

**WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 17, 2021  
1:05 p.m.

The Western Community College Area Board of Governors held a Regular Board meeting at 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, in the Coral E. Richards Boardroom, at 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 Star-Herald, on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

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.

**AREA BOARD**

Karen S. Anderson, Vice Chair .....	Present
Margaret R. Crouse .....	Present via Zoom
Linda A. Guzman-Gonzales .....	Present
F. Lynne Klemke, Chair .....	Present
Allan D. Kreman.....	Present
Kimberly A. Marcy .....	Present via Zoom
William M. Packard .....	Present
M. Thomas Perkins .....	Present
Coral E. Richards .....	Present via Zoom
R. J. Savely, Jr.....	Present via Zoom
Richard G. Stickney.....	Present via Zoom

**QUORUM**

Chair Klemke declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Chair Klemke asked for comments from the community. Pursuant to Board Policy BP-101, Chair Klemke reminded community members who wish to make comments that each speaker will be limited to a five-minute presentation. There were no public comments.

**BOARD CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS**

Chair Klemke 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.

**OATH OF OFFICE, RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Phil Kelly, Attorney for WNCC, administered the Oath of Office to the following re-elected Board member: Kimberly A. Marcy, District One.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Klemke reviewed the contents of the Amended Consent Calendar, which includes the following items:

1. Agenda
2. Excuse Absent Board Member(s): no absences
3. Amended Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting, January 20, 2021
4. Claims:
  - a. WCCA Unrestricted Fund - \$2,225,623.96
  - b. WCCA Restricted Fund - \$11,595.46
  - c. WCCA Federal Fund - \$1,775.88
  - d. WCCA Agency Fund - \$5,725.64
  - e. WCCA Loan Fund - \$0
  - f. WCCA Plant Fund - \$13,908.50
  - g. WCCA Auxiliary Fund - \$69,970.97
5. City Planning Commission Reports
  - City of Scottsbluff (TIF Project)
  - City of Gering (TIF Project)

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Approval**

Chair Klemke inquired if there were any items on the Consent Calendar which any Board member wished to have extracted for separate consideration. Ms. Anderson requested extraction of the item payable to the Scottsbluff/Gering United Chamber of Commerce for a membership investment in the amount of \$505.00. Ms. Anderson explained that she is the Executive Director of the Scottsbluff/Gering United Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Perkins MOVED to approve the Amended Consent Calendar as presented. SECONDED by Dr. Packard.

**Voting Yes:** Anderson, Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Klemke

**Voting No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Consider Item Extracted**

Ms. Richards MOVED to approve the extracted item payable to the Scottsbluff/Gering United Chamber of Commerce for membership investment, in the amount of \$505.00. SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales.

**Voting Yes:** Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Klemke

**Voting No:** None

**Abstain:** Anderson

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BOARD MEMBER MILEAGE AND/OR EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

Ms. Anderson MOVED to approve the following travel expenses: Ms. F. Lynne Klemke for \$87.36, Mr. Allan Kreman for \$21.84, Dr. M. Thomas Perkins for \$1,182.50 (travel to NCCA meetings). SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales.

**Voting Yes:** Guzman-Gonzales, Marcy, Packard, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Anderson, Crouse

**Voting No:** None

**Abstain:** Klemke, Kreman, Perkins

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BID CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Review of Bid Consent Calendar**

There were no bids.

**PERSONNEL CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Review Contents of Personnel Consent Calendar**

There were no resignations or appointments.

**WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**APPROVAL of Request for Sale and Use of Alcohol Beverages at a College Sponsored Event**

Dr. Simone explained that the WNCC Collegiate Chorale event is scheduled for March 26 and 27, 2021, at the Gering Civic Center. This request is to allow alcohol at the event for the attendees. Profits from the sale of alcohol will be retained by the Gering Civic Center.

Ms. Anderson MOVED to approve the request for Sale and Use of Alcohol Beverages at the WNCC Collegiate Chorale Gala Event on March 26, 2021 and March 27, 2021 at the Gering Civic Center. SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales.

