

**WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 20, 2023**

The Western Community College Area Board of Governors held a Regular Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 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 Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

A current agenda was available in the Board Secretary's office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.

**AREA BOARD**

Karen S. Anderson, Vice Chairperson.....	Present
Margaret R. Crouse .....	Present
Linda A. Guzman-Gonzales.....	Present
F. Lynne Klemke, Chairperson .....	Present
Allan D. Kreman.....	Present
William M. Packard.....	Present
Coral E. Richards .....	Present
R. J. Savely, Jr.....	Present

**QUORUM**

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

*Ms. Guzman-Gonzales joined the meeting at 1:40 p.m.*

**REPORT FROM THE BOARD VACANCY AD HOC COMMITTEE**

***Approval of Consideration of Appointment to Fill District 1***

Ms. Anderson reported that the Board Vacancy ad hoc committee met in August to interview applicants for the District One and District Three Board vacancies. Applicants had impressive resumes and the committee is grateful for their interest in serving on the Board. Ms. Anderson thanked President Dart for taking time out of his busy schedule to attend the interviews.

Ms. Anderson MOVED to approve the appointment of Ms. Marjorie Schmidt to fill the Board of Governors District One vacancy. SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales. The vote was, Yes: Anderson, Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Packard, Richards, Savely, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

***Approval of Consideration of Appointment to Fill District 3***

Ms. Anderson MOVED to approve the appointment of Ms. Misty Curtis to fill the Board of Governors District Three vacancy. SECONDED by Mr. Savely. The vote was, Yes: Crouse, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Packard, Richards, Savely, Anderson, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. Phil Kelly, College attorney, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board members, Ms. Marjorie Schmidt, District One and Ms. Misty Curtis, District Three. Chair Klemke welcomed Ms. Schmidt and Ms. Curtis and thanked them for their interest in serving on the Board of Governors.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

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

*One community member attended the meeting to share concerns about the WCCA 2023-2024 Budget and property taxes.*

## **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.

Chair Klemke announced that the Board reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary for any item on the agenda per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. Review Contents of Consent Calendar**

- a. Agenda
- b. Excuse Absent Board Member(s) - all Board members were present
- c. Minutes
  1. Regular Meeting, August 16, 2023

### **2. Claims: August 2023**

WCCA Unrestricted Fund - \$2,532,077

WCCA Restricted Fund - \$11,098.43

WCCA Federal Fund - \$42,012.71

WCCA Agency Fund - \$1,825.00

WCCA Loan Fund - 0 -

WCCA Plant Fund - \$871,633.91

WCCA Auxiliary Fund - \$197,908.38

### **3. City Planning Commission Reports**

- a. No Reports

### **4. Approval of Consent Calendar**

### **5. Consideration of Items Extracted from Consent Calendar**

#### **Approval of Consent Calendar**

#### **Consideration of Items Extracted from Consent Calendar**

Chair Klemke inquired if there were any items on the Consent Calendar which needed to be extracted for separate consideration. There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar.

Ms. Richards MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar. SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales. The vote was, Yes: Curtis, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Packard, Richards, Savely, Schmidt, Anderson, Crouse, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

#### **Board Member Mileage and/or Expense Reimbursement**

Ms. Anderson MOVED to approve the following travel expenses: Dr. Margaret Crouse for \$129.69 and Mr. Allan Kreman for \$26.20. SECONDED by Ms. Schmidt. The vote was, Yes: Guzman-Gonzales, Packard, Richards, Savely, Schmidt, Anderson, Curtis, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: Crouse, Kreman. Absent: None. Motion carried.

#### **Board Member Mileage and/or Expense Reimbursement**

Ms. Anderson MOVED to approve the following travel expense: Mr. R. J. Savely for \$117.90. SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales. The vote was, Yes: Kreman, Packard, Richards, Schmidt, Anderson, Crouse, Curtis, Guzman-Gonzales, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: Savely. Absent: None. Motion carried.

