

WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PROPOSED AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2012

A. Call to Order, Dr. Gramberg

12:00 P.M. – LUNCH

The Plex (Room A108)

Harms Advanced Technology Center

Western Nebraska Community College

Scottsbluff Campus

2620 College Park

Scottsbluff Nebraska

B. Roll Call

C. Introduction of Visitors

1) Community Comments

(approx.) 1:45 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

Boardroom

Western Nebraska Community College

Scottsbluff Campus

1601 East 27th Street

Scottsbluff, Nebraska

D. Board Chairperson Comments

1) Copy of Nebraska Open Meetings Act
available at Back of Room

E. Consent Calendar

1) Review Contents of Consent Calendar

a) Agenda

b) Excuse Absent Board Member(s)

c) Minutes

1) Regular Meeting, August 15, 2012

(Pages 1 - 1q)

d) Claims

1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - \$2,652,859.24

(Pages 1 - 13)

2) WCCA Restricted Fund - \$17,376.87

(Pages 13 - 14)

3) WCCA Federal Fund - \$10,704.34

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4) WCCA Agency Fund - \$20,058.91

(Pages 14 - 15)

5) WCCA Loan Fund - \$ -0-

6) WCCA Plant Fund - \$388,081.70

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7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - \$345,834.07

(Pages 15 - 21)

e) City Planning Commission Reports

(Attachment)

f) Reports and Proposals

1) From the Students

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2) From the Faculty

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3) From the Administration

4) From the Board

E. Consent Calendar – Cont

- 2) Approval of Consent Calendar
- 3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Consent Calendar

F. Bid Consent Calendar

- 1) Review Contents of Bid Consent Calendar - None
- 2) Approval of Bid Consent Calendar
- 3) Consideration of Items Extracted From Bid Consent Calendar

G. Personnel Consent Calendar

- 1) Review Contents of Personnel Consent Calendar
 - a) Resignation(s): - None
 - b) Appointment(s):
 - 1) Ms. Ellen M. Dillon, Assistant Dean of Instruction (Pages 4 – 4e)
- 2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar
- 3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

H. Reduction-in-Force – Dr. Holcomb

- 1) Authorization to Review WNCC Programs and Appoint an Advisory Committee

I. Monitoring Reports

- 1) Enrollment Report – Mr. Hovey (Handout)
 - a) Ten Day Report – Fall Semester 2012
- 2) ACT Student Opinion Survey – Mr. Gaalswyk, Ms. Barkeloo (Pages 5 – 5c, Enclosure)
 - a) Results of 2011 – 2012 Degree-Seeking Graduates

I. Monitoring Reports – Cont

- 3) Nebraska Community College Association – Dr. Gramberg, Dr. Perkins
- 4) Association of Community College Trustees – Dr. Perkins

J. Board Member Comments

K. President's Comments

L. Upcoming Meetings

- 1) Nebraska Community College Association
 - a) Governance Institute for Student Success
 - 1) November 11 and 12, 2012
 - 2) Norfolk, NE
 - b) Annual Meeting Legislative Seminar
 - 1) November 12 and 13, 2012
 - 2) Norfolk, NE
- 2) Association of Community College Trustees
 - a) 2012 Annual Leadership Congress
 - 1) October 10 – 13, 2012
 - 2) Boston, MA
- 3) Western Community College Area Board of Governors
 - a) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
 - 1) Scottsbluff Campus Science Laboratory Renovation
 - 2) September 12, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
 - b) Celebrate WNCC
 - 1) September 17 - 22, 2012
 - c) Regular Meetings
 - 1) October 24, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Alliance Campus
 - 2) November 28, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

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M. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Room TBA,
Western Nebraska Community College, Alliance Campus, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue,
Alliance, Nebraska.

