PROPOSED AGENDA

A. Call to Order, Ms. Wisniewski

B. Roll Call

C. Introduction of Visitors
   a) Community Comments

D. Board Chairperson Comments
   a) Copy of Nebraska Open Meetings Act is 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, March 17, 2010
      d) Claims
         1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $1,977,625.41
         2) WCCA Restricted Fund - $6,777.62
         3) WCCA Federal Fund - $2,619.71
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         5) WCCA Loan Fund - $-0-
         6) WCCA Plant Fund - $10,083.54
         7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $67,181.93
      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

April 21, 2010

12:00 NOON - LUNCH
The Plex (Room A-108)
Harms Advanced Technology Center
Western Nebraska Community College
Scottsbluff Campus
2620 College Park
Scottsbluff Nebraska

1:00 P.M. - REGULAR MEETING
Boardroom
Western Nebraska Community College
Scottsbluff Campus
1601 East 27th Street
Scottsbluff, 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 – 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):
         1) Ms. Rebecca S. Thompson, Residence Life/Conference Coordinator
         2) Mr. Detsinh Sayaloune, Mathematics Instructor
         3) Mr. Shawn Benton, Business Instructor
         4) Ms. Jennifer L. Pedersen, Athletic Director/Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach
      b) Appointment(s):
         1) Ms. Margaret E. Weeks, Honorary Status of WNCC Professor Emeritus
   2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar
   3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

H. Reports and Recommendations from Executive Council – Ms. Wisniewski
   1) Proposal from University of Nebraska - Lincoln Bureau of Educational Research and Field Services - Re: Strategic Planning

I. Monitoring Reports
   1) 2009 – 2010 USA/Phi Theta Kappa Nebraska All Academic Team – Dr. Holcomb, Ms. Bounds
      a) Ms. Rebecca Bell
I. Monitoring Reports – Cont

2) WNCC Foundation – Ms. Dayle Wallien
   a) Report from Executive Director
      1) 2009 - 2010 Annual Campaign Update

3) Proposed 2010 -2011 WNCC Student Charges – Mr. Knapper
   a) Tuition
   b) Fees
   c) Room and Board

4) 2010 Legislation – Dr. Ely
   a) Legislative Update
      1) LB 957 – Provide for Memoranda of Understanding Related to Student Information Sharing
      2) LB 1072 – Change State Aid and Levy Limit for Community Colleges

5) Metro Lawsuit – Mr. Douglas
   a) Approval and Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement

6) Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education – Educational and Student Services Committee Chair
   a) Program Review
      1) Health Information Technology Program – Mr. Gaalswyk, Ms. Barkeloo

   b) New Program Offering
      1) Wind Energy Technician Program – Dr. Shirley, Mr. Mader

7) 2010 – 2011 Budget – Mr. Knapper
   a) Budget Preview
   b) Board Directive to Administration – Re: Response to Projected Budget Shortfall – Dr. Ely, Mr. Douglas

8) Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission – Mr. Miller

9) Nebraska Community College Association – Dr. Gramberg, Dr. Perkins, Mr. Daniels
   a) Special Meeting, March 25, 2010
   b) Video Conference
I. Monitoring Reports – Cont

10) Association of Community College Trustees – Dr. Perkins

   a) Voluntary Framework of Accountability

J. Board Member Comments

K. President’s Comments

L. Upcoming Meetings

1) Western Nebraska Community College

   a) 2010 Awards Ceremonies
      1) Sidney Campus
         A) Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 2:00 p.m.
         B) Aviation Facility
      2) Alliance Campus
         A) Monday, May 3, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
         B) Sandhills Room, Panhandle Room (Rooms 015 – 017)
      3) Scottsbluff Campus
         A) Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
         B) Little Theatre
   b) Graduation Ceremony
      1) Saturday, May 15, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
      2) Cougar Palace

2) Association of Community College Trustees

   a) 2010 Annual Leadership Congress
      1) October 20 – 23, 2010
      2) Toronto, Canada

3) Nebraska Community College Association

   a) Regular Meetings
      1) Second Quarter Meeting
         A) May 24, 2010
         B) Northeast Community College
      2) Third Quarter Meeting
         A) August 9, 2010
         B) Southeast Community College – Beatrice Campus
L. Upcoming Meetings – Cont

3) Nebraska Community College Association – Cont
   a) Regular Meetings – Cont
      3) Annual Meeting/Legislative Seminar
         A) October 5 and 6, 2010
         B) Host: Western Community College Area

M. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 1:00 p.m., Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

N. Adjournment
MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

TIME AND PLACE
A regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors was held at 1:01 p.m., on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 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, April 17, 2010, with the following members present: Jacqueline M. Cervantes-Guzman, Timothy H. Daniels, Merlyn L. Gramberg, L. Paul Leseberg, Jack L. Nelson, Jecca R. Ostrander, M. Thomas Perkins, Darrell E. Roberts, Richard G. Stickney, Jane Wisniewski, Chairperson. Absent: Dennis W. Miller, Jr. Student Representatives present: None. Faculty Representatives present: Guy Wylie, Scottsbluff Campus; Mike Hausmann, Sidney Campus. College staff present: Eileen E. Ely, William D. Knapper, Coral E. Richards, David E. Groshans, Terry B. Gaalswyk, Todd R. Holcomb, Kathryn J. Shirley, Paul G. Jacobsen, Dayle L. Wallien, Garry R. Alkire, Judith L. Amoo, Mary Barkeloo, John D. Corum, Andrew Lenzen, Rhiitta Bounds, Doug Mader, Carla Stein, Susan Verbeck. College Attorney present: Richard A. Douglas. 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
Ms. Wisniewski declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

VISITORS
Visitors were: Rebecca Bell, Maunette Loeks, Scottsbluff.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS
Ms. Wisniewski asked for comments from the community. There were none.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS
Ms. Wisniewski 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.