#### **Personnel Consent Calendar**

Review Contents of Personnel Consent Calendar

#### **Resignation(s):**

1. No Resignations.

#### **Appointment(s)**

1. Mr. Carl Kohler, Information Security Administrator, Effective August 22, 2023  
The wage for this full-time position for the twelve-month fiscal year, i.e., July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, is \$29.59 per hour.
2. Ms. Betsy Mitchell, EMS Program Clinical Education Coordinator, Effective August 28, 2023  
The wage for this full-time position for the twelve-month fiscal year, i.e., July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, is \$22.00 per hour.

#### **Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar**

#### **Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar**

Dr. Crouse MOVED to approve the Personnel Consent Calendar. SECONDED by Mr. Savely. The vote was, Yes: Packard, Richards, Savely, Schmidt, Anderson, Crouse, Curtis, Guzman, Gonzales, Kreman, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

#### **Adoption of 2023-2024 WCCA Budgets**

General Fund - \$29,305,609

Capital Improvement/Bond Fund - \$9,354,341

Designated Fund - \$7,778,148

Restricted Fund (includes loan fund & debt retirement) - \$17,894,339

Agency Fund - \$433,110

**Total Operating Budget - \$64,765,547**

### **Adoption of 2023-2024 WCCA Budgets (cont.)**

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SECONDED by Ms. Richards. The vote was, Yes: Richards, Savely, Schmidt, Anderson, Crouse, Curtis, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Packard, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **Board Member Conference Registration and Travel**

#### **ACCT Leadership Congress, October 9-12, 2023, Las Vegas, Nevada**

At the August Board meeting, the registration and travel for Dr. Crouse's attendance at the 2023 ACCT Leadership Congress was approved. Dr. Crouse is unable to attend the conference, so Mr. Savely agreed to attend in her place. This is a request for approval of Mr. Savely's registration and travel to attend the conference.

Dr. Packard MOVED to approve the registration and travel for Mr. Savely to attend the ACCT Leadership Congress scheduled October 9-12, 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada. SECONDED by Dr. Crouse. The vote was, Yes: Schmidt, Anderson, Crouse, Curtis, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Packard, Richards, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: Savely. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **2024-2025 Collective Bargaining**

#### **Receipt of Nebraska Western College Education Association Correspondence Regarding Collective Bargaining**

##### **Initiate 2024-2025 Collective Bargaining Process**

Chair Klemke reported that correspondence has been received from the Nebraska Western College Education Association requesting initiation of the collective bargaining process. Chair Klemke entertained a motion to initiate the process for 2024-2025.

Ms. Guzman- Gonzales MOVED to approve the initiation of the collective bargaining process for 2024-2025. SECONDED by Ms. Anderson. The vote was, Yes: Schmidt, Anderson, Crouse, Curtis, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Packard, Richards, Savely, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **2024-2025 Collective Bargaining**

#### **Appointment of WCCA Board Negotiators**

Ms. Richards MOVED to approve the appointment of WCCA Board negotiators Mr. Phil Kelly, College attorney, Mr. Jason Ossian, College attorney, Ms. Lynne Koski, Vice President of Administrative Services, and Ms. Kathy Ault, Human Resources Executive Director. SECONDED by Mr. Savely. The vote was, Yes: Anderson, Crouse, Curtis, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Packard, Richards, Savely, Schmidt, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

## **2024-2025 Collective Bargaining (cont.)**

### **Appointment of WCCA Board Member Observers**

Dr. Crouse MOVED to approve the appointment of WCCA Board member observers, Mr. R. J. Savely and Ms. Linda Guzman-Gonzales. SECONDED by Ms. Curtis. The vote was, Yes: Crouse, Curtis, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Packard, Richards, Savely, Schmidt, Anderson, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **Consideration of Resignation of Board Member**

Chair Klemke reported that at the August 16, 2023 Board meeting, Dr. Perkins reported that he felt it was time for him to step down from his role as a member of the Board of Governors, effective the end of August. Dr. Perkins was the At Large representative and served on the Board for thirty-two years.