**Voting Yes:** Kreman, Marcy, Perkins, Richards, Stickney, Anderson, Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Klemke

**Voting No:** Savely

**Abstain:** Packard

**Absent:** None

**WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Board Member Standing Committee Appointments**

Chair Klemke referred Board Members to the board packet, which includes a listing of the appointments to the Standing Committees for 2021, and a copy of the Board Policy BP-111, which explains the function of each committee. Chair Klemke remarked that the appointments would become effective with the first Regular meeting in March. Standing

committee appointments are from March to March due to the re-organization of the Board taking place in January. She commented the numbers in parentheses indicate the year a Board member was first appointed to a specific committee.

Dr. Perkins MOVED the Board approve the 2021 Standing Committee appointments.  
SECONDED by Dr. Packard.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

STANDING COMMITTEES  
2021

Audit Committee

Allan Kreman (21)  
Kimberly Marcy (18)  
R.J. Savely, Jr (16)

Finance & Facilities Committee

Karen Anderson (18)  
Allan Kreman (19)  
R.J. Savely, Jr. (17)  
Richard Stickney (18)

Executive Committee

Karen Anderson (19)  
Margaret Crouse (21)  
Linda Guzman-Gonzales (19)  
\*Lynne Klemke (13)  
William Packard (21)

Risk Management Committee

Kimberly Marcy (16)  
Coral Richards (19)  
Richard Stickney (21)

Board Policy Committee

Kimberly Marcy (19)  
Coral Richards (21)  
R. J. Savely, Jr. (21)  
Richard Stickney (21)

Student Success Committee

Margaret Crouse (20)  
Allan Kreman (19)  
William Packard (18)  
R.J. Savely, Jr. (17)

Human Resources Committee

Margaret Crouse (21)  
Linda Guzman-Gonzales (18)  
Coral Richards (19)  
Richard Stickney (19)

Higher Learning Commission Committee

Karen Anderson (19)  
Linda Guzman-Gonzales (19)  
William Packard (19)  
Thomas Perkins (19)

**Voting Yes:** Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Anderson, Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Klemke

**Voting No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference (President's Program) – April 5, 2021**

**Approval of Board Member Participation (F. Lynne Klemke and M. Thomas Perkins)**

Chair Klemke explained that she and Dr. Perkins plan to participate in the HLC Annual Conference, which will be a virtual event on April 5, 2021.

Mr. Kreman MOVED to approve Board member Perkin and Klemke's participation in the 2021 Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference President's Program. SECONDED by Dr. Packard.

**Voting Yes:** Packard, Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Anderson, Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Klemke

**Voting No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Chair Klemke**

Regarding the Board and President Evaluations, Chair Klemke reminded staff and faculty to participate in the evaluation process, which launched on February 10, 2021. She reiterated that comments in this evaluation need to be thoughtful, articulate, and non-libelous. Ms. Anderson offered to have the Scottsbluff-Gering Chamber of Commerce Office set up the evaluations on Survey Monkey. Invitations to complete the survey will be emailed to all Board members. Evaluations need to be completed by February 25, 2021.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE – Dr. Crouse**

**Second and Final Read: BP-560 Student Code of Conduct Board Policy**

**Information Only: PP-560 Student Code of Conduct President's Procedure**

Dr. Crouse reported that she did not receive comments from the Board following the first read of BP-560 Student Code of Conduct policy and PP-560 Student Code of Conduct President's Procedure, so she is assuming there are no changes. Dr. Crouse entertained a motion to approve this policy.

Ms. Richards MOVED to approve BP-560 Student Code of Conduct Board Policy. SECONDED by Mr. Savely.

**Voting Yes:** Perkins, Richards, Savely, Stickney, Anderson, Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Klemke

**Voting No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

### **Approval to Reinstate Suspended Board Policy**

#### **BP-532 On-Campus Residency Requirements for Student Athletes**

Dr. Simone explained this policy was temporarily suspended last summer when there was concern about our housing capacity because of COVID. At that time, the decision was to move to single occupancy in our residence halls. We previously approved a policy that required student athletes to live in student housing; however, with COVID issues, this requirement was unrealistic. Therefore, we decided to suspend this policy and revisit it at a later date.