Ms. Wisniewski reported Mr. Miller advised the Secretary that he would be unable to attend the meeting today because of Personal Business.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Ms. Wisniewski reviewed the contents of the Consent Calendar which include the following items:
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   b) From the Faculty – Attachment C
   c) From the Administration – Attachment D
   d) From the Board

Ms. Wisniewski 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.

Dr. Perkins moved the Board approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Seconded by Mr. Daniels. The vote was, Yes: Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar.

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

1) Resignation(s):
   a) Ms. Rebecca S. Thompson, Residence Life/Conference Coordinator, effective June 30, 2010.
   b) Mr. Detsinh Sayaloune, Mathematics Instructor, effective May 18, 2010.
   c) Mr. Shawn Benton, Business Instructor, effective May 18, 2010.
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d) Ms. Jennifer L. Pedersen, Athletic Director/Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, effective June 4, 2010.

2) Appointment(s):
   a) Ms. Margaret E. Weeks, Honorary Status of WNCC Professor Emeritus

Ms. Wisniewski inquired if there were 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

Dr. Gramberg moved the Personnel Consent Calendar be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Leseberg. The vote was, Yes: Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Cervantes-Guzman, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL CONSENT
CALENDAR
Consider Items Extracted

There were no items extracted from the Personnel Consent Calendar.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Ms. Wisniewski reported the Executive Council met earlier today to consider a proposal from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Bureau of Educational Research and Field Services to facilitate the development of a Strategic Plan for the College. Ms. Wisniewski asked Mr. Knapper to present the proposal.

Mr. Knapper reported the Higher Learning Commission Visitation Team is recommending two progress reports be filed with the Commission. A progress report on Strategic Planning must be submitted by March 1, 2011. The second progress report on the Assessment of Student Academic Achievement is due March 1, 2013.

Mr. Knapper reported the Bureau will facilitate a strategic planning process that will be broad based including participation by the Board, the College administration, faculty and staff as well as the community. The proposal includes a process that will require the College to examine the core values, mission, achievements, organization, the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, the establishment of high priority strategic objectives, and development of actions plans. Mr. Knapper reported information from the studies conducted by CLARUS Corporation, and by Mr. Jones, President of the National Center for Higher Learning Management Systems, will be used as a part of the planning process. Additionally, prior to the first meeting, information
the administration will compile information about the College from the past five years. Additionally, a general overview of the current realities of the College (enrollment trends, academic programs, financial data, human resource current status and needs, recommendations of the Higher Learning Commission) will be provided at the initial planning meeting. The proposed schedule of meetings includes: a two – three hour pre-planning meeting; and three strategic planning meetings. The first strategic planning meeting would involve one evening plus two days, the second meeting would involve one and one-half to two days, and the third meeting will last approximately four hours. A fourth meeting would occur approximately one year after the implementation of the action plans and would involve approximately one day.

Mr. Knapper reported there will be at least two facilitators from the Bureau involved in the development of the plan. The schedule of fees is $11,800.00 which includes travel, facilitator preparation and facilitation time, travel expenses, secretarial services, and printing, copying telephone and postage. Mr. Knapper commented the fee for the facilitators of $8,000.00 is very reasonable for approximately 150 – 200 hours of work.

Ms. Wisniewski reported the Executive Council is recommending the Board accept the proposal submitted by the Bureau of Educational Research and Field Services Bureau as presented. She remarked there is only ten months before the Progress Report is due to be submitted to the Higher Learning Commission, and there is a lot of work to be accomplished in a short period of time. Acceptance of this proposal will maximize the time spent in the development of a Strategic Plan.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Knapper reported payment for the proposal will be taken from the Contingency Fund, and will be expended over two fiscal years.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Knapper reported that Dr. Dlugosh is the Professor and Chair of the Department of Educational Administration at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. He has served as a facilitator, and a co-leader of strategic planning processes, as well as co-chair of a Strategic Planning Committee at the University. He also assisted the Scottsbluff Public Schools in the development of a Strategic Plan.
Dr. Perkins moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Executive Council to approve the proposal submitted by the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Bureau of Education Research and Field Services as presented. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. The vote was, Yes: Gramberg, Leseberg, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Wisniewski. No: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Holcomb reported it has been his pleasure to work with the sponsors of Phi Theta Kappa and to have the opportunity to attend the ceremony and banquet for the 2009 – 2010 USA Phi Theta Kappa Nebraska All Academic Team. The ceremony was held in Lincoln on March 31, 2010. Dr. Holcomb introduced Ms. Rhitta Bounds, one of the Phi Theta Kappa sponsors on the Scottsbluff Campus.

Ms. Bounds reported that each community college campus in Nebraska nominates up to two students. Each community college asks one of their students to present a speech at the awards ceremony. Western Nebraska Community College nominated four students, two from Sidney and two from Scottsbluff, to the USA Academic All-American competition: Heather Bobo, Rebecca Bell, Amber Kistler and Jeremy Stevens. Ms. Bounds referred Board members to the mailed packet which includes information about each of the nominees from the College.

Ms. Bounds introduced Ms. Rebecca Bell who was the speaker from the Western Area. Ms. Bell presented the speech she gave at the banquet.

Ms. Bell spoke about her biggest personal endeavor which was staying motivated while maintaining good grades in all of her classes while also finding the right balance between family, college activities and numerous other responsibilities.

Ms. Bell said she decided to return to college to set an example as a role model for her son. As a single parent, she finds herself trying to compensate for certain things her son may be missing out on during his childhood. When she decided to return to college, she set goals so that she could provide a better life for both her son and herself. She was placed on disability more than three years ago and she has been unable to work since that time. She had to rely on her mother both financially and emotionally which caused her to lose confidence in herself. Her decision to enroll at
the College over a year ago was one of the best decisions she had ever made as she now had confidence in her abilities once again.

