PROPOSED AGENDA

A. Call to Order, Dr. Gramberg

B. Roll Call

C. Introduction of Visitors
   1) 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) Regular Meeting, February 20, 2013
      d) Claims
         1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $2,329,793.94
         2) WCCA Restricted Fund - $12,305.49
         3) WCCA Federal Fund - $6,793.12
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         6) WCCA Plant Fund - $2,525.39
         7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $80,746.04
      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

March 20, 2013

12:00 P.M. – LUNCH
John C. Bishop Dining Hall
Pioneer Activity Center
Western Nebraska Community College
Scottsbluff Campus
1409 East 27th Street
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

1:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING
Boardroom
Western Nebraska Community College
Scottsbluff, Campus
1601 East 27th Street
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

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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) #13-VEH-08 – Four (4) New Intermediate Four-Door Sedans  (Pages 4 – 4a)

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)
   b) Appointment(s):

2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar

3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

H. Reports and Recommendations from Board Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Mr. Groshans

1) #500.0150.13 – Ban on Inducements for Securing Enrollments of Service Members  (Page 5)

2) #825.0000.13 – Standing Committee  (Page 5a)

3) Employment Process
   a) Need for Board Policy – Re: Background Checks
I. Monitoring Reports

1) Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education – Committee Chair
   a) Program Approval
      1) AOS.5109 Emergency Medical Technician – Ms. Barkelo (Pages 6 – 6a)
   b) New Program Offerings – Mr. Alkire
      1) AS.0111 Rangeland Management (Program Partnership
          with Chadron State College) (Pages 6b – 6e)
      2) AS.0100 Agricultural Science (Pre) (Program Partnership with University
          of Nebraska College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
          (Pages 6f – 6i)

2) Proposed 2013 – 2014 Student Charges – Mr. Knapper (Pages 7 – 7c)
   a) Tuition
   b) Fees
   c) Room and Board

3) Resolution – Re: GLOCK Armorer’s Training Course – Mr. Groshans, Mr. Mader (Pages 8 – 8a)

4) 2013 Legislation – Dr. Holcomb
   a) LB 47 – Change Provisions Relating to Career Academies
   b) LB 116 – Provide Requirement for Dual-Enrollment Courses
   c) LB 135 – Change Membership Provisions Relating to Community College Boards
      of Governors
   d) LB 162 – Provide for Notification of Eligibility for an Associate Degree as Prescribed
   e) LB 163 – Provide for a Report on Education Credentials and Workforce Needs
   f) LB 180 – Provide for the Waiver of Education-Related Fees for Dependents of Veterans
   g) LB 211 – Change and Eliminate Provisions Relating to Statewide Coordination of
      Community College Boards
   h) LB 334 – Appropriate Funds for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program
   i) LB 366 – Adopt the Remedial Adult Education Innovation Act
   j) LB 367 – Adopt the Twenty-First Century Developmental Education Act
   k) LB 400 – Appropriate Funds for Aid to Community Colleges
   l) LB 468 – Allow an Income Tax Deduction for Tuition Payments
   m) LB 480 – Adopt the Nebraska Career Technical Education Grant Program Act
   n) LB 481 – Create the Career Education Task Force
   o) LB 651 – Eliminate Property Tax Levy and provide for State Funding of
      Community Colleges

5) 34th Annual National Conference on Law and Higher Education – Mr. Kelly

6) Nebraska Community College Association – Dr. Gramberg, Dr. Perkins

7) Association of Community College Trustees – Dr. Perkins (Handout)
J. Consider Proposed Transfer of Real Estate to City of Sidney for Bike Path Right of Way – Mr. Kelly

K. Board Member Comments

L. President’s Comments

M. Executive Session

1) Possible Litigation – Re: Office of Civil Rights Complaint

N. Upcoming Meetings and Events

1) Nebraska Community College Association

   a) 2013 Regular Meetings
       1) Second Quarter Meeting (Retreat)
           A) June 6 and 7, 2013
           B) Sidney, NE
       2) Third Quarter Meeting
           A) August 5, 2013
           B) Columbus, NE
       3) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting)
           A) November 4 and 5, 2013

2) Association of Community College Trustees

   a) 2013 Annual Leadership Congress
       1) October 2 – 5, 2013
       2) Seattle, WA
   b) 2014 National Legislative Summit
       1) February 10 – 13, 2014
       2) Washington, DC

3) Western Nebraska Community College Foundation

   a) Monument Marathon
       1) September 28, 2013
N. Upcoming Meetings and Events – Cont