Mr. Norman Coley, Executive Dean of Student Services, further explained that staff is working toward full occupancy in the fall of 2021. We are hopeful that protective measures will enable us to respond to student's housing needs, as well as provide a quality-learning environment.

Ms. Richards MOVED to approve the reinstatement of BP-532, On-Campus Residency Requirements for Student Athletes, effective for the Fall 2021 Semester. SECONDED by Dr. Packard.

**Voting Yes:** Richards, Savely, Stickney, Anderson, Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Klemke

**Voting No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Ms. Anderson**

### **First Read: BP322 Fundraising Board Policy**

#### **Information Only: PP-322 Fundraising President's Procedure**

Ms. Lynne Koski, Vice President of Administrative Services, explained that this is a new policy to the institution created to coordinate the fundraising and solicitation efforts between the college and student organizations and activities with the Foundation. Ms. Koski has been working closely with Jennifer Reisig, Foundation Executive Director and the Foundation Board and they are supportive of this policy. Ms. Koski pointed out that the definition of *fundraising* has been adjusted and the amended policy has been provided to the Board.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE – Ms. Guzman-Gonzales**

### **First Read: BP-716 Weather Closures Board Policy**

#### **Information Only: PP-716 Weather Closures President's Procedure**

Ms. Koski explained that the existing policy addressed employee compensation due to weather closures. Senior Leadership and the Operations Council determined that it would be best to remove the compensation piece from the policy and add it to a separate policy under Human Resources and make this a policy solely related to closures. The policy has been modified for the Board's review.

Mr. Savely asked if there is a policy regarding closure of the College for reasons other than weather. Ms. Koski responded that there is a policy giving the College President authority to close the institution for emergency reasons.

## **INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS**

### **WNCC Enrollment – Mr. Elkins, Registrar Final, Fall Semester 2020 Ten-Day Enrollment Report, Spring 2021**

Mr. Elkins reported that there has been a lot of movement this past fall, which was the first full semester since the pandemic hit. Online learning has been extremely important during the pandemic.

The Final Fall 2020 Enrollment Report shows a 7.9% total decrease in full-time headcount; a 3.8% total increase in part-time headcount; and a 1.3% total decrease for full-time and part-time enrollment. The total full-time equivalent had a decrease of 0.1%.

Dr. Perkins inquired about efforts to contact students who did not return, to find out the reasons. Mr. Elkins responded that the Advising Center has reached out to students, which is an on-going process. Chair Klemke also asked what efforts we are taking to retain students. Mr. Bill Knapper commented that there are a number of reports that can be provided to the Board explaining the retention efforts of the staff. We participated in the HLC Retention Academy, in the past. Mr. Brian Croft added that the faculty has an attendance alert system regarding absences, tardiness, etc., and this information goes to the Advising Center as well as the student's instructors. Online students are more difficult to track; however, contact hours still need to be recorded.

Dr. Simone added, that based on the Enrollment Report, WNCC has done a very good job regarding retention. Ms. Amy Winters informed the Board that there is an online learning team that addresses concerns and develops strategies for professional training.

Mr. Elkins continued with the Ten-Day Enrollment Report Spring 2021. In comparison to last year, enrollment for full and part-time students decreased by 0.13%, from 1502 to 1500. He noted that with the pandemic, more students are pivoting to online classes. Credit hours have dropped minimally at campus sites. The area in which we have seen a significant decrease is with our International students, mainly because of issues due to COVID.

The Fall 2020 to Spring 2021 Retention Rates are very steady, with the exception of part-time, first-time students where we show a 35.1% retention rate; however, this is a smaller group of students. The total retention for all sites and all students is 74.1%.