Ms. Bell said she now realizes that she is able to accomplish anything as long as she is dedicated and determined to succeed. Based on feedback she has received from her instructors and her supplemental instruction students, she now believes she has the ability to be a positive influence on others. When she sees the results of her hard work reflected in the success of her supplemental instruction students she has an even greater feeling of accomplishment. The fact that she has become a trusted and respected peer to others is a great motivation and has actually helped her make the decision to pursue a Master's Degree with the goals of teaching in a community college.

Ms. Bell appreciates the support and patience of her mother and son in her endeavor to complete her education. She thanked Dr. Ely, Dr. Holcomb, and the faculty for providing a great learning environment that has helped her to succeed in obtaining her goals.

Ms. Bell thanked the Board of Governors for the opportunity to present her greatest endeavor essay.

Ms. Wisniewski thanked Ms. Bell for her sharing her personal endeavor. On behalf of the Board of Governors, Mr. Wisniewski extended best wishes to Ms. Bell as she continues toward her goal of becoming a community college teacher.

Ms. Wallien remarked that Ms. Bell is a hard act to follow. She extended congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Bell.

Ms. Wallien reported that as of February 28, 2010, the Foundation had total assets of $2,980,535.00. She reported that as of the February 28, 2010, financial statement other funds raised to date include: $18,600.00 for Academic Programs; $36,145.00 for the Harms Advanced Technology Center; $1,925.00 for Restricted Endowment Funds; $1,155.00 for other restricted purposes; $15,255.00 Restricted Funds for Music Department; $258,356.00 for Scholarships; and $114,748.00 of Unrestricted Funds. She remarked these balances should be higher now, as they do not reflect funds which have been raised from the annual campaign during March and April. Ms. Wallien reported these amounts are cash on hand and they do not include
pledges made, but not yet collected.

Ms. Wallien reported that currently the annual campaign has raised $57,000 including pledges that will come in prior to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2010. This is 76 percent of the campaign goal of $75,000. Ms. Wallien remarked that she is confident the campaign goal will be achieved. She reported there are still 23 volunteers who are working on soliciting funds.

Dr. Perkins remarked the Foundation is very important to the College. He commented that Board members should have received a letter from him encouraging them to “go the second mile” to support the Foundation. He remarked that given the current financial conditions facing the College, support from the Foundation will be even more important in the future.

Mr. Knapper referred Board members to the Proposed 2010 - 2011 WNCC Student Charges which are included within the mailed packet. Mr. Knapper reported the proposed charges were presented to the Board of Governors at the March meeting for Board member review and consideration. Today, he is requesting Board action on the proposed charges.

Mr. Knapper reported the proposed 2010 - 2011 tuition rates are: 1) Resident (of Nebraska) Tuition - $70.00 per credit hour which is a $2.00 per credit hour increase; 2) Border States (Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota) Tuition - $70.00 per credit hour which is a $2.00 per credit hour increase; 3) Non-Resident Tuition - $84.00 per credit hour which is a $4.00 per credit hour increase; 4) High School Partnership Tuition - $35.00 per credit hour which is a $1.00 per credit hour increase. Mr. Knapper reported tuition and fees for custom designed credit classes, workshops and seminars will be determined by the College President or designee.

Mr. Roberts moved the Board approve the 2010 - 2011 Tuition Rates as follows: Resident - $70.00 per credit hour; Border States - $70.00 per credit hour; Non-Resident - $84.00 per credit hour; High School Partnership - $35.00 per credit hour. He further moved the tuition and fee charges for custom designed credit classes, workshops and seminars will be determined by the College President or designee.
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Seconded by Mr. Stickney. The vote was, Yes: Leseberg, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Gramberg, Wisniewski. No: Nelson. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Mr. Knapper remarked that at the March Board meeting, he reported the administration was considering some additional new fees. He reported the administration is proposed four new fees be established effective for the 2010 – 2011 year. They are: 1) GED or ESL Class Registration Fee - $20.00; 2) ACCT 2800 Certified Bookkeeper Certification Prep - $200.00. This fee covers the cost of the certification exam which is a course requirement. 3) BNA or Medication Aide Re-Test Fee - $50.00. 4) Transcript - $5.00 for all official copies.

Mr. Knapper reported further the only proposed change for the 2010 - 2011 year in the previously established student fee schedule is a $2.00 per credit hour increase in the Scholarship Fee. This increase would generate approximately $75,000 - $80,000 for scholarships that would be used to target low enrollment programs where interest may be waning.

There was a question and discussion with regard to what the actual out-of-pocket expenses are for students. It was pointed out that, in addition to Federal student financial-aid programs, there are some new tax credits available for educational expenses.

Mr. Daniels moved the Board approve the following 2010 - 2011 student fees: Activity/Student Service - $3.00 per credit hour; Facility $5.50 Technology/Instruction - $2.00 per credit hour; Scholarship - $4.50 per credit hour; High School Partnership - $7.50 per credit hour; Graduation - $30.00; Diploma - $30.00; Certificate - $10.00; Experiential Learning - $25.00 per credit hour; Applied Music - $25.00 per credit hour; Photography - $15.00 per credit hour; Assessment Fee – Vocational Assessment - $60.00 per day; Assessment Fee – Resume Development - $25.00; Compass Retest - $15.00; GED Testing – 16 to 17 years old - $75.00; GED Testing 18 years or older - $75.00; GED or ESL Class Registration Fee - $20.00; ACCT 2800 Certified Bookkeeper Certification Prep - $200.00; BNA or Medication Aide Re-Test Fee - $50.00; Transcript - $5.00 all official copies. Mr. Daniels further moved the Board adopt the following tuition and fees refund policy: 1) 100 percent refund for 6.25 percent time elapsed; 2) 50 percent refund for 12.50 percent time
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Room and Board

Mr. Knapper reported the room rates for the 2010 – 2011 year are proposed to increase six percent for private rooms and three percent for semi-private rooms. He commented the proposed increases will help to offset the operational costs of operating the residence halls.

