PROPOSED AGENDA

A. Call to Order, Mr. Daniels

B. Roll Call

C. Community Comments

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) Public Hearings on Proposed 2015 - 2016 WCCA
            Budgets, September 9, 2015
         2) Regular Meeting, September 9, 2015
      d) Claims: (Enclosure)
         1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $2,733,011.05
         2) WCCA Restricted Fund - $17,986.84
         3) WCCA Federal Fund - $5,927.99
         4) WCCA Agency Fund - $15,961.81
         5) WCCA Loan Fund - $0-
         6) WCCA Plant Fund - $11,441.01
         7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $725,821.62
      e) City Planning Commission Reports
      f) Reports and Proposals
         1) From the Students
         2) From the Faculty
         3) From the Administration
         4) From the Board

REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 2015

12:00 P.M. – LUNCH
Community Room A & B
Western Nebraska Community College
Alliance Campus
1750 Sweetwater Avenue
Alliance, Nebraska

1:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING
Community Room C
Western Nebraska Community College
Alliance Campus
1750 Sweetwater Avenue
Alliance, Nebraska
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

   a) #16-SE-06 - Community College Consortium CTE Marketing
   (Pages 3 – 3a)
   b) #16-EQ-07 – Band Saw
   (Pages 3b – 3c)
   c) #16-EQ-08 – Welding Equipment
   (Pages 3d – 3e)
   d) #16-SE-10 – Cisco SMARTnet Service
   (Pages 3f – 3g)

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):
      1) Mr. Manuel Alvarez, Mathematics Instructor
      (Page 4)
      2) Ms. Kathryn K. Fiscus, Health Information Management Systems Instructor
      (Page 4a)
      3) Mr. Jordan McBride, Upward Bound Program Advisor
      (Page 4b)
   b) Appointment(s):
      1) Ms. Lilanie J. Heigerson, TRIO Student Support Services Advisor
      (Pages 4c – 4f)

2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar

3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

H. Western Community College Area Board of Governors – Mr. Daniels

1) Consider Request for Sale and Use of Alcoholic Beverages at College
   Sponsored Events

   a) Varsity Vocalise Showcase – October 24, 2015
   (Page 5)
   b) Fall Ball – November 14, 2015
   (Page 5a)
   c) Western Nebraska Community College Gala – February 19 and 20, 2016
   (Page 5b)
I. Reduction-In-Force – Mr. Groshans

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

J. Monitoring Reports

1) Nebraska Community College Association
   a) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting) – Board Members
      1) October 5 – 6, 2015, Scottsbluff, NE
   b) Board of Directors Meeting – Dr. Gramberg, Dr. Perkins
   c) Approval of 2016 Dues (Handout)

2) Association of Community College Trustees
   a) Governance Leadership Institute (Handout)
      1) December 3 – 4, 2015
   b) Letter of Nomination Supporting Dr. Perkins’ Appointment to the
      ACCT Trustee Advisory Committee (Pages 6 – 6a)
   c) College Promise Campaign/Heads Up, America (Pages 6b – 6c, Handout)
      1) Week of Action, October 26 – 30, 2015
   d) 2015 Annual Leadership Congress – Daniels, Gramberg, Perkins, Perlinski,
      Stickney, Holcomb
      1) October 14 – 17, 2015
      2) San Diego, CA

K. Board Member Comments

L. President’s Comments – Mr. Groshans

M. Executive Session

1) 2016 – 2017 Collective Bargaining
N. Upcoming Meetings and Events

1) Association of Community College Trustees

   a) 2016 National Legislative Summit
      1) February 8 - 11, 2016
      2) Washington, D. C.

