

**NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
First Quarter Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2013**

1. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

All NCCA Board of Directors, Area Presidents, and the general public having been duly notified the first quarter meeting of the NCCA Board of Directors was held January 25, 2013, at Southeast Community College's Continuing Education Center in Lincoln. President Feit stated the public meeting notice was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on January 15, 2013. He also stated that the rules for the Nebraska Public Meeting Laws were available for public viewing. The public meeting notice is attached to these minutes.

2. ATTENDANCE

Directors Present:

President Robert Feit – Southeast
Vice President Kent Miller – Mid-Plains
Secretary Tom Perkins – Western Nebraska
Treasurer Sandra Borden – Central
Steve Anderson – Northeast
Merlyn Gramberg – Western Nebraska
Diane Keller – Central
Ernie Mehl – Mid-Plains
Shirley Petsche – Northeast
Lynn Schluckebier – Southeast

Staff Present:

Dennis Baack – Executive Director
Melanie Williams – Administrative Assistant
Tim Keigher – Legislative Consultant

Also present: Dr. Greg Smith – Central, Ryan Purdy – Mid-Plains, Dr. Michael Chipps and John Davies – Northeast, and Dr. Todd Holcomb – Western Nebraska.

3. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

President Feit called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked for roll call and quorum determination. Present and responding were ten board members representing their respective area governing boards. It was determined that a quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Feit asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none.

MOTION BY TOM PERKINS AND SECOND BY ERNIE MEHL that the NCCA Board of Directors approve the meeting agenda as presented.

President Feit asked for any objections or discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Anderson, Borden, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Mehl, Miller, Perkins, Petsche, Schluckebier

Voting Nay: None

RESULT: Motion carried ten (10) ayes and no nays.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Feit asked for any corrections or changes to the November 12, 2012, meeting minutes. There were none.

MOTION BY MERLYN GRAMBERG AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER that the NCCA Board of Directors approve the November 12, 2012, meeting minutes as presented.

President Feit asked for any discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Anderson, Borden, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Mehl, Miller, Perkins, Petsche, Schluckebier

Voting Nay: None

RESULT: Motion carried ten (10) ayes and no nays.

6. 2013 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Baack stated that he would give a brief overview of each bill and answer any questions the Board may have prior to a position being taken.

LB 47 was introduced by Senator Ashford and would set-up a process for the development of career academy consortiums and provide funding on a per-pupil basis for the consortium. Smith stated that one problem he has with the bill is that it changes the definition of foundations education to include career academies and does not know if it should be included. Baack stated that the basic idea of the consortium is a good idea and more discussion could be had with Huck at the CEO meeting as Southeast

and Lincoln Public Schools are the major force behind the bill. Smith is not against the bill but believes the language needs to be cleaned up. Chipps also stated that he believes that some of the terms need to be defined such as career academy or dual credit so that everyone knows exactly what is being discussed. Discussion was continued and it was decided to support the concept of the bill and refer it to the CEO's for clarification on definitions.

LB 116 was introduced by Senator Harms and would put into state statute requirements for dual credit courses. Baack stated that this bill would require an instructor to have a masters degree with at least 18 hours in the field of study for the dual credit course and the course would have the same rigor as the college course. Discussion was had and it was decided to support the bill.

LB 135 was introduced by Senator Avery and would not allow a faculty member of a college to be elected to that colleges Board of Governors. Baack stated this would apply to any faculty member who is contracted to teach at the college and would not affect an individual who may already be serving. Smith asked why this only applies to faculty members and not every full-time employee. Baack stated that he believes he would have had a harder time finding a Senator to introduce the bill if it included everyone. Borden stated that a conflict of interest cannot be determined but a employment status can so it would make sense to include everyone. Feit stated that Southeast, who brought the bill forward, just wanted to bring the community colleges up to current, existing K-12 state statute and not try to create a new precedent. Baack suggested that the Board support the bill as it currently stands now and go back next year to try to expand the bill to include everyone. More discussion was had and it was decided to support the bill.

LB 162 was introduced by Senator McGill and would establish a process whereby a student who starts at a community college but transfers to a four-year institution before completing an Associates Degree, could later apply for an Associates Degree after completing at least 70 hours of postsecondary education credit. Baack stated that this is the first attempt to get reverse transfer in the state. He continued to state that the only problem he sees with the bill is as it's currently written, the process would be cumbersome for the colleges to notify the student. Holcomb voiced his concern that it did not specify 70 hours of required credit for a course. Smith stated that the concept is good but is way to heavy on the process. Baack recommended that an interim study be done so that the community colleges could be involved in the development of the process. Baack will also speak to Senator McGill prior to the hearing and inform her of the colleges concerns. Discussion was had and it was decided to support an interim study of the bill.

LB 163 was introduced by Senator McGill and would set-up a report to be issued annually by the Department of Labor in conjunction with the Coordinating Commission and the Department of Education identifying the State's workforce needs as well as the number of degrees, certificates or other educational credentials that are offered

throughout the State and the institutions which offer these programs. Baack stated that this is strictly a report for the Legislature. Discussion was had and it was decided to support the bill.

LB 180 was introduced by Senator Adams and would add a waiver of fees to the already established waiver of tuition for a resident dependent of a deceased or totally disabled veteran. Baack stated that this is a continuation of a bill which was passed a few years ago and would include the dependents. Discussion was had and it was decided to support the bill.