4) Western Nebraska Community College

   a) 2013 Awards Ceremonies
      1) Sidney Campus
         A) Friday, April 19, 2013, 3:00 p.m.
         B) Aviation Building, Sidney Municipal Airport
      2) Scottsbluff Campus
         A) Thursday, April 25, 2013, 4:30 p.m.
         B) Little Theatre, Scottsbluff Campus
      3) Alliance Campus
         A) Friday, April 26, 2013, 2:00 p.m.
         B) Panhandle and Sandhills Rooms

   b) Nursing Pinning Ceremony
      1) Saturday, May 11, 2013, 2:00 p.m.
      2) Little Theatre, Scottsbluff Campus

   c) Graduation Ceremony
      1) Saturday, May 11, 4:00 p.m.
      2) Cougar Palace, Scottsbluff Campus

O. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 1:00 p.m., Room 115 and 116, Western Nebraska Community College, Sidney Campus, 371 College Drive, Sidney, Nebraska.

P. 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 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday,
March 20, 2013, 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 March 16, 2013, with
the following members present: Timothy H. Daniels, F. Lynne
Klemke, L. Paul Leseberg, Kimberly A. Marcy, Jack L. Nelson,
Alexander D. Pavlista, M. Thomas Perkins, Mary K. Shaver,
Richard G. Stickney, Julienne K. Walworth, Merlyn L.
Gramberg, Chairperson. Absent: F. Lynne Klemke. Student
Representatives present: None. Faculty Representatives
present: Guy Wylie, Scottsbluff Campus. College staff pre-
sent: Todd R. Holcomb, William D. Knapper, Coral E. Rich-
ards, David E. Groshans, Paul G. Jacobsen, Susan K. Yowell,
Paula J. Abbott, Garry R. Alkire, Judith L. Amoo, Mary
Barkeloo, Ellen M. Dillon, Douglas J. Mader, James I.
Schmucker, Erin E. Stinner, Jason L. Stratman, Susan L.
Verbeck. Attorney present: Phillip M. Kelly. A current
agenda was available for public inspection in the College
President’s office and the Board Secretary’s office on the
Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.

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

VISITORS
Visitors were: Joe Dutton, Scottsbluff.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS
Dr. Gramberg asked for comments from the community.
Pursuant to Board Policy #830.1000.79, Dr. Gramberg re-
mined community members who wish to make comments
that each speaker will be limited to a five minute presenta-
tion. There were none.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON
COMMENTS
Dr. Gramberg announced that for public information, there
is a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act available on
the table at the back of the room.

Dr. Gramberg asked that Ms. Klemke be excused for Per-
sonal Business.

Dr. Gramberg announced that the book, “Making Good on
the Promise of the Open Door” by Byron McClennely and
Margaretta Mathis is available for check out from Ms. Richards.

Dr. Gramberg called attention to a Trustee Mentor webinar series. Specific information about the series is available on the ACCT website. Cost for the annual subscription is $1,500 or $200 per individual session for members of the Association.

Dr. Gramberg extended congratulations to Dr. Perkins for all of the work he has done, and is doing, for the Association of Community College Trustees. Dr. Gramberg remarked that Dr. Perkins and Western Nebraska Community College are mentioned by Dr. Walter Bumphus, who authored the "Forward" in the book, "First in the World", by Noah Brown. All Board members received a copy of Mr. Brown's book at the February 2013 meeting.

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

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   b) From the Faculty – Attachment C
   c) From the Administration
   d) From the Board

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

Mr. Daniels moved the Consent Calendar be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. The vote was, Yes:
CONSENT CALENDAR Approval
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Daniels, Leseberg, Marcy, Nelson, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Klemke. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR Consider Items Extracted

There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar.

BID CONSENT CALENDAR Review Contents

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

1) #13-VEH-08 – Four (4) New Intermediate Four-Door Sedans – Attachment D

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

BID CONSENT CALENDAR Approval

Mr. Daniels reported the Budget and Finance Committee met earlier today and is recommending the Bid Consent Calendar be approved as submitted. He commented all new car dealerships within the Western Area were invited to submit bids.

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

BID CONSENT CALENDAR Consider Items Extracted

There were no items extracted from the Bid Consent Calendar.

PERSONNEL CONSENT CALENDAR Review Contents

There were no items on the Personnel Consent Calendar.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE Policy 500.0150.13

Mr. Groshans reported the Board Policy Committee met earlier today to consider a new Board policy and a revision to an existing Board policy. He referred Board members to the mailed packet which includes a copy of the policies.