The gender and age breakdown has not changed very much, other than a small decrease in full-time male students. The average age of students has increased slightly to 23 for full-time students and 23.5 for part-time students. The biggest population is in the 18-24 age group, with an increase in the 31-40 age group.

The Ethnic Breakdown is a four-year comparison. We have noticed a decrease in the International students, mainly due to COVID concerns. Full-time and part-time totals are: White/Caucasian 63.7%; Native American 2.8%; Hispanic 25.3%; Asian 2.2%; Black 2.8%; Hawaiian 0.1%; International 3.0%.

Mr. Elkins explained the Enrollment Perspective over the past 10 years dropped significantly in 2013, but has remained consistent since then. The total end of semester enrollment projection for full-time and part-time students is 1,549.

The Student Analysis by County Residence report shows students enrolled from all counties in the Nebraska Panhandle. The largest group of students come from Scotts Bluff County and the second largest group is from Out-of-State.

Regarding desired degrees and areas of emphasis, there are 622 total students enrolled in Academic Areas of Emphasis; and 349 students enrolled in Technical Areas of Emphasis.

Chair Klemke thanked Mr. Elkins for his report. A copy of this report is available for public inspection in the College President's office and the Board Secretary's office at Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus.

#### **RECESS**

Chair Klemke declared a recess at 2:32 p.m.

#### **OPEN MEETING**

Ms. Klemke declared the Open Meeting in session at 2:40 p.m.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS, cont.**

Ms. Allison Judy, Public Relations and Marketing Director, shared the Fast Facts Report with the Board. This marketing document is a condensed fact report about WNCC which can be shared with communities and interested citizens. Board members are encouraged to review and report on any changes or additions.

#### **Student Report – Ms. Devany Turner, President of Cougar Council**

Ms. Turner reported on the many activities of the Cougar Council. On Fresh Fruit Friday, fresh fruit is provided to students and helps address food insecurity. Student Organization Allocation events are being planned to provide more COVID safe events. The Executive board is actively participating in the Operations Council, the Renovation Project, the Safety Committee and the Student Recognition Committee. Cougar Council hired Mentalist, Chris Carter who will provide a presentation via Zoom, for the students. They are also encouraging students to utilize the food pantry, if they are experiencing food insecurity.

#### **Faculty Report – Mr. Brian Croft, Ms. Amy Winters**

Mr. Croft commented that the faculty is still working with building remodeling issues. They are excited about the Gala and getting back to some socially distanced events. He reported that the students are doing a good job wearing their masks and staying socially distanced. The faculty is concerned about our student's mental health and possibly the need for a student health center.



Ms. Winters added that the Gala this year will be live streamed and people will be able to get meals to go if they desire.

Ms. Winters announced that Norman Coley has been named PTK Distinguished Advisor, which is a wonderful, well-deserved honor.

### **Nebraska Community College Association – Dr. Perkins**

Dr. Perkins reported that the NCCA met on January 22, 2021, to review and take positions on 28 Legislative Bills and two Legislative Resolutions. Prior to the discussion regarding the Bills, Mr. Greg Adams discussed the procedural changes that have occurred related to hearings and testimony on Bills that have been introduced.

Since COVID-19 has created a number of uncertainties, the Legislature has decided to start hearings at 9:30 a.m. and continue through the afternoons and into the evening, if needed. An important concern is the possibility that the virus might spike again and the Legislature may have to recess until it is safe to return.

### **Association of Community College Trustees – Dr. Perkins**

The ACCT Advisory Committee met February 4, 2021 with Noah Brown, CEO, and Andrew Laine, ACCT Counsel. Topics included a discussion on how each of the colleges were dealing with the pandemic. Committee members indicated that enrollment was down, with the worst decline at a college reporting 18%. Other changes due to the virus included online learning and difficulties that students and faculty were experiencing.

The topic receiving the most attention was Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Of concern was the fact that minority students had limited access to college before the Pandemic, and the situation is worse because of the pandemic. Some of the reasons included lack of funds and lack of access to online classes because they either do not have computers or access to broadband.