N. Adjournment

REMINDER: Board Members are invited to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the
Scottsbluff Campus Science Laboratory Renovation on September 12, 2012,
at 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

TIME AND PLACE
ROLL CALL
NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors was held at 1:38 p.m., on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27th 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 Saturday, September 8, 2012, with the following members present: Timothy H. Daniels, F. Lynne Klemke, L. Paul Leseberg, Jack L. Nelson, Jecca R. Ostrander, Alexander D. Pavlista, M. Thomas Perkins, Richard G. Stickney, Julienne K. Walworth, Jane N. Wisniewski, Merlyn L. Gramberg, Chairperson. Absent: None. Student Representatives present: None. Faculty Representatives present: Guy Wylie, Scottsbluff Campus; Richard Cecava, Sidney Campus. College staff present: Todd R. Holcomb, William D. Knapper, Coral E. Richards, Terry B. Gaalswyk, David E. Groshans, Susan K. Yowell, Paula J. Abbott, Mary Barkeloo, Roger G. Hovey, James I. Schmucker, Erin E. Stinner, Susan L. Verbeck. Attorney present: Philip M. Kelly. A current agenda was available in the College President's office and the Board Secretary's office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.

QUORUM

Dr. Gramberg declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

VISITORS

Visitors were: Joe Dutton, Scottsbluff.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Dr. Gramberg asked for comments from the community. Pursuant to Board Policy #803.1000.79, Dr. Gramberg reminded community members who wish to make comments that each speaker will be limited to a five minute presentation. There were no comments from the community.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

Dr. Gramberg 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR Review Contents

Dr. Gramberg reviewed the contents of the Consent Calendar which include the following item(s):

- 1) Agenda, September 12, 2012
- 2) Excuse Absent Board Members - None

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Review Contents
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- 3) Minutes
 - a) Regular Meeting, August 15, 2012
- 4) Claims
 - a) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - \$2,652,859.24
 - b) WCCA Restricted Fund - \$17,376.87
 - c) WCCA Federal Fund - \$10,704.34
 - d) WCCA Agency Fund - \$20,058.91
 - e) WCCA Loan Fund - \$-0-
 - f) WCCA Plant Fund - \$388,081.70
 - g) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - \$345,834.07
- 5) City Planning Commission Reports – Attachment A
- 6) Reports and Proposals
 - a) From the Students – Attachment B
 - b) From the Faculty – Attachment C
 - c) From the Administration
 - d) From the Board

Dr. Gramberg inquired if there were any item(s) on the Consent Calendar which any board member wished to have removed for separate consideration. There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Approval

Mr. Nelson moved the Consent Calendar be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Leseberg. The vote was, Yes: Daniels, Klemke, Leseberg, Nelson, Ostrander, Pavlista, Perkins, Stickney, Walworth, Wisniewski, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Consider Items Extracted

There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar.

BID CONSENT CALENDAR
Review Contents

There were no items on the Bid Consent Calendar.

PERSONNEL CONSENT
CALENDAR
Review Contents

Dr. Gramberg reviewed the contents of the Personnel Consent Calendar which include the following resignation(s) and appointment(s):

- 1) Resignation(s): None
- 2) Appointment(s)
 - a) Ms. Ellen M. Dillon, Assistant Dean of Instruction, effective October 22, 2012, through June 30, 2013, salary to be prorated from an annual salary of \$58,000.

Dr. Gramberg inquired if there were any item(s) on the Personnel Consent Calendar which any Board member wished to have removed for separate consideration. There were none.

PERSONNEL CONSENT
CALENDAR
Approval

Ms. Wisniewski moved the Personnel Consent Calendar be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Stickney. The vote was, Yes: Klemke, Leseberg, Nelson, Ostrander, Pavlista, Perkins, Stickney, Walworth, Wisniewski, Daniels, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL CONSENT
CALENDAR
Consider Items Extracted

There were no items extracted from the Personnel Consent Calendar.

REDUCTION-IN-FORCE
Authorization to Review
WNCC Programs and
Appoint an Advisory
Committee

Dr. Holcomb stated the College is required to review all programs offered by the College each year for program viability. He requested authorization to appoint an advisory committee to review all programs and to consider reduction-in-force, if necessary. Dr. Holcomb reported the advisory committee will submit the Committee's recommendations to him in December. At the January meeting, Dr. Holcomb will report committee recommendations to the Board of Governors.

