MINUTES

1. The meeting was convened at 11:25 a.m., in Suite G of the Lifelong Learning Center, by Steve Anderson, Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the July 9, 2009 meeting.

3. Mary Honke reported that Northeast Community College received notification from the United States Department of Education of a $1,965,374 grant award through the Title III Strengthening Institutions program. The college was awarded $399,995 for the first year of the five-year project, which will extend from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2014.

   Following discussion, a consensus was reached by the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to accept the United States Department of Education Title III grant award to develop online degrees and support services and to provide professional development for faculty and staff to deliver the online programs and services.

4. Notification was also received from the United States Department of Education of a Congressionally-directed grant awards of $761,000 for “improved access to postsecondary educational opportunities, including distance learning and other equipment.” The award was identified in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2009. The grant period is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

   The award will support the college’s partnerships with the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Wayne State College as the funds will be used to purchase distance learning and nursing equipment for the J. Paul and Eleanor McIntosh College of Nursing on the Norfolk campus and the College Center in South Sioux City.
Following discussion, a consensus was reached by the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to accept the $761,000 Congressionally-directed Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education grant award from the United States Department of Education for improved access to postsecondary educational opportunities.

5. In other business, Mary Honke distributed information regarding grants implemented during the 2008-2009 year, funded Foundation awards, and a list of grant requests that are pending or have been denied.

Recognition was given to staff members involved in writing, implementing, and maintaining the grant awards. Dr. Path reported that over the last five years, grants have impacted the budget by approximately $11.5 million.

6. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.