2) Nebraska Community College Association

   a) 2016 Regular Meetings
      1) First Quarter Meeting
         A) January 22, 2016
         B) Lincoln, Nebraska
      2) Second Quarter Meeting
         A) May 2, 2016
         B) Lincoln, Nebraska
      3) Third Quarter Meeting
         A) August 1, 2016
         B) Lincoln, Nebraska
      4) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting)
         A) November 7, 2016
         B) Central Area

O. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 1:00 p.m., Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

P. Adjournment

MISSION STATEMENT:

"WNCC assures learning opportunities for all – enriching lives, invigorating communities, creating futures"
A regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors was held at 1:05 p.m., on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, in Community Room C, Western Nebraska Community College, Alliance Campus, located at 1750 Sweetwater Avenue, in the City of Alliance, in the County of Box Butte, in the State of Nebraska, as per the publicized notice in the Star-Herald, on Saturday, October 17, 2015, with the following members present: Meryln L. Gramberg, F. Lynne Klemke, Kimberly A. Marcy, William M. Packard, M. Thomas Perkins, Thomas L. Perlinski, R. J. Savely, Mary K. Shaver, Richard G. Stickney, Timothy H. Daniels, Chairperson. Absent: Julienne K. Walworth. Student Representatives present: Rose Nelson, Sidney Campus. Faculty Representatives present: Aletia R. Norwood, Scottsbluff Campus. College staff present: David E. Groshans, William D. Knapper, Coral E. Richards, Paula J. Abbott, Ellen M. Dillon, Robyn R. Iossi, Michael E. Houdyshell. College 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.

Mr. Daniels declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

Mr. Daniels asked for comments from the community.

Mr. Daniels reminded community members who wish to make comments, that pursuant to Board Policy #830.1000.79, each speaker will be limited to a five minute presentation. There were no community comments.

Mr. Daniels 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.

Mr. Daniels reported Ms. Walworth notified the Secretary that she would be unable to attend the meeting today because of Personal Business.

Mr. Daniels remarked that if Board members have an item they would like to have included on a meeting agenda, they should let him know. He apologized for not specifically mentioning this previously.
Mr. Daniels reported Ms. Richards has copies of Mr. Chuck Underwood's book "The Generational Imperative" available. The cost is $16.99, payable to the Nebraska Community College Association. The book was also available during the Nebraska Community College Association Annual meeting.

Mr. Daniels welcomed Ms. Rose Nelson, Sidney Campus Student Representative.

Mr. Daniels reviewed the contents of the Consent Calendar which include the following items:

1) Agenda, October 21, 2015
2) Excuse Absent Board Member(s) – Walworth
3) Minutes
   a) Public Hearings/Adoption of Proposed 2015 – 2016 WCCA Budgets, September 9, 2015
   b) Regular Meeting, September 9, 2015
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5) City Planning Commission Reports – Attachment – A
6) Reports and Proposals
   a) From the Students
   b) From the Faculty – Attachment B
   c) From the Administration
   d) From the Board

Mr. Daniels 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.

Mr. Stickney moved the Consent Calendar be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Savely. The vote was, Yes: Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried.

There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar.
Mr. Daniels reviewed the contents of the Bid Consent Calendar which include the following bid(s):

1) #16-SE-06 – Community College Consortium CTE Marketing
2) #16-EQ-07 – Band Saw – Attachment C
3) #16-EQ-08 – Welding Equipment – Attachment D
4) #16-SE-10 – Cisco SMARTnet Service – Attachment E

Mr. Daniels inquired if there were any item(s) on the Bid Consent Calendar which any Board member wished to have removed for separate consideration.

Mr. Stickney requested Bid #16-SE-06 – Community College Consortium CTE Marketing be extracted for separate consideration.

Ms. Shaver moved the Bid Consent Calendar be approved as amended. Seconded by Ms. Klemke. The vote was, Yes: Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Gramberg, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried.

Mr. Stickney reported he requested Bid #16-SE-06 – Community College Consortium CTE Marketing be extracted to allow the administration an opportunity to provide additional information. He asked Mr. Knapper to explain this bid.

Mr. Knapper reported as a part of the State-aid formula $500,000.00 is allocated to a grant program, known as the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant. The grant is administered by the Coordinating Commission. He reported five of the six Nebraska Community Colleges have agreed to participate as a consortium for this grant: Central Community College, Mid-Plains Community College Northeast Community College, Southeast Community College and Western Nebraska Community College. The colleges were recently awarded a $416,666.66 grant to develop and implement a state-wide awareness campaign that highlights the significant role Career and Technical Education plays in the continuing vitality and economic development efforts for Nebraska.