Dr. Holcomb commented that he usually requests authorization to review programs at the October Board meeting. Because the October Board meeting is being held one week later than normal, he is seeking authorization today to provide sufficient time for the advisory committee to complete the program review.

Dr. Perkins moved the Board authorize Dr. Holcomb to review all programs offered by the College. He further moved the Board authorize Dr. Holcomb to appoint an advisory committee to study possible reduction-in-force, if necessary. Seconded by Ms. Wisniewski. The vote was, Yes: Leseberg, Nelson, Ostrander, Pavlista, Perkins, Stickney, Walworth, Wisniewski, Daniels, Klemke, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

MONITORING REPORTS
Enrollment Report
Ten-Day Report
Fall Semester 2012

Mr. Hovey referred Board members to the handout material which includes the "10-Day Enrollment Report, Fall 2012." Mr. Hovey reported the number of full-time students is 1,017 and the number of part-time students is 1,213. Mr. Hovey reported the number of full-time students declined 8.3 percent from the Fall 2011 Ten-Day report, and the number of part-time students increased 3.6 percent. Mr. Hovey reported among degree-seeking students, the number of full-time first-time students decreased by only 5 students. As for students returning, the number of full-time continuing students increased, but the number of full-time re-admits (students who have been out for a year or more) decreased.

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Mr. Hovey commented the Residence Halls are full.

Dr. Holcomb commented it is difficult to determine the number of full-time students. For example, a student might be taking two "live" classes at the Sidney Campus, one "live" class at the Scottsbluff Campus and two online classes.

Mr. Hovey reported the Fall Semester 2012 Total Credit Hour Enrollment is 20,544.5 credit hours. The Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment is 741.59. Board members remarked the credit hour enrollment gives a much better picture of actual enrollment. Credit hour enrollment is the key number.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Hovey responded, when considering retention, it is a student who is a first full-time degree seeking enrollee in the fall and who returns the following fall; while a re-admit enrollment is a student who has been out of school for more than one year.

In response to a question from the Board concerning what is included in Business and Community Education enrollment, Mr. Hovey reported the Business enrollment is short-term credit-bearing courses provided for area businesses/agencies. Community Education is usually short term non-credit personal enrichment course offerings. He commented the enrollment in Business and Community Education is not captured in the 10-Day Report.

Mr. Hovey reported the total number of on-line students has decreased 2.9 percent from the previous year. There was discussion regarding whether or not it is necessary to have a separate designation for online enrollment, rather than including that enrollment with the location where the class originates.

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE
EXCUSED

Dr. Wylie was excused from the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

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Ten-Day Report
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There was further discussion concerning how student success is defined. There was agreement the definition should be expanded beyond the completion of a degree.

Mr. Hovey reported the average age of the student population remains stable. He remarked the number of male full-time students increased to 42 percent. This is brought

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on by a disproportionate loss in the number of female full-time students.

Mr. Hovey reported the percentage of full-time students who are Hispanic is 18.4 percent. This is slightly lower than last year; however, it is a significant improvement over previous years. Mr. Hovey reported the 57 International students enrolled represent twenty-five different countries. He commented some International students were not granted Visas to come to the United States for enrollment at the College.

Mr. Hovey reviewed the end of the 2012 Fall Semester enrollment projections. The total headcount project is 5,697 students and the Full-Time Equivalent Projection is 965.

Mr. Hovey reported the College attracted 19.9 percent of the 2011 high school graduating classes within the Western Area. This is six fewer students than last year. He commented high schools with the highest yields were Morrill, Banner County, Mitchell, Scottsbluff, Gering and Creek Valley. He reviewed the Student Analysis by County of Residence. Cheyenne, Kimball and Morrill Counties produced higher enrollment than the previous year. He commented the number of out-of-state full-time students decreased from 172 to 148.

Mr. Hovey reviewed the Student Analysis by Academic Area of Emphasis. He reported in terms of declared majors, programs that grew the most over the previous year are: Pre-engineering, Nursing, Pre-professional Nursing, and Criminal Justice. There was a slight decrease in transfer Business Programs.