Mr. Knapper reported the board rate for the 14 meal plan is proposed to increase five percent to $1,550.00 per semester. The board rate for the 19 meal plan is proposed to increase 8.9 percent to $1,660.00 per semester. Mr. Knapper reported there are 35 percent more meals included in the 19 meal plan. He commented the greater increase for the 19 meal plan is to more accurately represent the additional costs for food and personnel.

Mr. Nelson moved the Board approve the following board rates for 2010 – 2011: 1) 14-Meal Plan - $1,550.00 per semester; 2) 19-Meal Plan - $1,660.00; 3) 14 Meal Plan - Weekly Student Rate - $90.00 per week; 5) Daily Meal Plan - Three-meals - $20.00 per day. He further moved the Board approve the following room rates for 2010 – 2011: 1) Pioneer Hall – Private - $1,090.00 per semester; 2) Pioneer Hall – Semi-Private (two occupants) - $850.00 per semester; 3) Conestoga Hall - Super Single - $1,825.00 per semester; 4) Conestoga Hall – Private - $1,625.00 per semester; 5) Conestoga Hall – Semi-private (two occupants) - $1,365.00 per semester; 6) Conestoga Hall – Super single – weekly student rate - $95.00 per week; 7) Conestoga Hall Semi-Private – weekly student rate - $85.00 per week. Housing Activity Fee - $15.00 per semester; Housing Deposit (refundable) - $150.00 (per academic year). Mr. Nelson further moved the Board adopt the room and board refund policy as follows: 1) 100 percent for one week time elapsed; 2) 75 percent for 2 to 3 weeks time elapsed; 3) 50 percent for 4 to 5 weeks time elapsed; 4) 25 percent for 6 to 7 weeks time elapsed; 5) No refund for more than 7 weeks time elapsed. Seconded by Dr. Perkins. The vote was, Yes: Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Nelson, Wisniewski. No: Nelson, Roberts. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.
Dr. Ely reported LB 957 which would provide for Memoranda of Understanding Related to Student Information, was indefinitely postponed by the Education Committee on April 14, 2010. Dr. Ely reported there was concern expressed by the Council of Chief Executive Officers about the cost of implementing a system for sharing student data. LB 957 would require that the State Board of Education to enter into memorandum of understanding with the Board of Regents, the Nebraska State College Board of Trustees, and each community college governing board to adopt a policy for sharing student data. There is a deadline of September 1, 2010. She commented it will be a high challenge to get all of the data submitted in a compatible format.

Dr. Gramberg reported the University and State Colleges have been working together to share student data. He reported they have found the hidden costs were a greater problem than the software.

Dr. Ely reported that LB1072 would change provisions related to the Community College Foundation and Equalization Aid Act and renames the act to the Community College Equalization Aid Act. She reported that as a result of the Community College Summit held in Nebraska City, LB 1072 establishes the state aid each community college will receive in fiscal 2010-2011, provides a termination date for membership provisions for the Nebraska Community College Association, and the Community College Foundation and Equalization Act.

Dr. Ely reported LB 1072 was approved by the Governor on April 14, 2010. Since it contains an emergency clause it is now law. She reported the Council of Chief Executive Officers will be meeting next week to begin work toward agreement on a new funding formula and the structure of the community college association to present to the Education Committee by December 31, 2010.

Dr. Perkins commented he met with Senator Adams last Monday, April 19, 2010, regarding the work of the steering committee on a Voluntary Framework of Accountability about which Dr. Perkins will report on later in this meeting. Dr. Perkins reported based on his conversation with Senator Adams, it is his understanding that the provisions of LB 957 were amended into LB 1071. LB 1071 was approved by the Legislature, and signed by the Governor. Since it has the emergency clause it is now law.
Mr. Douglas reported that everything is in order and all parties have agreed to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, which include dismissal of the Lawsuit by Metro. Mr. Douglas reported the dismissal documents for the court are currently being circulated for signature. Mr. Douglas commented it was very important to get Metro's membership in the Nebraska Community College Association reinstated.

Mr. Douglas referred Board members to the handout material which includes a resolution he has prepared. The resolution approves the Settlement Agreement and authorizes Dr. Ely or Ms. Wisniewski to execute the Agreement.

Dr. Perkins moved the Board adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of Western Community College Area does hereby approve the Settlement Agreement as previously signed by Metropolitan Community College Area and Southeast Community College Area, and that Dr. Eileen E. Ely, President of Western Nebraska Community College, or Jane Wisniewski, Chairperson for the Board of Governors, be authorized to execute said Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board of Governors of Western Community College Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of Western Community College Area does hereby approve and ratify the actions of Dr. Eileen E. Ely, President, in previously executing and delivering said Settlement Agreement to Metropolitan Community College Area and the other community college areas, and that the Settlement Agreement previously executed by Dr. Eileen E. Ely is hereby approved and shall be binding upon the Board of Governors of Western Community College Area.

Seconded by Mr. Leseberg. The vote was, Yes: Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Nelson, Ostrander, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

(A copy of the signed Resolution is attached in the official minute book).

Mr. Gaalswyk referred Board members to the mailed packet which includes the Program Review for the Health Information Technology Program. He commented that this program is one that was reviewed in the "Final Recommendation of the WCCA President for Amendment of Contracts and Reduction of Staff Members for the 2010-2011
Academic Year." He commented a Program Review for this program was submitted to the Coordinating Commission Review in 2007. It is believed that because the program did not meet the established thresholds at that time, it was included with the programs the Commission requested for review in 2010. Mr. Gaalswyk asked Ms. Barkeloo to present the program review report.

