	<p>Ms. Wisniewski thanked the Board members for their time to attend this Special meeting of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>Ms. Wisniewski 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. Wisniewski reported Mr. Nelson notified the Secretary that he would be unable to attend the meeting today because of Personal Business. Ms. Wisniewski reported further Ms. Ostrander advised the Secretary that she would be unable to attend the meeting today because of Personal Business.</p>

BOARD CHAIRPERSON
COMMENTS
Cont

Ms. Wisniewski reported Mr. Stickney notified the Secretary that he would be unable to attend the meeting today because of Personal Business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Wisniewski called for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Mr. Miller moved the Agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Dr. Perkins. The vote was, Yes: Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Perkins, Roberts, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Nelson, Ostrander, Stickney. Motion carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD
MEMBERS

Mr. Daniels moved Board members Nelson, Ostrander and Stickney be excused from the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Cervantes-Guzman. The vote was, Yes: Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Perkins, Roberts, Cervantes-Guzman, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Nelson, Ostrander, Stickney. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESIGNATION
OF COLLEGE PRESIDENT
Dr. Eileen E. Ely

Ms. Wisniewski stated the next order of business was to consider the resignation of Dr. Eileen E. Ely as College President. Ms. Wisniewski referred Board members to the handout materials which include Dr. Ely's official letter of resignation effective June 30, 2010.

Ms. Wisniewski commented she was aware that this resignation was not an easy decision for Dr. Ely. Ms. Wisniewski remarked she understood the tug Dr. Ely was feeling in her life and her career. Ms. Wisniewski commented, as Board Chair, she has appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to work with Dr. Ely. She remarked Dr. Ely will be missed both by the College family and by the community. She called particular attention to Dr. Ely's involvement in economic development.

Board members requested time to read Dr. Ely's letter.

Mr. Miller moved the Board accept the resignation of Dr. Eileen E. Ely as President of Western Nebraska Community College effective June 30, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Daniels. The vote was, Yes: Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Perkins, Roberts, Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Nelson, Ostrander, Stickney. Motion carried.

On behalf of the faculty, Dr. Wylie thanked Dr. Ely for her four years at the College.

CONSIDER RESIGNATION
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Dr. Eileen E. Ely
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Dr. Ely stated there were not enough words to thank the eleven members of the Board of Governors for their support and for the opportunity to gain experience. She remarked it has been "a wonderful ride" and well worth the experience. She stated the Board has been wonderful to work for.

Dr. Gramberg extended a personal thank you to Dr. Ely and remarked that he hoped the experience Dr. Ely gained while at the College would carry her to the top.

Dr. Gramberg commented when key personnel leave an institution, it is important to conduct an Exit Interview. He remarked such an interview provides an opportunity for an exchange of information and two-way communication. Dr. Gramberg remarked that after four years, the Board needs a time to receive feedback from the College President as well as an opportunity to look to the future. He suggested the Board schedule an Exit Interview with Dr. Ely.

Board members discussed whether the Exit Interview should be conducted by the full Board membership or by the Executive Council. Board members agreed it would be appropriate for the Executive Council to conduct the Exit Interview.

Exit Interview with
Dr. Ely

Dr. Perkins moved the Board accept Dr. Gramberg's suggestion to conduct an Exit Interview with Dr. Ely. He further moved that the Executive Council conduct the Exit Interview. Seconded by Mr. Roberts. The vote was, Yes: Leseberg, Miller, Perkins, Roberts, Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Gramberg, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Nelson, Ostrander, Stickney. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Consider Appointment
Of Interim College
President

Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to Section 84-1410 of the Reissue of the Revised Statutes of 2006, known as the Nebraska Public Meetings Law that the Board hold a closed session with Dr. Eileen E. Ely, Ms. Coral E. Richards and Mr. Richard A. Douglas, College Attorney, for the purpose of discussion of the following item: a) Consider Appointment of Interim College President. He further moved that this closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s) and said employees have consented to discussion in closed session. Seconded by Dr. Gramberg. The vote was, Yes: Miller, Perkins, Roberts, Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Nelson, Ostrander,

EXECUTIVE SESSION
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President
Cont

Stickney. Motion carried.

Ms. Wisniewski declared the purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss and consider appointment of an Interim College President.

The Board of Governors and those so named in the motion adjourned to an Executive Session at 1:16 p.m.

Dr. Ely was excused from the Executive Session at 2:07 p.m.

RECESS

Ms. Wisniewski declared the Executive Session in recess at 2:37 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
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President
Cont

Ms. Wisniewski declared the Executive Session reconvened at 2:46 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 3:32 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Ms. Wisniewski declared the Open meeting in session at 3:32 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM
COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Ms. Wisniewski reported the Board has had an exceptionally good and frank discussion, has considered several issues and multiple options, and carefully weighed the pros and cons of each.

Ms. Wisniewski stressed it is a unique time for the College to be searching for a new president. There is a lot at stake including, but not limited to, the uncertainty of funding at the State level, the negotiations between the six community colleges to reach an agreement on a funding formula and what the state community college system should look like. These items are key points in considering a decision. Ms. Wisniewski reported the Board members were thoughtful, analytical and dedicated in approach; however, because of the complexity of the issues and the variety of options a full compliment of Board members is needed to participate in the discussion. Therefore, the appointment of an Interim College President will be tabled until the next Regular meeting to be held on June 16, 2010. At that time, the Board will adjourn to an Executive Session for further discussion and consideration of an appointment.

Ms. Wisniewski reported the Board realizes the appointment of an Interim President is time-sensitive, and regrets that action on the appointment of an Interim President will not

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COLLEGE PRESIDENT Cont	<p>occur for two weeks; however, the Board will not sacrifice a well thought out quality decision for a speedy one.</p> <p>Ms. Wisniewski remarked that it is important for the faculty, administration and staff to understand that the Board members are committed to making sure the decision will be for the benefit of the College. She asked the faculty, administration and staff for patience and support of the Board in this decision.</p>
CONSIDER THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH PROCESS	<p>Ms. Wisniewski reported consideration of the Presidential Search Process will be postponed until the Regular Board meeting to be held on June 16, 2010.</p>
BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS	<p>Ms. Wisniewski asked for Board Member Comments.</p> <p>Mr. Miller stressed the importance of having the entire membership of the Board involved in the discussion and decision to appoint an Interim President, It is also important for the full Board membership discuss the process that will be used to conduct the Presidential Search.</p> <p>Once again, Ms. Wisniewski thanked the Board members for their attendance at this Special meeting.</p>
NEXT REGULAR MEETING	<p>The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:39p.m.</p>

Jane Wisniewski, Chairperson

Coral E. Richards, Secretary