Mr. Hovey asked for questions from the Board. There were none.

Dr. Gramberg thanked Mr. Hovey for his report.

MONITORING REPORTS
ACT Student Opinion
Survey
Results of 2011 – 2012 Degree-Seeking Graduates

Mr. Gaalswyk reported that for the past several years, the College has used the ACT Student Opinion Survey on a regular basis. Beginning with the 2012 – 2013 year, this survey instrument is no longer available. The College will be seeking a replacement instrument to evaluate how the College is doing concerning student experiences and opinions.

Ms. Barkeloo reported the survey consists of four sections: 1) Background Information; 2) College Impressions; 3) College

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Services; and 4) College Environment. She referred Board members to "Act Student Opinion Survey (SOS 2-Year College Form) Graphics Report" which is an enclosure in the mailed packet. Ms. Barkeloo reported the Survey was completed by 181 degree seeking students during the 2011 – 2012 academic year compared to 208 in the 2010 – 2011 academic year.

Ms. Barkeloo reported there were 68 males and 113 females who completed the survey. Seventy-one percent were full-time students and 29 percent were part-time students. This compares to 83 percent full-time and 17 percent part-time students who participated in the 2010 – 2011 survey. Eighty-two percent (148) of the students attended day classes compared to 78 percent the previous year. There were 144 students (79.5 percent) who received some type of financial aid compared to 155 (74.5 percent) the previous year.

Ms. Barkeloo reported there are twelve reasons for "Why WNCC was selected by the student" provided in the survey. The College's top five reasons are: 1) Low Cost of Attending; 2) Availability of scholarship or financial aid; 3) Offered courses I wanted; 4) Convenient location; and 5) Good chance of personal success. Ms. Barkeloo reported in the 2010 – 2011 survey results, number 5 was student could work while attending and number 6 was good chance of personal success.

Ms. Barkeloo reported Section Two "College Impressions" is concerned with four specific items: 1) Reason this two-year college was selected; 2) College impressions; 3) Would you choose this college again?; and 4) Overall impression of quality of education at this college. She reported 95 percent of the students (173) indicated low cost of attending was the reason for choosing the College, compared to 93 percent of the 2010 – 2011 respondents. Ninety-eight percent indicated convenient location compared to 96 percent the previous year. Eighty students responded they would definitely choose this College again while 62 students responded they probably would. These responses are .03 percent higher than in 2010 – 2011. Four percent of the respondents indicated they probably or definitely would not choose this College again. This compared to eight percent of the responses in 2010 – 2011. In response to the overall impression of quality education, 61 students

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(33 percent) responded excellent and 95 students (52 percent) responded good. This compares to 36 percent and 46 percent respectively in 2010 – 2011.

Mr. Gaalswyk reported Section Three "College Services" consists of 20 service related items including library, tutorial, financial aid veteran services, cafeteria, daycare, parking, counseling, advising, etc. He remarked that based on the students who used the College's services, the College services were consistently above the national norms, and the College's bottom five were rated better than its peer institutions. The top five services for the College were: Personal counseling services; Job placement services; Computer services; College-sponsored tutorial services; and Vocational guidance/career planning services. Mr. Gaalswyk commented when the tutorial services were moved to the Main Building, usage has been higher. Resident hall programs and services were used by 22.7 percent of the respondents and even though these services were in the bottom five for the College they were ranked higher than the national norm. He remarked parking facilities was among the bottom five ranked services. The renovation of the east parking lot should greatly improve the rating for this service.

Mr. Gaalswyk reported Section IV "College Environment" addresses 40 items organized into six categories. The six categories are: 1) Academic; 2) Admissions; 3) Rules and Policies; 4) Facilities; 5) Registration; and 6) General. The College student satisfaction exceeded the national norms in all of the 40 items. Mr. Gaalswyk reviewed the top five areas for the College: 1) Class size relative to the type of course; 2) Attitude of the teaching staff toward students; 3) This college in general; 4) Assistance provided by the college staff when you entered this college; and 5) Classroom facilities. Mr. Gaalswyk reported among the bottom five was a student voice in college policies. He remarked Dr. Yowell is working very hard to have more student involvement in this area.