Ms. Barkeloo reported the established threshold for the number of degrees/awards is ten (based on a five-year average) and the threshold for Student Credit Hour production per the full-time Equivalent Faculty is 275 (based on a five-year average). Ms. Barkeloo reported the program does not meet the established thresholds. She reported based on several employment resources, there is a need for training in health information technology especially medical transcriptionists. Ms. Barkeloo reported the internal review committee recommendations to enhance and develop the program are the same as will be submitted to the Commission.

Ms. Barkeloo reported that, although the program has not met the established thresholds, it is recommended that the College continue to offer this program and have the opportunity to increase enrollment and graduates through the implementation of the internal review committee's recommendations.

Mr. Gaalswyk presented an update on the implementation of the internal review recommendations. He reported an interim program report was filed with the College President on April 15, 2010. Mr. Gaalswyk reported that effective with the Fall Semester, 2010 the Medical Transcription Certificate will be de-activated. The two students currently enrolled in the program will graduate by the Fall Semester, 2010.

Mr. Gaalswyk reported further a new program model has been drafted that will include a two-semester diploma program for Coding Technician and a three-semester Associate of Applied Science Degree for Health Information Technology. The programs will be reviewed by the Program Advisory Committee on May 5, 2010. Also, on that date the Advisory Committee will review the program accreditation report that is to be filed with the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education no later than May 15, 2010. Mr. Gaalswyk reported new brochures are being developed to better market the program, and he has been visiting with
Dr. Holcomb about the possibility of scholarship awards for the program.

Mr. Gaalswyk reported the Spring Semester average enrollment in three first-year classes is 18 students. The average enrollment in five second-year classes is 5.6 students. Mr. Gaalswyk reported the administration will continue to monitor student enrollment in this program.

Mr. Daniels reported the Educational and Student Services Committee met earlier today to consider the Health Information Technology Program Review Report. He reported the Committee is recommending the Program Review be approved and submitted to the Coordinating Commission as presented.

Mr. Daniels moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Educational and Student Services Committee to approve the Health Information Technology Program Review as presented. He further moved the report be submitted to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Seconded by Mr. Stickney. The vote was, Yes: Roberts, Stickney, Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Ms. Wisniewski declared a ten minute recess at 1:51 p.m.

Ms. Wisniewski declared the Open meeting in session at 2:03 p.m.

Dr. Shirley reported work to develop a Wind Energy Program began about two years ago. She reported College staff formed relationships with industry groups such as The American Wind Energy Association of which the College is a member. The College staff also received assistance with the development of the curriculum from colleges that are currently offering a wind energy programs, such as Columbia Gorge Community College. Dr. Shirley reported that recently, Mr. Doug Mader, Business and Individual Training Director, began working to complete the proposal for a new program offering, Wind Energy Technician Program.

Mr. Mader reported the Wind Energy Technician Program is a 36 credit hour certificate program that will award college credit based on the standards set forth in The American Wind Energy Association’s Wind Turbine Core Skill Set. He reported the program will consist of 15 different courses.
with a focus on workplace safety, electricity basic, maintenance and troubleshooting. The program will also require writing, math and computer skills for successful completion. Students must also have the ability to withstand the physical demands of the job.

Mr. Mader reported the proposed new program will be located in Sidney at the Sidney Municipal Airport. He reported it will be necessary for the College to construct a new building adjacent to the Aviation Mechanic building. The facility will house a climbing structure for practice and safety drills, classroom space, computer and technical equipment to replicate jobsite activities as well as labs for interactive learning. Specialized equipment will be purchased or leased to fulfill the requirements of the program. He commented the initial investment to implement the program will be largely offset by a grant and federal dollars.

Mr. Mader reported the program is scheduled to begin in January 2011 with one instructor. Initial enrollment is projected to be 15 to 20 students. By the start of the second year an additional instructor would be hired to increase the student enrollment to approximately 40 students. Mr. Mader reported there are employment opportunities available for wind energy technicians. Locally, The Wildcat Ridge Wind Farm proposal located in Banner County is in the beginning phases of development. The proposal consists of almost 1,000 turbines which would, based on farms of similar size, need 50 or more full-time employees to maintain the field. Placement of graduates is nearly 100 percent. This certificate program will give students the education needed for entry into the industry.

Mr. Groshans reported that he and Dr. Ely have been working with Nebraska Senators to obtain funding through grant applications and earmarks. He reported they received very good reception and interest when meeting with the Senators. Mr. Groshans reported wind energy is viewed as economic development for the region. He reported that he is receiving phone calls requesting additional information about the program.

Mr. Daniels reported the Educational and Student Services Committee reviewed the proposal for a certificate program for Wind Energy Technician. He reported the Committee is recommending the Board approve the proposal for a Wind Energy Technician (Certificate) Program. The
committee is further recommending the proposal be submitted to the Coordinating Commission.

Dr. Gramberg moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Educational and Student Services Committee to approve the proposal for new program offering of Wind Energy Technician (Certificate) Program. He further moved the proposal for the new program offering be submitted to the Coordinating Commission for approval. Seconded by Mr. Leseberg. The vote was, Yes: Stickney, Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Mr. Knapper reported putting a budget together is always challenging, and it is especially so this year. Mr. Knapper reported that over the past two years the College has increased the property tax request by 1.1 million dollars each year. He reported that the administration has heard and concurs with the Board’s request not to increase the tax levy. There is uncertainty over the new funding formula. There is also concern about adequate state revenue to fund the formula. Additionally, even though academic enrollment has increased, business and individual training has decreased because of the economy.

Mr. Knapper reported the administrative budget group, which is the President and the Vice Presidents, has been meeting since January to plan and position the institution for the future. The group has taken into consideration efficiencies recommended by the study conducted by Mr. Dennis Jones.

Dr. Ely reported she has requested College staff submit operating budgets as a flat budget, with a three percent decrease in budget and with a six percent decrease in budget.

Mr. Knapper presented an overview of a preliminary 2010 – 2011 General Fund Budget.