Chair Klemke entertained a motion to accept Dr. Perkin's resignation. With regret, the Board accepted Dr. Perkin's resignation and expressed gratitude for his service and commitment to the Board, the College and education in general. He will be sorely missed.

Ms. Schmidt MOVED to accept the resignation of Dr. M. Thomas Perkins, representing the At Large districts, effective September 1, 2023. SECONDED by Ms. Guzman-Gonzales. The vote was, Yes: Curtis, Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Packard, Richards, Savely, Schmidt, Anderson, Crouse, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **Declare Vacancy on the Board of Governors**

Chair Klemke reported that with Dr. Perkin's resignation, the Board currently has a vacancy for the At Large representative, effective September 1, 2023.

### **Appoint ad hoc Committee to Interview Candidates to Fill the At Large District Vacancy**

Chair Klemke reported that Ms. Anderson, Dr. Crouse, Dr. Packard, and Mr. Savely have agreed to serve on the Board vacancy ad hoc committee. The committee will review applications and conduct interviews. Applications will be requested via ads placed with area media.

## **Reports and Recommendations from the Board Finance and Facilities Committee**

### **Bids/Contracts**

#### **TABULATION Bid 5002-089-23 CDL Site Plan**

<b>Company</b>	<b>City/State</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Mark Chrisman Trucking	Gering, NE	\$126,516.60
Anderson-Shaw Construction	Scottsbluff, NE	\$152,385.25
Paul Reed Construction	Gering, NE	\$212,519.00

Bids were received for the CDL Site Plan on August 31, 2023. Plans and specifications were placed with plan holder entities. In addition, contractors representing all disciplines received advertisements. WNCC received three bids that met the requirements of the bid opening, as indicated above. It is the recommendation of the Board Finance and Facilities Committee to accept the bid from Mark Chrisman Trucking.

**Reports and Recommendations from the Board Finance and Facilities Committee**  
**Bids/Contracts (cont.)**

Mr. Savely MOVED to approve awarding Bid 5002-089-23 CDL Site Plan, to Mark Chrisman Trucking in the amount of \$126,516.60. SECONDED by Ms. Anderson. The vote was, Yes: Guzman-Gonzales, Kreman, Packard, Richards, Savely, Schmidt, Anderson, Crouse, Curtis, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**Adoption of Resolution - John N. Harms Center Health Sciences Renovation Project**

Ms. Koski, Vice President of Administrative Services explained the John N. Harms Center Health Sciences renovation project is covered by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which is COVID dollars flowing through the state of Nebraska to the community colleges. Funds are used to address impacts of COVID, which ties specifically to the shortages in nursing and other health related careers.

The Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education has approved the project, which would utilize \$9 million of the ARPA funds. Timelines are critical because funds must be obligated by December of 2024 and fully spent by June of 2026. It is imperative that the process begin quickly to secure a contractor. At the recommendation of the architects, the Board was asked to approve a resolution indicating the construction manager at risk construction method be used. The steps required by state statute will be followed. With a slight adjustment to the procedure, once the resolution is approved, a construction manager should be on board by November. Once the construction manager is hired, they will be part of the design process and then would be responsible for the bidding process. This resolution gives the College permission to move forward with the start of the selection process for a construction manager.

*WHEREAS* the Board of Governors of the Western Nebraska Community College is required to follow the procedures established by the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-2901 through §13-2913) in its decision to solicit and execute a construction management at risk contract for capital construction projects; and *WHEREAS* the procedures outlined in the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act and Board of Governors Policy 370.1000.16 and APPENDIX G-1-16 require the Board of Governors to adopt a resolution selecting the construction management at risk contract delivery system; and

*WHEREAS*, the project delivery system for a construction management at risk contract requires the design and construction contracts be separated; the criteria for selection include qualifications, project approach and construction manager fee; the reimbursement option may be other than low bid option and is typically negotiated with fixed price, cost plus fee, or guarantee of maximum; and the Board may require subcontracts to be competitively bid;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Board of Governors of the Western Nebraska Community College that the construction management at risk contract delivery system is adopted as one option for the John N. Harms Center Health Sciences Renovation Project, dependent upon project need.