Mr. Knapper reported the Marketing and Public Relations Council of the Nebraska Community College Association
prepared specifications which he submitted for bid requests. Six companies submitted a proposal with some of the funds going to the agency and the remainder for media placement with the differentiating factor being the dollars left for media placement. Mr. Knapper reported the Public Relations Council has reviewed the proposals and checked references. The Council is recommending the proposal submitted by Education Marketing Group (EMG) of Parker, CO. While the dollars allocated for media placement is not as great as some of the proposals submitted, this firm was selected for strong creative skills, understanding of the budget limitations, and a strong sense of collaboration with the client group.

Mr. Knapper reported the community colleges have rotated the administration of the grant since its inception. This year the College became the host institution for the grant. Mr. Knapper reported the administration of this grant will follow the same process as with all funds the College administers.

Mr. Stickney reported the Budget and Finance Committee met earlier today to consider all bids received.

Mr. Stickney reported bids were received on October 1, 2015 for CTE Awareness Campaign for College Consortium from the following firms.

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Mr. Stickney reported the Budget and Finance Committee is recommending the Board approve the bid submitted by Education Marketing Group (EMG), of Parker, CO, in the amount of $416,666.00 which includes $210,000.00 for media placement.
Mr. Savely moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to approve the bid submitted by Education Marketing Group (EMG) of Parker, CO, in the amount of $416,666.00 which includes $210,000.00 for Media Placement. Seconded by Dr. Packard. The vote was, Yes: Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Gramberg, Klemke, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried.

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

1) Resignation(s):
   a) Mr. Manuel Alvarez, Mathematics Instructor, effective August 31, 2016.
   c) Mr. Jordan McBride, Upward Bound Program Advisor, effective October 31, 2015.

2) Appointment(s):
   a) Ms. Lilanie J. Helgerson, TRIO Student Support Services Advisor, effective September 21, 2015, through August 31, 2016, salary to be prorated from an annual salary of $37,601.00.

Mr. Daniels 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.

Dr. Gramberg moved the Personnel Consent Calendar be approved as presented. Seconded by Ms. Klemke. The vote was, Yes: Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried.

There were no items extracted from the Personnel Consent Calendar.
Mr. Daniels referred Board members to the mailed packet which contains requests for the Sale and Use of Alcoholic Beverages at College Sponsored Events. The events are: Varsity Vocalise Showcase – October 24, 2015; Fall Ball – November 14, 2015; and Western Nebraska Community College Gala – February 19 and 20, 2016. All of the events will be held at the Gering Civic Center.

Mr. Daniels suggested each request be acted upon separately.

Mr. Stickney moved the Board approve the request from the Vocal Music Department to have alcoholic beverages available at the Varsity Vocalise Showcase to be held on October 24, 2015, at the Gering Civic Center. Seconded by Mr. Perlinski. The vote was, Yes: Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried. (A copy of the approved Request Form is attached in the official minute book.)

Ms. Marcy moved the Board approve the request from the Instrumental Music Department to have alcoholic beverages available at the Fall Ball to be held on November 14, 2015, at the Gering Civic Center. Seconded by Ms. Klemke. The vote was, Yes: Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy Packard, Perkins, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried. (A copy of the approved Request Form is attached in the official minute book.)

Ms. Klemke moved the Board approve the request from the Vocal Music Department to have alcoholic beverages available at the Western Nebraska Community College Gala to be held on February 19 and 20, 2016, at the Gering Civic Center. Seconded by Dr. Packard. The vote was, Yes: Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried. (A copy of the approved Request Form is attached in the official minute book.)

Mr. Groshans reported in accordance with Board policy, every year an annual review of all programs offered by the College is conducted to determine program viability. Mr. Groshans requested authority to appoint an advisory committee to review all programs and to consider reduction-in-force, if necessary. Mr. Groshans reported the advisory
committee will submit the Committee’s recommendations to the President in December. At the January 2016 meeting, Dr. Holcomb will present the Committee recommendations to the Board of Governors. Mr. Groshans reported no reduction-in-force is anticipated at this time.