Mr. Knapper reviewed the revenue sources for the 2010 – 2011 General Fund Budget. Mr. Knapper reported revenue from tuition and fees is projected to increase $145,000. This projected increase takes into consideration the tuition and fee rates which were approved earlier in the meeting. It also is in anticipation of an increase in both in business and individual training as well as academic enrollment.
Mr. Knapper commented that as a result of the passage of LB 1072, the College now knows the state-aid amount will be $11,909,980 for Fiscal Year 2011. He reported this is $110,105 less than the 2009-2010 budgeted amount. Mr. Knapper reported the decrease in state-aid reflects the mid-year reduction as a result of the Special Legislative Session called because of a revenue shortfall.

Mr. Knapper reported property tax revenue will be reduced $460,576 to return that amount to the Capital Construction Fund Budget. Mr. Knapper reported in 2009-2010 the Capital Construction Budget received no revenue from property tax beyond what was necessary for debt service. Mr. Knapper reported that for the preliminary budget model, he has used a four percent increase in assessed valuation.

Mr. Knapper reported assuming no change in revenue from miscellaneous sources, interest and transfer, the known decrease in state-aid and property tax revenue, and the small increase from tuition and fees revenue for the 2010-2011 budget will decline by 1.82 percent or $425,798 below the 2009-2010 budgeted amount.

Mr. Knapper reported on the expenditure side of the budget model, the Board has a negotiated agreement with the faculty of a 4.5 percent increase in total compensation. He commented that in the past the Board has granted similar compensation increases to administrative and support staff. Mr. Knapper reported that for discussion purposes he has used the same 4.5 percent increase for operating, travel and equipment expenditures which results in a budget deficit of $1,455,568. He commented that last year the budget increased 5.4 percent. Mr. Knapper remarked that there could be a twenty percent increase in the natural gas rate for the 2010-2011 year. Mr. Knapper remarked that one could “tinker with” the percentages for increased expenditures; however, it would not change the fact there is a revenue shortfall.

Mr. Knapper reported that using the budget model that has been developed there is a budget deficit of $1,455,568. He reported the 2009-2010 budget generated a surplus of $376,761. He commented there is a net revenue shortfall of $1,079,000.

Ms. Wisniewski reported that she received a letter from the Governor and State Auditor reminding the College of what the state is doing to address the revenue shortfall and
requesting a report from the College regarding what is being done to address the funding issues. She commented the community colleges are under the microscope and the magnification has increased.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the administration’s willingness to not increase the tax levy rate.

Mr. Douglas reported that at the request of Dr. Ely he has prepared a resolution which sets forth her suggestions to address the more than $1 million revenue shortfall.

Mr. Roberts moved the Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as a result of both recent legislative acts which has reduced the amount of state-aid that Western Community College Area will and Western Community College Area experiencing a decline in enrollment of part-time students, it is necessary for Western Community College Area to take the following measures to address a projected budget shortfall for the 2010 – 2011 budget year, and

WHEREAS, primary consideration must be given to maintaining the current levels of class offerings at all locations and online classes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1) Effective immediately administration is directed to identify and eliminate all non-essential expenditures with priority to non-personnel expenditure reductions.

2) Effective immediately all proposed new hireings shall require the President’s prior approval.

3) Dr. Eileen Ely has advised that she waives her right to a salary increase, which would have gone into effect as of July 1, 2010.

4) Effective July 1, 2010, a salary/wage freeze shall go into effect, which salary/wage freeze will include all administration and all staff. This salary/wage freeze will exclude projected increases in health and dental insurance.

5) The College Attorney is directed to send notification to the Western Education Association (Bargaining unit for the WNCC Faculty) advising the association that the Board of Governors is exercising its right to reopen negotiations for the 2010 – 2011 contract year.
6) Within thirty (30) days, administration shall review and develop restructuring options with emphasis on consolidating administration and staff positions.

7) Within thirty (30) days, administration shall advise the College President as to possible staff positions to be eliminated. The College President is directed to utilize attrition as much as possible. The College President shall implement the elimination of staff positions as the President may determine is necessary to address this projected budget shortfall.

Seconded by Dr. Perkins. The vote was, Yes: Cervantes-Guzman, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

In response to a question from the Board regarding whether or not the problem of retention will be a high priority as the College looks to the future, Dr. Ely replied absolutely yes. She reported that Dr. Holcomb and Mr. Gaalswyk are co-chairs of a Task Force to develop a Retention Plan.

Dr. Holcomb and Mr. Gaalswyk reported the Retention Task Force will be meeting next week to consider a draft proposal of a Retention Plan which would be implemented in the Fall Semester, 2010. Dr. Holcomb commented that retention is an issue at all community colleges.

Dr. Ely commented that with everyone pulling together, the College can meet the challenges ahead. She remarked the first uncertainty is the development of a new funding formula that will be acceptable to all six community colleges and the second uncertainty will be adequate state revenue to fund it. Dr. Ely stressed the importance of planning for the future, and the responsibility the Board and administration have to keep the College as viable as possible in uncertain times.

Dr. Ely reported a College-wide meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, April 26, 2010, to share the budget concerns and the directives Board has adopted.

There was no report from the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission.
MONITORING REPORTS
Nebraska Community College Association
Special Meeting
March 25, 2010

Dr. Gramberg reported the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Community College Association held a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 25, via a video conference. He commented it was a good meeting with considerable discussion. He asked Mr. Daniels to present the meeting report.

Mr. Daniels reported the only item on the agenda was to discuss and take action regarding re-admitting Metro Community College to the Association. He remarked the meeting was surprisingly lengthy as there was considerable discussion regarding the payment of dues by Metro. Mr. Daniels reported the Board agreed to re-admit Metro to the Association and Metro agreed to pay the 2010 dues prorated from March 25, 2010. He reported that Metro will not be required to pay any back membership dues to the Association.