Mr. Groshans reported Board Policy #500.0150.13 – Ban on Inducements for Securing Enrollments of Service Members is new policy. This proposed policy is in response to a request from the Department of Defense to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Defense which requires the College to adopt a policy
banning inducement for securing enrollment of service members in the College. Additionally, the policy is needed as a condition for the College to participate in the tuition assistance program.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Groshans reported tuition assistance funds are available to active duty service members, National Guard members and National Guard reservists.

Mr. Groshans reported the Board Policy Committee also considered a revision to Board Policy #825.0000.13 - Standing Committees. The proposed revision is in response to a request from the Educational and Student Services Committee to change the committee name to Student Success Committee.

Dr. Holcomb reported this proposed change was suggested after the Governance Institute on Student Success held in Norfolk last fall.

Mr. Groshans reported pursuant to Board Policy #830.1600.79, Policy revision and Suspension, these policies are being presented today for Board member consideration. Board action on the proposed policies will occur at the April 2013 Board meeting.

Mr. Groshans reported that for the past six months, he, Dr. Holcomb and Mr. Kelly have been working on an Employment Process that would include background checks for new employees. Mr. Groshans remarked this is an additional process to help ensure a safe College environment. He reported the background checks will be done in accordance with the position being filled.

Mr. Kelly reported background checks are also important to protect the College from possible negligent hiring litigation. If the information is available and the College didn't look into it and there was an incident, the College could be held liable.

Mr. Kelly reported he and Mr. Groshans attended a Webinar presented by the Equal Opportunity Commission which pointed out the need for a Board policy to ensure the background checks are complaint, do not discriminate, and the information is kept confidential. Mr. Kelly commented the College must be careful of what needs to be looked into when doing background checks. The
background checks must be in accordance with the job. The type and number of background checks would depend on the position being filled.

Mr. Groshans proposed the College use the Mountain States Employers Council to complete background checks. Mr. Groshans reported the College is a member of the Mountain States Employers Council. The Council provides services to member colleges with regard to labor law, mediation, and other employer issues including completion of background checks. Mr. Groshans reported that, as a member of the Council, the College would pay a reduced fee for background checks.

Mr. Groshans reported the background checks will be done in accordance with needs of the position being filled. The Human Resources staff would retain the confidential information gathered from the background checks.

Mr. Kelly reported that he and Mr. Groshans are developing a proposed Board Policy to present to the Board Policy Committee at the April meeting. Mr. Kelly remarked he would like to have a Board Policy in place before the College sponsored summer camps begin.

Ms. Barkeloo reported that during the December 2012 Board meeting, the Board approved the Program Review for the Associate of Occupational Studies: Emergency Medical Technician Program, and authorized submission of the report to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Subsequent to that submission, it has been determined approval to offer the degree program was not submitted to the Commission.

Ms. Barkeloo reported the degree program for the Emergency Medical Technician Program was approved by the College Curriculum; however, due to an oversight the program approval was not brought forward to the College Council (the final internal step before Board approval and submission to the Coordinating Commission). Because two students have completed this degree program, it is important to correct the oversight.

Ms. Barkeloo reported she has been working with the Coordinating Commission staff to rectify this situation. The Coordinating Commission is suggesting that the degree program be submitted to the Commission after it has been brought forward through the College Council and the Board of
Board of Governors. The program should be brought forward as it was approved by the Curriculum Council in 2004.

Ms. Barkeloo reviewed the Associate of Occupational Studies: Emergency Medical Technician program which requires a General Education Core of 16 credit hours and successful completion of all three Emergency Medical Technician (Basic, Intermediate and Paramedic) levels, as approved in 2004.

Dr. Perkins moved the Board approve the Associate of Occupational Studies: Emergency Medical Technician program as presented and approved by the Curriculum Council in 2004. He further moved the program approval be forwarded to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Seconded by Ms. Walworth. The vote was, Yes: Marcy, Nelson, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney Walworth, Daniels, Leseberg, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Klemke. Motion carried.

Mr. Alkire reported the College has entered into a program partnership with Chadron State College to offer a Rangeland Management program. He reported the partnership will provide students with core curricular work as well as the foundational work for an eventual Bachelor of Science degree in Rangeland Management. The program will include course offerings applicable to an Associate’s degree from the College as well as a Bachelor’s degree from Chadron State College.