Dr. Gramberg moved the Board authorize Dr. Holcomb to review all programs offered by the College. He further moved the Board authorize the appointment of an advisory committee to study possible reduction-in-force, if necessary. Seconded by Dr. Perkins. The vote was, Yes: Shaver, Stickney, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried.

The Western Area was the host for the Fourth Quarter (Annual) meeting held in Scottsbluff on October 5 and 6, 2015. The Western Area had two award recipients in addition to naming a Distinguished Alumnus from the Western Area. Mr. Stickney received the Governor’s Award and Mr. Manuel (Junior) Alvarez received the Faculty Member Award. Mr. Ryan Reiber received the Distinguished Alumni award. Mr. Daniels asked for comments from Board members.

Mr. Stickney thanked the Board and College administration for nominating him for the Governor’s Award. He remarked he was very surprised when the award recipient was announced. He commented Mr. Underwood was a great speaker.

Mr. Savely thanked those who assisted him and his wife as he was recovering from recent eye surgery. He remarked everyone was very accommodating.

Dr. Perkins thanked Ms. Verbeck for all of her assistance in preparing for the meeting, Ms. Allison Judy for design work, marketing and public relations efforts, Ms. Judy Amoo and the Harms Advanced Technology Center staff for their assistance, and the College Food Service staff for the excellent lunch, dinner and refreshments. He also thanked Mr. Hod Kosman, and Mr. Greg Awtry who helped to sponsor the keynote speaker, Mr. Chuck Underwood.

Mr. Daniels thanked Dr. Perkins for his hard work and leadership in the preparations for the Annual meeting. He remarked all of the speakers were interesting.
Dr. Gramberg remarked Mr. Underwood has two new books that will be available soon.

Dr. Packard mentioned the College nursing staff should have been invited to hear the presentation by Dr. Julian Sebastian, Dean and Professor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Nursing.

Ms. Klemke remarked she was unable to attend the meeting because she was a member of a Nebraska Department of Education site visitation team at Scottsbluff Public Schools. She commented Oshkosh Public School members attended Mr. Underwood’s presentation and appreciated the invitation to attend his presentation.

The 2016 Annual meeting will be hosted by the Central Community College Area, on November 7, 2016.

Dr. Gramberg reported the Fourth Quarter meeting of the Nebraska Association Board of Directors was held in Scottsbluff, on Monday, October 5, 2015. He commented it was a good meeting. The 2106 meeting dates were selected, and the 2016 Association budget was approved.

Dr. Perkins reported there are two themes the Association will be considering: Updates on student success; and student safety. Dr. Perkins remarked he will have some remarks next month regarding student safety.

In response to a question from the Board, safety issues include bullying, racial discrimination, and sexual misconduct including rape. It was mentioned that it is very difficult for colleges to manage student safety outside of a college setting.

Mr. Daniels reported the invoice for the Western Area 2016 Nebraska Community College Association membership dues was received subsequent to mailing of the information packet for this meeting. He referred Board members to the handout material which contains a copy of the invoice in the amount of $64,745.86. This amount represents 1/5th of the approved 2016 Association Budget. Mr. Daniels remarked the dues are divided equally among the Association membership.

Dr. Perkins moved the Board approve payment of the 2016 Nebraska Community College Association membership dues in the amount of $64,745.86 as presented. Seconded
by Dr. Gramberg. The vote was, Yes: Stickney, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried.

In response to a question from the Board, Drs. Perkins and Gramberg responded the budget includes the salaries of the Executive Director, Administrative Assistant, rental of office space, and office operating expenses, among other things.

Mr. Daniels reported the Association of Community College Trustees is presenting a Governance Leadership Institute in Grand Island, NE, on December 3 and 4, 2015. He referred Board members to the handout material which includes a copy of the draft agenda for the institute. Mr. Daniels commented this is an excellent development opportunity for Board members that is nearby.

Mr. Daniels encouraged Board members to consider attending the Institute. Board members who plan to attend are asked to contact Ms. Richards who will make room and conference arrangements. Ms. Klemke and Mr. Stickney indicated they would attend.