Dr. Gramberg commented that while it was a difficult decision to allow Metro not to pay any back dues, the Board realized the importance of having Metro included in the Association membership so as to move forward with compliance with LB 1072.

Dr. Perkins reported that as a result of concerns expressed by former Education Secretary Margaret Spellings and recommendations from the Commission of Higher Education regarding the lack of accountability and transparency in colleges and universities, the Association of Community College Trustees and the American Association of Community Colleges formed a partnership. The partnership then applied to both the Gates and Lumina foundations for a grant to develop an accountability system for community colleges. Both Foundations agreed with the Associations’ proposal and provided funds to develop accountability measures for community colleges. Dr. Perkins reported one of the concerns in the community college sector is that the role and mission of two-year colleges differ significantly from those of four-year colleges. Dr. Perkins reported a steering committee was formed, along with four work groups to bring forward accountability measures that fit the role and mission of community colleges. He reported the steering committee provides oversight and direction for the work groups. Dr. Perkins reported the steering committee membership includes community college presidents and chancellors, foundation representatives, and research specialists. Two community college trustees are also on the steering committee, Dr. Perkins, and a trustee from Boston.
Dr. Perkins reported that during a March 31, 2010, meeting of the steering committee the work groups presented their initial ideas under the general categories of: Communications and College Engagement; Workforce, Economic and Community Development; Student Persistence; and Student Learning Outcomes. He reported the steering committee critiqued the ideas and recommendations of each of the work groups and returned the committee’s recommendations to the work groups. The work groups will meet in late April and the steering committee will meet again in late June or early July to receive and review the updated recommendations of the work groups. Additionally, the steering committee will formulate the criteria for selecting community colleges interested in being pilot projects to test the accountability measures developed to date.

Dr. Perkins commented that it is his understanding that the Nebraska Department of Education will begin collecting data from the community colleges and others. It is assumed that this will lead to the development of accountability measures. In the near future all of higher education and secondary education will receive a memorandum of understanding from the Department of Education for review and action. Once all of the Memorandums of Understanding have been returned, hopefully by September, the data collection criteria and methods will be developed and the process will begin. Dr. Perkins commented that in the meantime, it is hoped that the Voluntary Framework of Accountability and the Department of Education accountability criteria will be compatible to the extent that both processes will be complimentary.

Ms. Wisniewski asked for Board member comments.

Mr. Daniels announced Valley Voices 60th Anniversary concert will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., in the Scottsbluff High School Auditorium. He extended a personal invitation to the concert.

Mr. Roberts remarked that he appreciated being back.

Ms. Wisniewski asked for President’s Comments.

Dr. Ely remarked that her comments would end the meeting with an exciting report from the Annual Convention of the American Association of Community Colleges.
Dr. Ely reported that she and Dr. Holcomb had the honor of accompanying Mr. Jeremy R. Stevens to the convention where Mr. Stevens was named to the USA TODAY’S All-USA Community College Academic Team. Mr. Stevens is one of only 20 students selected to receive this most prestigious award.

Dr. Ely reported that after receiving the highest All-USA Academic Team application score in the state, Mr. Stevens was also chosen as Nebraska’s 2010 New Century Scholar. This scholarship program honors the top scoring student from each of the 50 states in the Coca-Cola All-State Community College Academic Team. Mr. Stevens competed against 1,500 other community college students for this honor.

Dr. Ely and Dr. Holcomb remarked that Mr. Stevens is a remarkable young man. He grew up and graduated from Sidney High School. Following graduation, he joined the Army’s 82nd Airborne Division. He was injured in a training operation, and while still recovering from his injuries he was deployed to Afghanistan where he served for 15 months. Upon his return home, he attended the Sidney Campus. While a student there, he served as President of Phi Theta Kappa and also on the Sidney Endowment Association Board. Mr. Stevens worked with the Association board to launch a veterans’ scholarship program, “Degree-for-Free”, for veterans who joined the military after 9/11. Mr. Stevens is attending Creighton University to complete a degree in history and education. In addition to the recognition, Mr. Stevens received stipends from USA TODAY and the Coca-Cola All-State Community College Academic Team Program. Dr. Ely and Dr. Holcomb commented that accompanying Mr. Stevens at the 2010 Annual Convention of the American Association of Community Colleges was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Ms. Wisniewski reminded Board members of the following upcoming meetings:

1) Western Nebraska Community College
   a) 2010 Awards Ceremonies
      1) Sidney Campus
         A) Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 2:00 p.m.
         B) Aviation Facility
      2) Alliance Campus
         A) Monday, May 3, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
         B) Sandhills Room, Panhandle Room (Rooms 015-017)
UPCOMING MEETINGS

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3) Scottsbluff Campus
   A) Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
   B) Little Theatre

b) Graduation Ceremony
   1) Saturday, May 15, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
   2) Cougar Palace

2) The Association of Community College Trustees 2010
   Annual Leadership Congress to be held on October 20 – 23,
   2010, Toronto, Canada.

3) Nebraska Community College Association
   a) Regular Meetings
      1) Second Quarter Meeting
         A) May 24, 2010
         B) Northeast Community College
      2) Third Quarter Meeting
         A) August 9, 2010
         B) Southeast Community College – Beatrice
            Campus
      3) Annual Meeting/Legislative Seminar
         A) October 5 and 6, 2010
         B) Host: Western Community College Area'

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Western Community Col-
lege Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday,
May 19, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in the Boardroom, Western Ne-
braska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East
27th Street, Scottsbluff, NE.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:55
p.m.