Mr. Alkire reported the Agricultural classes will be delivered to the College by Chadron State College via the ITV delivery system. These courses are subject to reverse transfer agreements between the College and Chadron State College. The remaining courses are already offered by the College. Chadron State College will accept a total of 62 credit hours toward the Bachelor of Science degree in Rangeland Management. He reported that upon acceptance and transfer to Chadron State College, students will have the opportunity to branch out into one of three rangeland management options including Rangeland Ecology, Rangeland Livestock Management and Rangeland Wildlife Management.

Mr. Daniels moved the Board approve the program partnership with Chadron State College to offer an Associate of Science degree: Rangeland Management as presented. He further moved this program offering be submitted to the
Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education for approval. Seconded by Mr. Stickney. The vote was, Yes: Nelson, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Leseberg, Marcy, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Klemke. Motion carried.

Mr. Alkire reported the College has also entered into a Partnership with the University of Nebraska College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources to offer an Agricultural Science (Pre) program. This program emphasis is designed to provide the student with a course of study that will allow for completion of an Associate of Science degree at the College as well as provide the first two years of course work for articulation with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, toward a Bachelor’s of Applied Science degree.

Mr. Alkire reported the 61 credit hour degree is 100 percent College courses for articulation with the Bachelor’s of Applied Science degree at the University of Nebraska College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. He reported the Bachelor’s-level course work through the University is offered through on-site and online options, allowing site-bound students an opportunity to complete a bachelor’s degree program at home. Students enrolled in this program should have an agreed on advisory plan as there are eight to ten options available within the Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

Dr. Perkins moved the Board approve the partnership with the University of Nebraska College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources to offer an Associate of Science degree: Agricultural Science (Pre) as presented. He further moved this program offering be submitted to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education for approval. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. The vote was, Yes: Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Leseberg, Marcy, Nelson, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Klemke. Motion carried.

Mr. Knapper referred Board members to the mailed packet which includes the proposed student changes for the 2013 – 2014 year. He reported the proposed student charges were presented to the Board at the February 2013 meeting for Board consideration. The proposed charges are presented today for Board action.
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Proposed 2013 – 2014
Student Charges
Tuition, Fees,
Room and Board
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Mr. Knapper reported the administration is recommending a $3.00 per credit hour increase in tuition, and no increase in the per credit hour fees. The proposed per credit hour cost for 2013 – 2014 will be $99.50, which is a 3.1 percent increase above the 2012 – 2013 rate. Mr. Knapper reported the $3.00 per credit hour increase in tuition applies to Resident Tuition, Border States (Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota) and Non-resident Tuition. He reported the High School Partnership rate is one-half of the Resident Tuition/Fee rate. Mr. Knapper remarked the Resident Tuition rate applies to the State of Nebraska.

Mr. Knapper reported proposed changes to other fees include: 1) The elimination of the graduation, diploma and certificate fees. 2) An increase in the GED Testing Fee from $75.00 to $120.00. He commented this fee is state directed and the increase is needed to offset the cost of computerized testing. 3) The International Student Application Fee of $150.00 is proposed to become a non-refundable fee. In the past, this fee has been applied toward tuition.

Mr. Knapper reported two years ago the Board approved a fee schedule to recover the cost for consumable supplies in such courses as automotive, chemistry, welding, etc. The proposed increase in the Specific Course Fee Schedule will, in most instances, recover one-hundred percent of the consumable supplies.

Mr. Knapper reported there is no increase in the proposed room rates for Conestoga Hall. Room rates for Pioneer Hall are proposed to increase from $1,125.00 to $1,177.50 per semester for a private room, from $875.00 to $897.50 for a semi-private room, and from $585.00 to $600.00 per semester for a semi-private room with three occupants. Mr. Knapper reported further there is no increase proposed for the 14 and 19 meal plans Board rate; however, addition of a 10 meal Board plan is proposed.

Mr. Knapper referred Board members to the refund policies for tuition and fees, and room and board. No change is being proposed for these policies.

Mr. Knapper reported there is additional information regarding the 2013 – 2014 Room and Board Rates and Academic Year Contracts included in the packet which does not require Board action. It is provided for informational purposes only.
In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Knapp responded the International Student Fee will not detract serious students from enrolling in the College. Dr. Holcomb reported changing this fee to a non-refundable fee was from a proposal by the consultant. The non-refundable fee will help to identify serious inquiries. He remarked there are two to three staff members involved in tracking down inquiries from International students.