Mr. Daniels reported that Dr. Perkins is currently serving as a member of the newly formed Trustee Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is comprised of former Association Board members who are still active trustees and members in good standing of the Association. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide guidance and historical perspective to the Association Board and management.

Mr. Daniels reported Dr. Perkins is interested in continuing his membership on the Advisory Committee. To do so, he must complete an Interest Form and submit it to the Association. A Letter of Nomination from the Western Area Board supporting Dr. Perkins' appointment to the ACCT Trustee Advisory Committee must also be submitted with the Interest Form. Mr. Daniels referred Board members to the mailed packet which contains a proposed letter supporting Dr. Perkins' appointment.

Dr. Packard moved the Board support the nomination of Dr. M. Thomas Perkins to the Association of Community College Trustees' Trustee Advisory Committee. He further moved the Board authorize the Chair to sign and submit
the letter of nomination in support of Dr. Perkins' appointment to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Perlinski. The vote was, Yes: Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Daniels. No: None. Abstain: Perkins. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried.

Mr. Daniels referred Board members to the mailed packet and the handout materials which include information about the College Promise Campaign/Heads Up. This is provided for Board member information. Heads Up America is a grassroots movement to create an awareness of the College Promise proposal to make two years of community college free for responsible students.

Dr. Perkins suggested discussion regarding the College Promise proposal be deferred until the November Board meeting. At that time, he and Dr. Holcomb will make a formal presentation.

Mr. Daniels reported five Board members and Dr. Holcomb attended the 2015 Annual Leadership Congress held in San Diego, California October 14 through 17, 2015.

Mr. Perlinski thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Leadership Congress. He found it to be both educational and beneficial. He attended sessions covering several topics including: community college governance; board member responsibilities; community outreach; community alliances and stackable credentials to work out of poverty. The Congress was a great opportunity to learn about other colleges, boards, and trustees and what they are doing to address the challenges that colleges are facing nationwide. It was encouraging to learn that what the Western Area is doing matches what successful colleges nationwide are doing. He commented the Board has a lot to be proud of at Western Nebraska Community College.

Mr. Perlinski remarked it was also beneficial to network and build relationships with other members of the Western Board and board members from other community colleges.

Mr. Perlinski thanked the Board again for the opportunity to attend the Leadership Congress.
Dr. Gramberg thanked Mr. Daniels for naming him as the Voting Delegate from the Western Area. He remarked six votes were required before three new people were elected to the Board. He explained how the voting procedure works and commented it took two and one-half hours to complete the election. Dr. Gramberg commented the Association has many quality individuals.

Mr. Stickney reported there were more than 2,000 trustees from across the country in attendance at the Leadership Congress. The Congress provides a great opportunity to meet and visit with board members from other community colleges.

Mr. Stickney reported Dr. James B. Milliken, Chancellor of the City University of New York and former President of the University of Nebraska, was the Keynote Speaker for the General Session Luncheon on Friday.

Dr. Janet Napolitano was the Keynote Speaker at the General Session Luncheon on Thursday. She served as Secretary of Homeland Security from 2009 – 2013, and was Governor of Arizona from 2003 – 2009. She was named the president of the University of California in 2013. Dr. Napolitano related a story about a student who was a high school dropout and later bore down on studying, enrolled in a community college, and did volunteer work at a hospital. This student was a top student at the University of California, and is now completing residency in medical school at Stanford University.

Mr. Daniels remarked it was frustrating to hear about the mega colleges with mega budgets when other smaller colleges are struggling to receive adequate funding.

Mr. Daniels attended a session about how data can be used as an asset. In one instance, as many as 40 percent of part-time students waste time with excessive credits when it takes four plus years to graduate with an associate’s degree. When looking for a way to improve student success and graduation rates a graph of course availability was completed. Through the creation of a more flexible schedule, graduation rates improved.