Mr. Gaalswyk remarked it is very important to listen to the students as the College is committed to excellence in educational offerings and services. He reported it is the intention of the College administration to have a survey instrument in place by fall to evaluate how well the College is doing.

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Board members thanked Mr. Gaalswyk and Ms. Barkeloo for their report. Board members commented the numbers are very impressive, and they commended the College staff for their hard work and commitment to educational excellence.

MONITORING REPORTS
Nebraska Community
College Association

The Executive Committee of the Nebraska Community College Association Board of Directors will be meeting on Monday, September 17, 2012, at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. Dr. Perkins reported he is a member of the Executive Committee. The Committee will consider two items; the evaluation of the Executive Director, and the relationship with Metro Community College. The Committee will discuss in what way Metro can be considered for future membership in the Association.

MONITORING REPORTS
Association of
Community College
Trustees

Dr. Perkins remarked he will share some new data about what is happening with the Pell Grant Program. His report will be a summary of the American Association of Community Colleges and the Association of Community College Trustees analysis of the stats of the Pell Grant. He commented that over the last few years, he has brought to the attention of the Western Area Board reports about the state of the Pell Grant Program and its value for students in need of assistance. The Pell Grant Program has allowed students to achieve their dream of an education that will help them to live the American Dream.

Dr. Perkins reported it should be noted that there has been a significant increase in the number of students receiving the Pell Grant. In the 2006 – 2007 school year, there were 1.75 million students receiving the Grant. In the 2011 – 2012 school year, there were 3.5 million students who had access to the Pell Grant. That represents a 37 percent increase in Pell Grant recipients. During this time period, the Pell Grant funds have increased from \$3.9 billion to \$11.2 billion. In spite of the increased usage of the Grant Program, costs have decreased by \$2.2 billion. Dr. Perkins reported it is speculated that the reason for the decrease in costs is as a result of the elimination of the "Summer Pell" and the decrease in enrollment at for profit educational institutions. Dr. Perkins commented it would be helpful to know whether the elimination of the "Summer Pell" program had any significant impact on summer Community College enrollment.

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Dr. Perkins reported a sidelight to the report is data sent from Mr. Baack's office: showing the "key role for community college in a four-year degree production." The report indicated that on a national scale "45 percent of all students who finished a four-year degree in 2010 – 2011 had previously enrolled at a two-year college." In Nebraska, 57 percent of the degrees completed at four-year institutions, were by students who had previously been enrolled in two-year institutions.

On one other note with regard to the Association of Community College Trustees, Dr. Perkins reported he has accepted a two-year appointment to the Trust Fund Board, a foundation affiliate with the Association. The purpose of the Board is to provide educational opportunities for Trustees, including publication of training material for Trustees and providing research grants designed to discover ways to improve Boardmanship.

Dr. Gramberg thanked Dr. Perkins for his report.

Ms. Wisniewski commented the Western Area Board is very fortunate to have a member who is willing to spend the time and effort to serve on the national level. Because of Dr. Perkins, the Western Area Board is better informed and better connected with national level issues. She remarked the Board owes Dr. Perkins a debt of gratitude and she wanted to publicly acknowledge his commitment to community college education.

Dr. Pavlista remarked it is very helpful to have Dr. Perkins serve on national boards.

BOARD MEMBER
COMMENTS

Dr. Gramberg asked for Board Member Comments.

Mr. Nelson commended all faculty and staff who made the positive results of the Student Opinion Survey possible. He remarked he was especially pleased that racial harmony at the College was ranked well above the National Norms. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Nelson extended a thank you to the College staff.

Ms. Klemke remarked the positive information contained in the results of the Student Opinion Survey are numbers and facts that are important for Board members to take back to their communities to promote the College. It is also very useful information for Board members in the outlying regions of the Western Area to help answer constituents' questions

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COMMENTS
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about the importance of the College.