Mr. Savely MOVED to approve adoption of the resolution for the John N. Harms Center Health Sciences Renovation Project. SECONDED by Ms. Schmidt. The vote was, Yes: Kreman, Packard, Richards, Savely, Schmidt, Anderson, Crouse, Curtis, Guzman-Gonzales, Klemke. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

## **Reports and Recommendations from the Board Policy Committee**

### ***First Read: BP-100 Authority to Establish Western Community College Area and Board***

Ms. Reichert reported that a review of all 100 series policies has been established. The 100 series relates to the operation of the Board.

BP-100 addresses the authority to establish the Board and is clearly marked by state statute, which has not changed. Therefore, no changes have been made to BP-100, it is presented today for review by the Board. The policy will be presented at the October 2023 meeting as a second read and approval by the Board.

### ***First Read: BP-102 Board Membership and Officers***

BP-102 addresses Board membership and officers. The structure of this policy has been updated and it consolidates fourteen existing policies into one. The purpose of the process is to eliminate policies, combining information, thus making it easier to find. This policy will also be presented at the October meeting as a second read and approval by the Board.

## **INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS**

### **10-Day Census Enrollment Report Fall 2023**

Mr. Knaub, Enrollment Research Director, reported that as of the completion of the Fall 2023 semester, there were 683 full-time and 825 part-time students. The total enrollment of 1,508 represents a decrease of 4.6% compared to Fall 2022 10-Day Census.

Female to male ratio was 62.2% female to 37.8% male overall. The WNCC female to male ratio is within 3% +/- of mean national ratios at all community colleges.

Hispanic enrollment was 391, representing 25.1% of all students. This is the fourth consecutive semester where Hispanic enrollment is above 25%.

Total FTE of 10-Day students was 491.20 while total REU was 626.42. This is a marginal decline compared to Fall 2022 10-Day.

- a. Auditable FTE (including second 8-week courses) is expected to remain equivalent to Fall 2022.
- b. On-track for over 1,000 FTE for 2023-24 Academic Year.

WNCC's student body represents each of the counties in the WNCC service area, 24 states outside of Nebraska, and students from around the globe

High school dual enrollment represents 32.29% of WNCC total enrollment.

- a. Dual credit saw a 14.86% enrollment decline from Fall 2022.
- b. 572 (Fall 2022) to 487 (Fall 2023) Total Dual Credit Students.
- c. 18.1% of First-Time Full-Time Degree Seeking Students took Dual-Credit courses last Fall.

WNCC has seen a year-over-year increase in transfer and non-degree seeking students since the COVID-19 pandemic; however, continuing education students has seen a year-over-year decline since the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Student Report**

Chair Klemke introduced Mr. Charles Oguoma, Board of Governors ex-officio student representative. Mr. Oguoma also serves as the Cougar Council President.

Mr. Oguoma reported that the Cougar Council has been reviewing budgets and constitutions of the various councils in addition to discussion of plans for the semester. A club fair was scheduled at the start of the semester. Students shared that the fair was very helpful. The fair provided an opportunity for interaction with other colleges, even some from outside the state. They learned what the other colleges provide and what might be open to them.

It has been noted that non-traditional students are not involved in a lot of activities due to their time commitments, so the council continues to work toward scheduling events at times that work with their schedules. The Council strives to be an all-inclusive community, discussions continue with non-traditional student representatives to encourage their involvement in college activities.