Mr. Daniels attended a session about the importance of board retreats. It is recommended boards have two such meetings each year. These sessions can be used for
The report showcased a "number of factors that contribute to student loan defaults" including: 1) "Students who borrow the least are most likely to default."; 2) Many defaulters take no action on their debt suggesting the complexity of the repayment system and a lack of information may be stymieing students."; 3) A large number of borrowers are earning few credits and are not completing a credential."; and 4) "Institutions lack access to complete information and user friendly ways to analyze loan data, making default management unnecessarily difficult." A point of interest is students with loans of less than $5,000 are most likely to default. They make up about 43 percent of all borrowers with a default rate of 31.7 percent as compared to those who borrow $20,000 or more. They make up 6.2 percent of defaulters with a default rate in this cohort of 27.8 percent.

Dr. Perkins remarked the point of this information is to highlight a proposal by Senator Lamar Alexander, of Tennessee, who is exploring the possibility of "holding colleges responsible for student success, debt and default by instituting a financial stake" for colleges. Senator Alexander proposed colleges should "assume more responsibility for student loan debt and default." The term is risk sharing. The thinking behind this idea is that the federal government and students already assume "some financial risk in issuing
and utilizing Direct Loans and that institutions should assume more financial responsibility for student debt and default."

Dr. Perkins remarked that he found it interesting that Senator Alexander has made this proposal, since he has bragged about the State of Tennessee granting free tuition to community college students. Theoretically, the community colleges in the State of Tennessee would be exempt from risk sharing.

The bottom line in all of this is that colleges would be fined and in some instances lose Title IV aid including Pell Grants based on default of Federal loan dollars. The Department of Education did a calculation of what community colleges would owe in the event the proposal were to be enacted and it showed that a large number of community colleges would owe one million dollars, or more, in fines to the Government.

When community college boards consider how tight the funding is for community colleges, with diminishing state funds and other resources, they can only imagine the pain this would create. Dr. Perkins reported that during the meeting, the possible fines, based on student default rates for each college, were made available to attendees. The College’s fine would be $264,000. Dr. Perkins reported it is his understanding this would be an annual fine until the default rate was reduced.

Dr. Perkins commented the question the Western Area Board has to ask is where do our Senators stand on this issue: “for or against Community Colleges of Nebraska?”

Mr. Daniels reported he has a spare copy of the Association’s recent publication “A Closer Look At The Trillion: Borrowing, Repayment and Default at Iowa’s Community Colleges” that he will leave with Ms. Richards. Board members interested in reading the findings of the study can check out the book from her.

In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Perkins commented the $264,000 fine is based on the amount owed by College students. Mr. Groshans commented in Dr. Holcomb’s remarks, the College default rate is 17.3 percent down from 18.3 last year.
It was pointed out that promoting student success and raising the expectations of the student’s family, as well as the schools, is also important to help reduce the default rate.

Ms. Norwood reported the required course, Achieving College Success, has been revised from a one credit hour to a three credit hour class and will include a section on finance.

The 2016 Leadership Congress will be held in New Orleans, LA.

Mr. Daniels asked for Board Member Comments. There were none.

Mr. Daniels asked for President’s Comments.

Mr. Groshans presented President’s Comments on behalf of Dr. Holcomb.

The United States Department of Education recently released the FY 2012, three-year official cohort default rate of student borrowers. The College default rate is 17.3 percent, down from 18.3 percent a year ago. The national average for community colleges is currently 19.1 percent. In October 2014, the College contracted with Inceptia of Omaha to provide grace counseling and default prevention outreach to former College students who borrowed funds under the Federal student loan program.

On October 2, 2015, Mr. Norman Coley, Student Life Director, presented a two-hour workshop on Bullying and Diversity for the Sidney Campus students. There were over thirty students, faculty and staff in attendance.

Sidney Campus student, staff and faculty participated in the Oktoberfest Parade in Sidney and gave out Oktoberfest tee shirts and College Styrofoam balls. This was the fourth year the College Oktoberfest shirts have been given out at the parade. They seem to be a big hit.

On October 7, 2015, the Cosmetology class attended the Pawzitively Pink game in Scottsbluff. They painted nails, did hair bling and sprayed hair pink for the game. On October 22, the class will hold their annual Cancer Spa Day.