Mr. Brown informed them that ACCT had developed an Equity Action Agenda and found it to be useful, but found that Boards wanted to know the steps to take to promote DEI. A checklist has been developed, along with workshops and retreats for Trustees.

The Committee reviewed its membership and noted that while it was a diverse group, its makeup was mainly men, so they are actively recruiting a woman to fill the vacancy.

### **Western Nebraska Community College Foundation – Ms. Anderson**

Ms. Jennifer Reisig, Foundation Executive Director, reported that the Foundation would participate with faculty and staff to provide awareness activities and show their appreciation. The Foundation will participate with WyoBraska Gives Day on May 4, 2021 and a WNCC Foundation Giving Page will be developed.

The financials are complete for the 2020 Monument Marathon, which shows a profit of \$49,025.76, the third highest amount raised so far. This result is a huge public testament to community support during the pandemic this year.

### **Faculty Continuing Contracts – Dr. Simone/Dr. Wilson**

Dr. Simone along with Dr. Grant Wilson, Vice President for Educational Services as of June 1, 2021, reported that the following faculty have been granted Continuing Contracts for next year:

Kenneth Boston –Emergency Medical Services  
Jordan Colwell – Nursing  
Francesca Mintowt-Czyz – Theatre Arts  
Jennifer Seiler – Nursing  
Erandi Gunapala – Math

In addition, Dr. Simone announced that Ms. Becky Kautz, Nursing Instructor, is a recipient of the AACC Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty designation. This designation was established to recognize individuals making a difference in the classroom. Recognition for this award is scheduled May 20, 2021 via AACC Digital.

### **PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

Dr. Simone thanked the Board for the opportunity to share news of the Faculty Continuing Contracts. She stated that it is times like these that remind her of our mission and recognitions like these refocus us on what is truly important – that is our people. Nothing is more mission-critical than serving our students and that takes a dedicated faculty. She thanked Dr. Grant Wilson for joining the meeting for the recognition.

Dr. Simone continued reporting that yesterday; the Community College Presidents converged on Lincoln to present budget requests to the Appropriations Committee. There seemed to be agreement with the requested two percent increase in our general fund appropriation, but we are also seeking a special allocation to support dual credit programming. Last year, we received \$1 million and we would like an additional \$1 million this year. Committee Chairman, Senator Stinner was most gracious as we spoke to our needs, especially around dual credit funding.

Our Diesel, Truck and Heavy Equipment program received approval from the Higher Learning Commission a few weeks ago. Now, the last step for this new program is review by the Department of Education for financial aid approval, which, of course, is significant for our students. We are waiting for recertification of our entire slate of programs right now and our Financial Aid Director, Sheila Johns, is in constant communication with the Kansas City Office. As soon as they allow us to proceed, we will, and in the meantime, we are grateful for their guidance.

Dr. Simone shared that she and Dean Charlie Gregory visited with Mark Gillam and Mark Felker from Floyd's Trucking a few weeks ago. She added that they are big supporters of our efforts with the Diesel program. They are assisting with curriculum refinement and equipment verification. They understand the importance of finding the right instructor to lead this program. We will begin this search in just a few weeks and we will be relying on our partners throughout the process. It was nice to talk with them about the new high school diesel course happening at Aulick Industries. We are hoping to retain and enroll these eleven high school

students into our new college-level program this fall, but at the same time, we are also looking for some additional students for our inaugural class.

Dr. Simone reported that the latest COVID dashboard number stands at two students. With that, and at the request of our faculty, we are making plans to host two of our most impactful fine arts events in the community – the Gala and Jump, Jive and Swing. This, of course, is all contingent on our pandemic conditions later this semester. While we are hopeful that it will subside, we remain realistic in that it will likely be with us for a while. Time will tell if we face another spike. If that happens, we are ready.

Several months ago, the Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Mwafaq Haji, our Medical Laboratory Technician Program Director. Dr. Haji now works for Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and we are absolutely thrilled for him. In the meantime, we have struggled to identify a new program director. After receiving permission from his current employer, Dr. Haji has agreed to work for us virtually through the spring term while we continue our search to replace him. He is most gracious and we are extremely fortunate.

