

**NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
First Quarter Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2007**

1. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

All NCCA Board of Directors, Area Presidents, and the general public having been duly notified the first quarterly meeting of the NCCA Board of Directors was held March 7, 2007, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lincoln Nebraska. President Harvey stated the public meeting notice was published in the Lincoln Journal Star and the rules for the Nebraska Public Meeting Law are available for public viewing. The public meeting notice is attached to these minutes.

2. ATTENDANCE

Directors Present:

President Keith Harvey – Northeast
Vice President Jane Hornung – Mid-Plains
Secretary Lynn Schluckebier – Southeast
Treasurer Merlyn Gramberg – Western Nebraska
Steve Grabowski – Metropolitan
Helen Griffin for Robert Feit – Southeast
Harold McClure – Central
Tom Perkins – Western Nebraska
Tim Potter – Metropolitan
William Schneider – Central
Roger Wilson – Mid-Plains

Directors Absent:

Larry Poessnecker - Northeast

Staff Present:

Dennis Baack – Executive Director
Melanie Williams – Administrative Assistant

Also present were: Dr. LaVern Franzen – Central, Dr. JoAnn McDowell and Randy Schmailzl – Metropolitan, Dr. Michael Chipps – Mid-Plains, Don Oelsligle – Northeast, Dr. Jack Huck – Southeast, and Dennis Miller, Jr. – Western Nebraska.

3. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

President Harvey called the meeting to order at 1:57 p.m. and asked for roll call and quorum determination. Present and responding were eleven board members representing their respective area governing boards. It was determined that a quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

(Poessnecker arrived at 1:59 p.m.)

MOTION BY TIM POTTER AND SECOND BY TOM PERKINS that the NCCA Board of Directors approves the meeting agenda.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Grabowski, Gramberg, Harvey, Hornung, McClure, Perkins, Poessnecker, Potter, Schluckebier, Schneider, Wilson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Griffin

RESULT: Motion carried eleven (11) ayes, no nays, and one (1) abstain.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Harvey asked for any corrections to the December 11, 2006, meeting minutes. Potter stated that his name was omitted from the attendance portion of the minutes and asked that the minutes reflect he was in attendance.

MOTION BY HAROLD MCCLURE AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER that the NCCA Board of Directors approves the December 11, 2006, meeting minutes as corrected.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Grabowski, Gramberg, Harvey, Hornung, McClure, Perkins, Poessnecker, Potter, Schluckebier, Schneider, Wilson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Griffin

RESULT: Motion carried eleven (11) ayes, no nays, and one (1) abstain.

6. ADOPTION OF DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Baack stated that the diversity statement included in the board packet is an exact copy of the statement which was adopted locally by each area board. The Diversity Council would like the NCCA board to approve it so that the community colleges have a statewide statement on diversity. Baack then stated that the Diversity Council will then present it or some version of it to other postsecondary education institutions so that all of higher education is promoting diversity.

MOTION BY MERLYN GRAMBERG AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER that the NCCA Board of Directors adopts the Statement in Support of Diversity in Higher Education.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Grabowski, Gramberg, Griffin, Harvey, Hornung, McClure, Perkins, Poessnecker, Potter, Schluckebier, Schneider, Wilson

Voting Nay: None

RESULT: Motion carried twelve (12) ayes and no nays.

7. TEAM 1/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

A. Legislation Update

Baack stated that he believes one of the things going for the system in this process is timing. The area colleges are currently in the beginning of a two year budget cycle, the state has some dollars available to help if transition money is needed for changing to a new formula, and the Revenue Committee is looking at some property taxes relief. Baack continued to state that Senator Raikes feels this is an opportune time to strike with this and try to come up with something that will work. The CEO's had some skepticism going into to the process but after meeting with Senator Raikes office, the overall feeling was that it was worth the time and effort to really attack this thing and come up with a product that everyone supports and that also looks long term. He then stated that he is hopeful and that having other eyes looking at the formula is a positive thing. The process should begin immediately and a lot of work will be done by Senator Raikes and his office as well as by the CEO's and the Business Officers. Potter asked if the CEO Council will be given the opportunity to review whatever Senator Raikes comes up with and also if the NCCA Board will be given enough time to meet and take a position on the recommendation. Baack replied that the CEO Council will be given the chance to review the recommendation and the board may need to meet prior to the second quarter board meeting in May to give their position but in his opinion, that probably wouldn't be necessary. President Harvey stated that the second quarter board meeting date could also be changed so the board wouldn't have to meet twice so closely together.