LB 211 was introduced by Senator Adams and would allow a community college board to belong to an association if so desired. Baack stated that this bill would take out of state statute the language making it mandatory for the community colleges to belong to an association. Discussion was had and it was decided to support the bill.

LB 334 was introduced by Senator Nordquist and would appropriate \$2.5 million for 2013-2014 and \$5 million for 2014-2015 for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program. Baack stated that this bill appropriates funds to the scholarship program the higher education institutions use. Discussion was had and it was decided to support the bill.

LB 366 was introduced by Senator Cook and would set-up the Remedial Adult Education Innovation Act which would be aimed at getting more adults to have high school diplomas and other education to make them workforce ready. Colleges that offer GED course work could receive state funding upon completion and passage of the GED test. A specific dollar amount is not stated in the bill so it is unknown how much state funding it could be at this time. Baack stated that this bill would call for the colleges to ask for reimbursement for GED courses and the appropriation committee would set the dollar amount. Chipps stated that most individuals taking the GED course are low income and the college may shoulder the initial cost and then ask for reimbursement. Smith stated that he sees this bill as problematic. Perkins stated that he does not see this bill as benefiting the student but rather the colleges. Discussion was had and it was decided to monitor this bill.

LB 367 was introduced by Senator Cook and would set-up the Twenty-First Century Developmental Education Act which would require community colleges to set-up a statewide coordinated curriculum to allow individuals to get the basic skills necessary to enter an occupational program. Again, a specific dollar amount is not stated in the bill so it is unknown how much state funding it could be at this time. Baack stated this bill would again be cumbersome to the colleges and should be monitored so that he may fully understand the concept behind the bill. Discussion was had and it was decided to monitor this bill.

LB 400 was introduced by Senator Lautenbaugh and would appropriate \$13.5 million to the community college aid fund. Baack stated that Metro introduced this bill and does not understand why it was introduced. The community college aid has always been

included in the main budget bill and would be dangerous to not have it included. Discussion was had and it was decided to monitor this bill.

LB 468 was introduced by Senator Scheer and would provide for an income deduction for tuition at a Nebraska postsecondary institution for tax purposes. Baack stated this bill will be included in the discussion of income taxes. Discussion was had and it was decided to monitor this bill.

LB 480 was introduced by Senator Lathrop and would create the Nebraska Career Technical Education Grant Program Act which would direct the community colleges in conjunction with the Coordinating Commission to identify critical industry fields and provide grants to prepare workers for these fields. Eligible students could apply for a grant of \$1,000 per academic year. Baack stated these funds could come from public or private and coincides with LB 163. Discussion was had and it was decided to support this bill.

LB 481 was introduced by Senator Lathrop and would create the Career Education Task Force which would study all aspects of career education in Nebraska. A report and recommendations would be issued with a task force termination date of December 31, 2013. Baack stated the task force would include one representative from the community colleges. Discussion was had and it was decided to monitor this bill.

LB 651 was introduced by Senator Davis and would eliminate property tax levying authority for the community colleges and provide for state funding for the community colleges. Baack stated that this bill would not get out of committee but could be included in the tax interim study which will be done this summer. Discussion was briefly had and it was decided to oppose this bill.

7. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORT

a. Strategic Plan

President Feit stated that the strategic plan has already been reviewed and made numerous changes. A copy was distributed for review prior to the second quarter meeting and retreat on June 6 and 7. If anyone would like any additional changes to be made prior to the meeting, please contact Baack or President Feit.

b. Executive Director's Evaluation Instrument

Miller stated that the Executive Team has reorganized the categories and revised the questions on the instrument as well as compared it to the evaluation form from ACCT. Another change has been to make it electronic so that it calculates the scores on the form automatically. Miller also stated that the form will still be a draft for Board review at the June meeting.

c. Board Evaluation Instrument

Perkins stated that he and the Executive Team have been working on is board expectations taken from the by-laws so that the Board has something to measure themselves on. This will also be sent out prior to the June meeting for review.

8. 2013 COMMITTEE ROSTER

President Feit stated that with the addition of two new board members, the committee roster needed to be revised and it is as follows.

**2013 NCCA Committee Roster
Effective January 25, 2013**

Legislative Committee

Kent Miller, Chair
Remaining NCCA Board Members

**Team 2/Budget & Personnel
Committee**

Steve Anderson
Sandra Borden, Chair
Robert Feit
Tom Perkins
Kent Miller

Bylaw & Policy Review Committee

Merlyn Gramberg
Diane Keller, Chair
Ernie Mehl
Shirley Petsche
Lynn Schluckebier

Education & Seminars

Ernie Mehl
Kent Miller
Ryan Purdy
Lynn Schluckebier, Southeast

Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission

Dennis Baack

9. COUNCIL OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Holcomb stated that the last meeting was held via video conference which will probably be utilized more. They will be meeting today and have a full agenda.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Borden reviewed the financial statements with the Board and asked for any discussion or comment. There was none.

11. ACCT STATE COORDINATOR REPORT

Davies reminded everyone of the National Legislative Seminar which is coming up in February and also reminded everyone to inform him of any new area board members or new officers.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Baack distributed a proposed policy change dealing with member termination which can be voted on at the June meeting. Additional policy changes may need to take place after the Legislative Session is over.

13. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Robert Feit, President

Dr. M. Thomas Perkins, Secretary

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