In spite of the frigid weather, we are gearing up for summer. The Division Chairs and faculty have been working on summer and fall schedules and Operations Council recently discussed our SummerFree program. To support our retention efforts, we plan to continue this program, which is designed to reward current students and encourage former students to return.

As part of our numerous Black History month celebrations, we are hosting a Breonna Taylor Conversation tonight. This dialog focuses on the life of Breonna Taylor, who was slain in her residence nearly a year ago when a “no knock” warrant was issued. This is a complex topic and proud moment for our institution. Students from our Criminal Justice program have prepared questions for a diverse panel of faculty and staff members. Our purpose is to gain a deeper understanding of what took place, to examine the impacts of poverty on the community, to discuss the interactions between people of color and law enforcement, and to focus on cultivating more cultural understanding moving forward. Seeing complex situations from multiple perspectives takes patience and intentionality and success relies on civility. This is co-curricular learning at its finest and that is part of what makes higher education so special. We hope to host additional panels in the future. We received excellent coverage for this event in the Star-Herald and I could not be prouder of our faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Simone reported that tomorrow, she has an opportunity to brag about Western Nebraska Community College with the Chadron Rotary Club. Part of her talk will underscore the importance of our relationship with Chadron State College, especially through the Panhandle Advantage. It was fun to visit with President Rhine in our lobby a few weeks ago and to see his expression when the Panhandle Advantage display flashed onto our digital monitors.

The American Association of Community Colleges plans to host a live event in Nashville, Tennessee in April. We recently submitted a presentation for consideration and last week, learned that it was accepted. We will be sharing our experiences with the development and submission of emerging or E grades during the pandemic as a student success strategy.

Dr. Simone mentioned that our incoming Vice President, Dr. Grant Wilson, has begun his transition. He participated in our spring in-service and has continued his efforts by joining our Academic Council. He eagerly accepted membership on the President's Committee for Strategic Planning, knowing that his perspective will help shape our future. He is zooming into our Operations Council meetings and he has enjoyed some one-on-one interactions via Zoom.

Dr. Simone expressed gratitude to Division Chairs – Jackie Cawiezel, Dan Joppa, Amy Winters Scott Winters, and Marcene Elwell, who represents our Health Science Division as the curricular lead and to Charlie Gregory, who is supporting all of us. Dr. Simone stated that she is grateful for each of these leaders and together, we are moving forward.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Savely reported that ACCT has requested Boards to notify them if they have any specific needs so that they can develop programs for assistance.

Mr. Kreman commented on Senator Erdman's Bill regarding property tax and encouraged everyone to research it. He feels it will help reduce property tax.

Ms. Anderson expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to attend The National Legislative Summit.

Chair Klemke commented on the quote from Dr. Simone in the Lincoln Journal Star article on the Higher Education System regarding dual credit.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Informal Meeting

WNCC President and WCCA Board Member Evaluation Review

Dr. Pamela Fisher, ACCT Consultant

March 16, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Higher Learning Commission 2021 Annual Conference

President's Program

April 5, 2021

Virtual Event

NCCA Second Quarter Meeting

May 3, 2021

Lincoln, NE

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Lincoln, NE

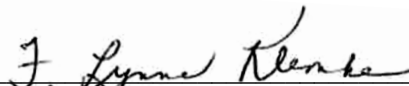
NCCA Fourth Quarter Meeting  
October 3 and 4, 2021  
Scottsbluff, NE

ACCT Leadership Congress  
October 13-16, 2021

**Next Regular Meeting:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Coral E. Richards Boardroom,  
Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsbluff, NE

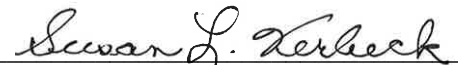
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:26 p.m.



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F. Lynne Klemke, Chairperson



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Susan L. Verbeck, Secretary