A concern has been expressed regarding a requirement that students who live in the dorms must sign in when they go to a different dorm that is on campus. The housing department found that this requirement, listed in the student handbook, had been overlooked, so it was implemented at the start of the semester. The concern has been discussed with the Dean of Students and they are working to come to a balancing point where the safety of the students is ensured, yet allows them to have a positive college experience.

Due to the campus construction, it has been a challenge to schedule activities on campus. A bonfire was scheduled at the beginning of the semester. The activity was well received and provided an opportunity for students to interact.

Mr. Oguoma inquired about academic based scholarships. These scholarships would recognize the efforts of students who are committed to doing well academically and might encourage other students to commit to improving their GPA.

Cougar Council members are planning to attend the American Student Government Association conference scheduled in October. Location to be announced.

Chair Klemke thanked Mr. Oguoma for joining the meeting and sharing a very nice report.

## **Faculty Report**

Mr. King and Ms. Howton shared faculty information.

Doug Jones was selected to be the NJCAA representative to the NATA ICSM (National Athletic Trainers' Association Intercollegiate Council of Sports Medicine). Doug was also asked to join the NJCAA Welfare and Safety Committee. This committee makes recommendations to the NJCAA board of directors on the health and safety of NJCAA athletes.

Ms. Stacy Wilson had a successful Global Studies Abroad trip in May with a total of twelve participants (including Ms. Wilson, two additional WNCC instructors, one WNCC employee. Students were 17-73 years of age). The study destination was San Miguel de Allende, Mexico for two weeks (studying in school four hours per day/ tours in the afternoons/ host family stays for students) and a final weekend exploring the cultural sites of Mexico City. They have been doing the Global Studies trips about every two years since 1998. Trips have been to Mexico, Spain, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, and Peru. Next trip is May, 2025, probably back to Spain. A big shout out to the WNCC Foundation for consistently supporting the Global Studies efforts.

Marcene Elwell reported that the Surgical Technology Program was awarded Continuing Accreditation in May, which is a ten-year accreditation. Ms. Elwell and Ms. Norwood diligently worked to get to this point. The program was awarded Initial Accreditation in May of 2017, and have met the standards to remain an accredited program for ten more years.

Patsy Yager reported that the WNCC library is currently showcasing a collection of original, hand-crafted children's books created by the students of the Summer 2023 Children's Literature online class. The display will be available for viewing until the end of September.

Ms. Yager has partnered with the Northwest Community Action Partnership to provide a series of training sessions for Head Start employees. The training opportunity is designed to help them learn how to support and intervene with children who display behavioral issues in the classroom. There will be a series of six virtual Zoom sessions similar to a classroom environment, and the aim is to encourage NCAP employees to register for more WNCC ECED courses and work towards obtaining a degree.

Ms. Yager will be attending the Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference, which is sponsored by the Buffet Early Childhood Institute. The conference will be held on September 19th in Kearney, Nebraska. If the budget is approved, the Week of the Young Child Kick-off event will be held on April 6, 2024. This event was an enormous success last April and aims to bring awareness and support for the growth and development of young children in the community.

Faculty are navigating a change in their Learning Management System (LMS) from Blackboard Original to Blackboard Ultra. This change has been a bit of a learning curve. Faculty are also navigating their way around the construction of A-pod and the commons area, which has presented some challenges.

### **Faculty Report (cont.)**

Faculty have recently engaged in discussions concerning their role in Shared Governance, Academic Freedom, and Academic Integrity. Faculty are keenly aware of the implications of utilizing AI and how it can potentially impact academic integrity. However, faculty also recognize that it may offer valuable opportunities for enhancing student learning.

Overall, with the start of the semester, faculty members are tired but feeling optimistic about the future, particularly with the appointment of President Dart. Faculty hopes that President Dart's leadership will bring about a sense of stability and they look forward to the positive changes he may bring to the institution.

### **Nebraska Community College Association**

Ms. Anderson shared that she was appointed to the bylaws committee and Dr. Crouse will serve as the president of NCCA for the upcoming year. Committee appointments are on a rotation basis. It has been thirty years since the bylaws were reviewed, so this project will be quite a challenge.