Ms. Ostrander complimented the College staff for a huge feat, to do "this kind of work" to achieve such positive results from the Student Opinion Survey, and to successfully hold the line on the tax levy request. She remarked these are big accomplishments.

Board members thanked the College Relations department for sending them a copy of the new College Viewbook. They remarked it is an excellent marketing tool.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Gramberg asked for President's Comments.

Dr. Holcomb reported the College is seeking nominations for the Nebraska Community College Association Distinguished Alumni from the Western Area. The Association will honor the Distinguished Alumni at the Annual Meeting/Legislative Seminar to be held on November 11 and 12, 2012, in Norfolk, NE. If Board members would like to nominate a deserving alumnus for this award, please send an email to Dr. Yowell, at yowells@wncc.edu. Please provide a brief description of why you believe your nominee should be recognized for this award. Nominations are due to Dr. Yowell by noon, Wednesday, September 26, 2012.

Dr. Holcomb reminded Board members of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and tours of the renovated Science Labs that will take place today at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Holcomb reminded Board members of the "Celebrate WNCC 2012" activities scheduled September 17 through 22, 2012. He commented activities have been scheduled for all three campus locations throughout the week. Dr. Holcomb distributed application information for the Fall Frolic 5k and 10k run/walk that will be held on Saturday morning. Publications about the week's events have been distributed.

Dr. Holcomb reported that in the pre-season rankings released last week the College Volleyball team entered the 2012 – 2013 season ranked number six in the nation by the National Junior College Athletic Association. After the Lady Cougars' win last evening their record is 11 – 2 and the team is still ranked number six.

Dr Holcomb reported the Platte Valley Companies Monument Marathon is scheduled for October 13, 2012. Ms.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS
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Dayle Wallien, College Foundation Director and race director has reported over 260 registrations have been received to date.

Dr. Holcomb reported the College has received great news that the Veterans Upward Bound program has been funded for another five years.

Dr. Holcomb mentioned a new recruitment tool, the College Viewbook, has been published. As was mentioned earlier, Board members have received a copy.

Dr. Holcomb reported the College will present the Varsity Vocal Showcase on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, 2012, at the Gering Civic Center, featuring an autumn "Germans from Russia" buffet. Tickets are \$22.50 for the buffet and dinner show. Tickets will go on sale tomorrow at the College Business Office.

Dr. Holcomb reported the Cougar Strides Wellness Committee is pleased to announce that the College has received the Governor's Wellness Award at the Sower level. The Sower Award recognizes that the College "plants the seed of wellness" for its employees. By meeting the standards for this award, the College demonstrates leadership in worksite health promotion and has provided an opportunity for employees to live a healthy life and improve the quality of life for Nebraskans.

Dr. Holcomb reported he attended the "Nebraska's Pathways to Prosperity Symposium." The Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Education and Labor sponsored the event that was held on Friday, September 7, 2012, in Lincoln. There were 150 participants. The Pathways to Prosperity report is the culmination of two years of intense research and collaboration with many partners. Dr. Holcomb reported education is a key factor in economic prosperity and the benefits of community colleges are a very important component to provide this education. The Pathways to Prosperity Project was led by Harvard College.

Dr. Holcomb asked if Board members had any questions. There were none.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Dr. Gramberg reminded Board members of the following upcoming meetings and events.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
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1) The Nebraska Community College Association Governance Institute for Student Success that will be held on November 11 and 12, 2012, in Norfolk, NE. Dr. Holcomb reported arrangements are being made for a charter flight to accommodate travel for those Board members planning to attend this meeting.

2) The Nebraska Community College Association Annual Meeting/Legislative Seminar to be held on November 12 and 13, 2012, in Norfolk, NE.

3) The Association of Community College Trustees 2012 Annual Leadership Congress that will be held on October 10 – 13, 2012, in Boston, MA. Board members Daniels, Gramberg, Ostrander, and Perkins will attend this meeting.

4) The Western Community College Area Board of Governors Regular meetings to be held as follows: 1) October 24, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at the Alliance Campus; and 2) November 28, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in Scottsbluff.