8. TEAM 2/BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Gramberg stated there is nothing to report.

9. COUNCIL OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Dr. Franzen first wanted to make the board aware that Senator Raikes and his staff were aware of the activities which occurred in the last year in regards to the funding formula and the information which was collected as well as the recommendation put forth. He continued to state that they did unanimously agree to cooperate with Senator Raikes.

Dr. Franzen then thanked Metro for designing the community college informational pamphlet and Southeast for printing it.

Dr. Franzen stated that the community colleges will be involved in some extent with the Dream It, Do It grant.

Dr. Franzen then mentioned the Nebraska Advantage Program. The Legislature appropriated \$15 million dollars through the Department of Economic Development for core training with the understanding by the community college system that a large portion of those funds would be coming to the community colleges to provide training for new employers or businesses and unfortunately that did not happen. In the CEO meeting the day before, the council gave Baack the authority to move forward and aggressively pursue the possibility of having those training dollars put in the control and management of the community colleges. Dr. Franzen continued to state that the current amount being asked for is \$10 million dollars instead of \$15 million dollars as in the last budget cycle.

Dr. Franzen stated that the Phi Theta Kappa recognition ceremony will be held on April 5, 2007.

10. BYLAW AND POLICY COMMITTEE

A. Allowable Seconds for a Motion

Potter stated that a couple of board members felt a motion made by one area for action should be seconded by someone from another area. President Harvey stated that he felt it didn't serve the interest of the board if only one area was in support of a motion. McClure stated that he doesn't feel a need for such a policy. Hornung stated that sometimes it is necessary for a motion to be made and seconded so that discussion can then be had by the entire board and with this possible policy, that may not occur. Baack asked for direction from the board and no one indicated that they would like to move forward with this policy.

11. REVISED COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

President Harvey stated that with the addition of a new board member and the completion of the annual meeting, the new committee assignments are as follows:

2007 NCCA COMMITTEE ROSTER

Effective March 7, 2007

Team 1 – Legislative Committee

Robert Feit, Chair
Harold McClure
Steve Grabowski
Tom Perkins
Larry Poesnecker
Roger Wilson

Education & Seminars

Keith Harvey
Larry Poesnecker
Dr. Bill Path
Lynn Schluckebier, Southeast

Team 2 – Budget & Personnel

Merlyn Gramberg – Chair
Keith Harvey
Jane Hornung
Tim Potter
Lynn Schluckebier
William Schneider

Nebraska Council for Public Higher Education

Tim Potter
Keith Harvey

Bylaw & Policy Review Committee

Merlyn Gramberg
Larry Poesnecker
Tim Potter, Chair
Lynn Schluckebier
William Schneider
Roger Wilson

Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission

Dennis Miller Jr.

12. EDUCATION AND SEMINARS COMMITTEE

President Harvey had nothing to report.

13. TREASURER'S REPORT

Gramberg asked for any questions or comments regarding the treasurer's report. There were none.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Baack stated that he hoped everyone enjoyed the annual meeting and if anyone has any suggestions or comments to improve or change the seminar, please let him know.

15. NETV COMMISSION REPORT

Miller reviewed his written report which was included in the board packet. He also stated that if any community college area wanted to have a professional video done which couldn't be done in house, NET would be more than willing to complete it.

16. ACCT STATE CHAIR REPORT

A written report was included in the board packet.

17. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

There were no additional comments or concerns.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. AACC Annual Convention – April 14-17, 2007 – Tampa, FL
- B. Second Quarter NCCA Board Meeting – May 8, 2007 – Video Conference
- C. Third Quarter NCCA Board Meeting – August 11, 2007 – Milford
- D. Fourth Quarter NCCA Board Meeting – November 13, 2007 – Video Conference
- E. National Legislative Seminar – February 11-13, 2008 – Washington, D.C.
- F. AACC Annual Convention – April 5-8, 2008 – Philadelphia, PA
- G. National Legislative Seminar – February 9-11, 2009 – Washington, D.C.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Keith Harvey, President

Lynn Schluckebier, Secretary