Jane Wisniewski, Chairperson

Coral E. Richards, Secretary
1) Consider the following application(s) pending before the City of Sidney Planning Commission:

   a) The application of Keith & Kathy Nienhueser for a Preliminary Plat for Lots 1 and 2, Block I, K and K Subdivision to the City of Sidney, Nebraska.

   b) The application of the City of Sidney for a Special Use Permit to erect a Communications Tower at 590 Haskell Hill Road, to hold a new antenna for the City of Sidney Policy Department.

   c) The application of Robert Van Vleet/Terry Brauer for a Special Use Permit to operate a Junk Yard at 926 Grant Street, Lots 11-15, Block 13, Original Town.

   d) The application of Mary A. Chilewski for a Special Use Permit for a Dog Kennel in a Commercial Zone located at 1243 Forrest Street.
Spring Break!
WNCC Sidney hosted a Sophomore Career Fair for over 200 area high school sophomores on Wednesday, March 17th. On Thursday, March 18th, an 8th grade Science Fair was hosted on campus with several WNCC science class students helping with the judging and activities for the event.

Thank you to these students for giving up a day of vacation over Spring Break! Left: Student Senate President Virgil Staab talks to an 8th grade student about his science project. Above: Chris Nielsen and Katheryn Brown judge science project entries.

Voc Air Flying Club
Voc Air Flying Club is planning a banquet dinner for a spring fundraiser, including door prizes for the banquet, and raffle tickets for additional prizes. Look for tickets being sold in the near future! The aviation students are also making plans for their annual trip to aviation destinations in eastern Nebraska, and they plan to attend the Aviation Symposium in Kearney.

Phi Theta Kappa
Elections for next year’s officers took place in February, with the Vice President candidate seat ending in a tie. Congratulations to the victor, Chris Nielsen! The Nebraska Academic All American team members are Heather Bobo and Jeremy Stevens. They attended the event in Lincoln on March 30th and 31st. Pictured below is Heather Bobo with her husband Shane. Pictured bottom right is Shane and Heather Bobo. Merrilene Wood, Chris Wolf, the family of Rebecca Bell and Rhitta Bounds. Chris Nielsen, PTK Vice President Elect will be the Sidney Officer Representative to attend the Phi Theta Kappa Regionals/Nationals with Sponsor Merrilene Wood on April 7th-10th in Orlando, Florida. Currently the club is taking nominations for the Teacher of the Year Award to be given at the Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 21st. The club is planning on participating in the “Great Trash Race” in Sidney on May 1st.

PTK new officers! Mariah Flick—secretary, Chris Nielsen—Vice President, Lorna Busko—President, and Tae Hyun Park—Secretary, pose for the camera over Spring Break.

Cosmetology Club
Cosmetology Club is continuing spring fundraisers and recently sold butter braids! The Co-Ed 9 foot Basketball Tournament scheduled for April 16th and 17th has unfortunately been canceled. Look for more fundraisers and activities coming soon! The Cosmetology Club raises money to fund the cost of tickets and hotel for their biannual trip to hair shows.

Student Senate
Student Senate will host a Casino game night on Thursday, April 8th from 7 pm to 10 pm. Free admission, food, door prizes and winner prizes will be provided! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun! The club will assist with planting 22 trees in the Outdoor Learning in April, date and time to be announced. In honor of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on April 25th, the Student Senate will again promote their battery recycling project. Please bring all dry cell batteries to the recycling container located in the library. Finally, the End of the Year Party plans are continuing with the event to take place at the bowling alley in Sidney on Friday, May 7th.
SCOTTSBLUFF CAMPUS FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO
THE WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR APRIL 2010

Paul Bowdre, Criminal Justice Instructor, reports several items of interest. First, Paul met with a
representative of National American University here at WNCC, Scottsbluff on Thursday March
25. This is his first live meeting with a NAU representative since completion of an articulation
agreement between the two schools. Paul also had a display and met with students at the Annual
Scottsbluff/Gering Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Tour in the HATC bay area on
Tuesday, March 30. Paul took a group of CJ students to the University of Nebraska Kearney
Criminal Justice Conference on April 14. The Criminal Justice Club plans to take a trip to the
Denver Museum of Nature and Science on April 22 for the Body Worlds and Story of the Heart
exhibit. Paul has also been asked by the NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher
Education to serve as a program reviewer for the upcoming NASPA International Assessment
and Retention Conference that will be held in Baltimore, MD in June.

Jeanette Johnson, Business Instructor, has completed a graduate level course titled “Learning
with the Brain in Mind.”

Bill Spurgeon, Information Technology Instructor, reports that Information Technology hosted
two advisory board meetings last month. Bill Loring, Information Technology Instructor, hosted
the meeting in Sidney. Bill Spurgeon and Tom Robinson, Information Technology Instructor,
hosted the Scottsbluff meeting. At the meeting local IT professionals provided feedback about
the program and skills of the graduates. Bill S. also reports that he and Andy Newman, Chairman
of the Language and Arts Division, met with high school students at the Chamber of Commerce
Business and Industry tour.
Coral Richards

From: "Dr. Eileen E. Ely" <elye@wncc.net>
To: "Coral E. Richards" <richards@wncc.net>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 9:29 AM
Subject: Fw: Something Positive for a Change

Coral,

We may want to share this compliment with our Board.

Eileen

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Neal E. Stenberg
To: elye@wncc.edu
Cc: ddouglas@scottsblufflaw.com
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 8:32 AM
Subject: Something Positive for a Change

Hello Dr. Ely:

I am a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Lincoln and I sing in the choir there under the direction of Dr. William Wyman of Nebraska Wesleyan University. Yesterday, our choir had the day off to make room for the Collegiate Chorale from Western Nebraska Community College! Dr. Wyman was familiar with the Collegiate Chorale and told us earlier in the week to expect very good things. How right he was! The Collegiate Chorale sang beautifully, looked great, and comported themselves with a very high degree of professionalism. The choir was received very enthusiastically by the congregation. The members of the Collegiate Chorale are fine musicians and excellent ambassadors for your institution. You can be very proud of them. I hope that they come to our church again very soon.

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