On October 12, 2015, Ms. Judy Amoo, Dean of Economic and Community Development, was a panelist at a
breakout session at the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship Conference held in Houston, Texas. She joined colleagues from the Gallup Corporation presenting information on the Entrepreneur Profile 10 survey.

Ms. Ellen Dillion, who is currently serving as board president of the Box Butte Development Corporation, took part in another corporate visit to the American Electrical Power Company’s corporate headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. Others taking part in the visit were Mr. Dan Griess, Chief Executive Officer, Box Butte General Hospital; Mr. J. D. Cox, Alliance City Manager; and Ms. Chelsie Herian, Executive Director of the Box Butte Development Corporation.

The College recently hosted the 17th Annual Multicultural Youth Leadership Conference. Students from throughout Scotts Bluff County and representatives from the Pine Ridge Job Corps welcomed Mr. Aaron Davis to campus. There were over 300 participants in attendance.

Dr. Guy Wylie was recently named “Favorite College Instructor” by the Star-Herald after its readers voted in the newspaper’s annual “Reader’s Choice Awards.”

On October 22, 2015, the Art Exhibit and Business After Hours will be held as part of the Celebrate WNCC activities. A record 53 artist and nearly 160 pieces of art will be displayed, including 7 pieces made by youth. Artists from Scottsbluff, Gering, Broadwater, Sidney Mitchell, Alliance, Minatare, Oshkosh, and Morrill, Nebraska, Loveland, Colorado and Torrington, Wyoming will be exhibiting. Seventy-five percent of the artists are College alumni.

Celebrate WNCC: WNCC Alumni and Friends and Celebrate WNCC have several activities for faculty, staff, students and community members to participate in during the week. Some of the events include: Business After Hours Art Show, Alumni and Friends Banquet, Fall Frolic 5K/10K/Kids’ Fun Run, Varsity Vocal Showcase root beer floats, and the crowning of Mr. and Ms. WNCC at the Cougar Volleyball game on Friday evening, October 23, 2015.

On October 24, 2015, the Vocal Music Department will present the Varsity Vocal Showcase at the Gering Civic Center. There will be a cash bar beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner/show beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $25.00
each and may be purchased in the College Business Office.

On November 14, 2015, the Instrumental Music Department will present the 7th Annual Fall Ball, “Fiesta! Music of Celebration,” at the Gering Civic Center. This performance will feature Latin American music and American party-music favorites. There will be a cash bar beginning at 6:16 p.m. and the dinner and show will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale November 7, 2015, at the College Business Office. Tickets are $30.00 each or $400 for a corporate/group table.

The WNCC Works: Grow Our Possibilities Family Campaign Committee kicked off a six-week, fun-filled giving campaign on October 13, 2015, at the all-staff in-service. From now until November 20, 2015, there will be activities, raffle drawings, and weekly updates of winners of the raffle prizes, and lots of other chances for employees to give back to help College students and programs. The campaign goal is 100 percent participation — through raffle ticket sales, a payroll deduction, a one-time gift or a planned gift.

Mr. Groshans commented October is a very busy month. He asked for questions. There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2016 – 2017 Collective Bargaining

Mr. Perlinski moved, pursuant to Section 84-1410 of the Reissue of the Revised Statutes, known as the Nebraska Public Meetings Law, that the Board hold a closed session with Mr. William Knapper, Mr. David E. Groshans, Ms. Coral E. Richards and Mr. Phillip M. Kelly, for the purpose of discussion of the following item: a) 2016 – 2017 Collective Bargaining. He further moved that this closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s) and that strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining are specifically authorized by the Nebraska Public Meetings Law. Seconded by Dr. Perkins. The vote was, Yes: Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Slickney, Gramberg, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried.

RECESS

Mr. Daniels declared a ten minute recess at 2:19 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Daniels declared the Open meeting in session at 2:28 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
2016 – 2017 Collective Bargaining

Mr. Daniels stated the purpose of the Executive Session is discussion of 2016 – 2017 Collective Bargaining.

The Board of Governors and those so named in the motion adjourned to an Executive Session at 2:29 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 2:40 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Daniels declared the Open meeting in session at 2:40 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Mr. Daniels reminded Board members of the following upcoming meetings and events:

1) The Association of Community College Trustees 2016 National Legislative Summit to be held on February 8 – 11, 2016, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, in Washington, D.C.

