## NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 10, 2020

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTE		<b>STAFF</b>
Carol Sibbel, Chairperson	PRESENT	Dr. Leah Barrett
Donovan Ellis	PRESENT	John Blaylock
Terry Nelson	ABSENT	Amanda Nipp
Nicole Sedlacek	PRESENT	Paul Feilmeier
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT	Scott Gray
		Dr. Michele Gill
OTHER BOARD MEMBER	<u>S</u>	Jim Curry
Del Ames	PRESENT	Diane Reikofski
Arlan Kuehn	ABSENT	
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT	
Julie Robinson	PRESENT	
Jeff Scherer	PRESENT	
Gene Willers	PRESENT	

## **MINUTES**

- 1. Carol Sibbel, Chairperson of the Student Success Committee, convened the meeting at 9:22 a.m. via Zoom video conferencing and in Suite F&G of the Lifelong Learning Center.
- 2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the August 13, 2020 meeting as distributed.
- 3. The enrollment update provided by Amanda Nipp, Vice President of Student Services, revealed that the Fall 2020 enrollment reflects a decrease of .20% in headcount and 3.89% in credit hours compared to a year ago. Early College Enrollment reflects a 16% headcount increase and a 29% credit hour increase over Fall 2019. Freshman enrollment reveals a 7% headcount and 12% credit hours decrease compared to Fall 2019.

Board members commented that as they learn of Northeast's enrollment numbers, read that other institutions enrollment numbers are not as good, they realize that some of our efforts put in place in previous years are now paying off and are reflected in the enrollment numbers.

4. President Leah Barrett stated that faculty and staff have been incredible through the pandemic and the start of the academic year. Northeast has had a few students and employees test positive for Covid-19. Students that were in quarantine on campus had been contacted by the health department and asked to self-quarantine. At this time, we have no students in quarantine.

## Mission

Northeast Community College is dedicated to the success of students and the region it serves.

Governor Ricketts recently announced that most of the state will move into Phase 4, loosening Covid-19 restrictions, as of Monday, September 14.

The Recovery Team continues to meet every two weeks. A Northeast journalism student recently stated that she felt that Northeast has done a great job with handling the pandemic and is proud of Northeast and the decisions made by the administration.

Steve Anderson expressed his desire to, as a board, communicate to the faculty and staff their appreciation of their workload and everything that faculty and staff have done in dealing with the pandemic and helping students meet their educational goal.

5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.