The NCCA Annual meeting is scheduled November 5 and 6 in North Platte, Nebraska. This meeting provides a great opportunity for Board members and staff to interact with their peers and discuss the good, and the not so good, issues faced by the community colleges. The keynote speaker is Mr. K. C. Belitz, Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

Dr. Crouse explained that the Nebraska Community College Association is basically the lobbying group for the community colleges. The Association has an executive director, secretary, and the officers consist of trustees from the community colleges. The community college presidents also attend the meetings and share information. The group is currently in the process of reviewing legislative bills, what the colleges need, and how to explain those needs.

Dr. Crouse shared that the NCCA executive committee has been tasked with providing themes or goals for the group, what does the group hope to accomplish. Dr. Crouse added that if anyone has thoughts to share, please feel free to contact her.

### **Western Nebraska Community College Foundation**

Ms. Reisig, Foundation Executive Director reported that the Monument Marathon is scheduled September 30, 2023. This event is in its twelfth year and around five hundred runners are expected. Over the past eleven years, the race has brought in \$510,000. Ms. Reisig mentioned that additional volunteers are needed and she looks forward to seeing faculty, staff and students at the race.

### **President Comments**

President Dart shared that he has met with the president of Northeastern Junior College in Sterling Colorado, Eastern Wyoming College, and Chadron State College. President Dart will be headed to Chadron again in a couple of weeks and will be meeting with the Deans at UNL and UNMC, to discuss potential partnerships.

### **President Comments (cont.)**

One of the keys to our success in the future is going to be that continuum of education. What does it look like reaching down into the high schools and even the middle schools and having a clear pathway all the way through the student's time here, to a career or a transfer? That takes a lot of work on both sides and that is where he is spending time along with the recently approved strategic plan. As a college, we are working on what that means in each area and what needs to be done to ensure that plan is not a document sitting on a shelf. More work is being done in that direction along with the inclusion of discussions on what strategic enrollment management looks like.

The report from Mr. Knaub showed some of the challenges in regard to enrollment. This year, the College saw an increase in full-time students and the 11% increase is tremendous, but because the College also saw a decrease in part-time enrollment, the College will have challenges with enrollment just from the number of high school students that this area is producing compared to years past.

As recently shared, unemployment is only 2%, so no one is thinking about a career change right now. Hence, there is a need for people to understand what retraining, additional training, and credentials can mean. We are looking at how we are meeting potential students regardless of whether they are an adult learner, in a home school setting, or one of the traditional school districts.

President Dart reported that one area of focus is ensuring that there is open two-way communication with the college community. He has been emailing a weekly Friday Five of what are five things happening on campus. President Dart has also been trying to hold a first Friday drop-in day where people are not required to set up an appointment and can come to his office to talk about whatever they want.

President Dart stated that he and his family are thrilled to be here and he believes there is tremendous opportunity going forward.

President Dart shared that he recently learned that Governor Pillen will be on campus this coming Monday.

### **Board Member Comments**

There were no Board member comments.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

1. Welcome Reception for President Dart  
October 4, 2023, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Scottsbluff Campus Welcome Center Foyer
2. Instrumental Music  
*Fall Ball*  
October 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.  
Scottsbluff Campus

3. Theatre Arts

*Night of the Living Dead Musical*

October 27, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

October 29, 2023, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Scottsbluff Campus

4. Vocal Music Showcase

November 3, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Scottsbluff Campus

5. All Performing Arts Programs

*Very Valley Christmas*

December 9-10, 2023, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Scottsbluff Campus

6. NCCA Fourth Quarter Meeting and Annual Conference

Sunday, November 5 and Monday, November 6, 2023

North Platte, NE

**Next Regular Meeting:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 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 2:53 p.m.

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F. Lynne Klemke, Chairperson

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Susan L. Verbeck, Secretary