2) The Nebraska Community College Association 2016 Regular Meetings to be held as follows: a) First Quarter Meeting, January 22, 2016, Lincoln, Nebraska; b) Second Quarter Meeting, May 2, 2016, Lincoln, Nebraska; c) Third Quarter Meeting, August 1, 2016, Lincoln, Nebraska; and Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting,) November 7, 2016, Central Area.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:44 p.m.

Timothy H. Daniels, Chairperson  

Coral E. Richards, Secretary
1) Consider the following applications pending before the City of Gering Planning Commission:

a) An application for a preliminary plat and final plat on Block 1, Wold-Young Subdivision to the City of Gering, located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 55 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska; otherwise known as 515 M Street.

b) An application for a preliminary plat and final plat located on Lots 1A and 1B, a Replat of Lot 1, Block 1, a Replat of Block 1, Greenwalt First Addition Subdivision to the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 21 North, Range 55 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska; otherwise known as 1125 D Street.

c) An application for a Sales Only Plat for the following property: Tracts 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B, a Replat of Tracts 1, 2 and a portion of 3 Steete Tracts, a Subdivision in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, situated in the Norwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, all in Township 22.
WNCC FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
FOR THE WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PRESENTED OCTOBER 2015

Linda Matten-Ritz, Early Childhood Education instructor, reports that she attended the Buffett Early Childhood Institute conference, Transforming the Early Childhood Workforce in Nebraska, Birth to Age 8, on October 5 and 6. The conference participants represented 22 of the 24 higher education institutions in Nebraska.

The participants were presented with a book published by the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council addressing the compilation of research on the science of children’s health, learning, and development. The Committee on the Science of Children Birth to Age 8: Deepening and Broadening the Foundation for Success is tasked with ways to relate how the workforce supports children from birth through age 8.

Almost 9,000 people are employed in the childcare industry across the state. The majority of these child caregivers need to be educated to support quality professional practices at the individual childcare sites. For the first time, with this publication, Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8: A Unifying Foundation, the science of child development and early learning makes clear the importance of working with children birth through age 8.

Dr. William Spurgeon, IT instructor, reports that WNCC has several students working due to NASA Grants. Bailey Ross and Blaise Alexander are NASA Fellowship students. Bailey is working on an autonomous vehicle project and Blaise is working with Dave Nelson on methane production procedure improvements from manure. Chase Cushman and Michael Klefer are helping develop hands-on labs for Intro to IT and Intro to Engineering for students to program a microprocessor to interface with sensors and electronic components such as: LED lights, a potentiometer, pressure transducer, temperature sensor, proximity sensor, humidity sensor, and collect data and plot the results. Jason Stratman helped us purchase the equipment for the labs through his Impact grant. The students are excited and have enjoyed the opportunity to work with some real-world hands-on equipment with practical applications. I also have a work-study student, Andrew Black, and he is also working with the electronic equipment too.

William Loring, IT instructor, reports that he attended a day long Tech Security Conference in Denver on July 23rd. There were vendors and speakers.

Respectfully submitted by
Aletia Norwood
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Governors

FROM: William D. Knapper

DATE: October 21, 2015

RE: Board Approval, Bid Number 16-EQ-07

On October 7, 2015 bids were received for Band Saw

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10.1.11400.5611.12 = $13,000.00
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Recommendation to come from the Finance Committee.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Governors
FROM: William D. Knapper
DATE: October 21, 2015
RE: Board Approval, Bid Number 16-EQ-08

On October 8, 2015 bids were received for Welding Equipment

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10.1.11120.5611.12 = $12,900.00
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Recommendation to come from the Finance Committee.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Governors
FROM: William D. Knapper
DATE: October 12, 2015
RE: Board Approval, Bid Number 16-SE-10

On October 21, 2015 bids were received for the Cisco SmartNet Contract for WNCC

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10.1.42000.5334.11

BUDGET: $27,000.00

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Recommendation to come from the Finance Committee.