5) The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Scottsbluff Campus Science Laboratory Renovation to be held today, at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Gramberg commented tours of the newly renovated facility will be conducted following the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

8) The Western Nebraska Community College "Celebrate WNCC 2012" activities will be held September 17 - 22, 2012. There are activities planned at all three campus locations.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at the Western Nebraska Community College, Alliance Campus, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska. The room location will be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:58 p.m.

Merlyn L. Gramberg, Chairperson

Coral E. Richards, Secretary

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

- 1) Consider the following application(s) pending before the City of Gering Planning Commission:
 - a) A Public Hearing for an application for a Preliminary and Final Plat on Lot 5, Block 7, Midtown Development Addition, in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

SCOTTSBLUFF CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO THE WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

August 2012

With the semester starting on August 15, the student organizations of Scottsbluff campus were all ready to commence. The student organization fair was held on August 22 in the pit. Numerous organizations had informational tables and talked to prospective members. The day ended with the Back to School Bash barbeque for students, faculty, staff, and their families, complete with bounce houses. On the 23rd of August, Gary Cardon, the storyteller, came to campus and held a show in the WNCC Theatre.

At the first Student Organization meeting, held on August 30, organizations were reminded to register their Constitution every year in order to keep the campus' master plan updated. Blank Constitutions were given to new student organizations and the policy of Constitution submitting first goes to Student Government, then to Student Service Council, and the final approval step goes to College Council. Beginning this year, a new fundraising policy has come into effect. A project request must be submitted before the fundraiser. In addition, each organization must plan an alcohol and drug abuse education program in order to remain fundable. Also, Homecoming packets were dispersed to all organizations that outlined Homecoming Royalty process and application, schedule of student events, and student organization event competition. The WNCC Posting Policy and Procedures for Scottsbluff campus was also given to the organizations. Dates to remember include Make a Difference Day on October 27 and Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Student Government held its first meeting of the year September 4. Education Professions Club is planning a new members skating party. They are also collecting school supplies for rural schools of the community, helping with Out of Darkness walk for suicide prevention, helping with the Fall Frolic, and planning an Educational Day in November for alcohol and drug prevention. Student Ambassadors held a retreat Aug. 24 and 25th. They completed the low ropes course and the YMCA campground and also learned other necessary Student Ambassadors during skills during the weekend. Another club, Circle K, held its first meeting on August 21 with pizza, ice cream, and Capture the Flag. They will be helping the North Platte Valley Museum with their historical graveyard walk on Sept. 15. Chi Alpha meets every Tuesday night in Pioneer Hall. They have planned a bowling night and a corn maze event for October. Student Veterans Association is in the process of holding a flag ceremony for Veterans Day. Flag football will kick off intramural sports this month.

SCOTTSBLUFF CAMPUS FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO THE WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Hallie Feil, WNCC Social Science Division Chair, continues to work on her Ph. D. in higher education administration. This summer she completed the following courses: Introduction to Research, and Finance in Higher Education. This semester she is enrolled in courses in The Higher Education Environment and Statistics. She attended a conference in May regarding mindfulness and heard some great new research about treatments for insomnia and drug/alcohol problems. At the conference she also got to see a new project called the Happiness Project, which she may incorporate into her curriculum.

Merrillene Wood, WNCC librarian, is attending the Chair Leadership Academy in November for the second session of a two-session institute. She is also serving on the Panhandle Library System's Board, in the third year of a three year term. Similarly, she is serving on the State Advisory Council on Libraries, in the third year of a three year term. This summer she graduated from Leadership Cheyenne County.

This summer, James MacArthur, WNCC Chemistry Instructor, attended the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education at Pennsylvania State University in College Park, PA. He presided over the session "Clickers: Innovative Classroom and Research Applications, and presented "Mixed-method study on the way clickers are used in a large-enrollment general chemistry course." He also attended a session entitled "Applying ACS (American Chemical Society) Resources to improve Effectiveness at your Institution: A Collaborative Project of the Two year college chemistry consortium and the ACS.