Mr. Stickney moved the Board approve the 2013 - 2014 Tuition Rates as follows: Resident - $83.00 per credit hour; Border States (Colorado Wyoming and South Dakota) - $83.00 per credit hour; Non-Resident - $97.00 per credit hour; High School Partnership - $41.50 per credit hour. He further moved tuition and fees for custom designed credit classes, workshops, and seminars will be determined by the College President or his/her designee. Mr. Stickney moved the Board approve the following 2013 - 2014 student fees: Activity Fee/Student Services - $3.00 per credit hour; Facility - $5.50 per credit hour; Technology/Instruction - $3.50 per credit hour; Scholarship - $4.50 per credit hour; High School Partnership Fees - $8.25 per credit hour; Experiential Learning - $25.00 per credit hour; Applied Music - $50.00 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, - $120.00 GED or ESL Class Registration Fee - $20.00; ACCT 2008 Certified Bookkeeper Certification Prep. - $200.00; BNA or Medication Aide Re-Test Fee - $50.00; Official Transcripts - $5.00 per copy. International Student Application Fee $150.00. Mr. Stickney moved the 2013 - 2014 Specific Course Fees for consumable supplies be approved as presented. (A complete listing is attached hereof and made a part hereof as Attachment One.)

Mr. Stickney 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 elapsed; 3) 25 percent refund for 25 percent time elapsed; and 4) No refund for more than 25 percent time elapsed. Seconded by Mr. Daniels. The vote was, Yes: Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Leseberg, Marcy, Nelson, Pavlista, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Klemke. Motion carried.

Ms. Walworth moved the Board approve the 2013 - 2014 room rates as follows: 1) Pioneer Hall Private - $1,177.50 per semester; 2) Pioneer Hall Semi-Private (two occupants) - $897.50 per semester; 3) Pioneer Hall Semi-Private (three
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occupants] $600.00 per semester; 4) Conestoga Hall Super
single - $1,940.00; 5) Conestoga Hall Private - $1,725.00 per
semester; 6) Conestoga Hall Semiprivate (two occupants) -
$1,445.00; 7) Conestoga Hall Super Single – weekly student
rate $114.00 per week; 8) Conestoga Hall Private – weekly
student rate - $101.00; 9) Conestoga Hall Semi-private –
weekly student rate - $90.00. He moved further the Activity
tuition and refundable Housing Deposit of $180.00 be
Ms. Walworth further moved the Board approve
the 2013 - 2014 board rates as follows: 1) 10 meal plan -
$1,290.00 per semester; 2) 14 Meal Plan - $1,690.00 per se-
semester; 3) 19 Meal Plan - $1,810.00; 4) 14 Meals – Weekly
student rate - $99.00; 4) Daily meal plan – Three meals -
$22.00. Ms. Walworth 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 two to three
weeks time elapsed; 3) 50 percent for four to five weeks
time elapsed; 4) 25 percent for six to seven weeks time
time elapsed; and 5) No refund for more than seven weeks time
eveloped. Seconded by Ms. Marcy. The vote was, Yes:
Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Leseberg, Marcy,
Nelson, Pavlista, Perkins, Gramberg. No: None. Absent:
Klemke. Motion carried.

Mr. Groshans reported the College received a request from
the Sheriff’s Department to offer a weapons training course
through the Western Nebraska Rural Public Safety Institute.
The training course to be conducted by Glock Professions,
Inc. will be held on May 21, 2013, at the Harms Advanced
Technology Center.

MONITORING REPORTS
Resolution – Re:
GLOCK Armorer’s
Training Course

Mr. Groshans explained Nebraska law authorizes the carry
of concealed weapons with the appropriate permits. He
explained further the Board has a Handgun/Firearm Prohibi-
tion policy that prohibits carrying a handgun into or upon
College property. Because of this policy, it is necessary to
suspend Board Policy #235.0250.07, Handgun/Firearm Pro-
hibition, in order for the training to be held on the
Scottsbluff Campus.

Mr. Mader reported enrollment in the training course is
strictly limited by Glock Professionals, Inc. to those individu-
als who have a Federal Firearms License. Glock Profession-
als, Inc. will determine the eligibility of the enrollees. There
will be no live ammunition used in the training session. The
unloaded pistols to be used in the training will be brought

to the session, in a locked box, by the Glock instructor. No
weapons, tool belts or law enforcement belts can be
brought into the classroom by individuals who are enrolled in the class. The training will focus on the maintenance and repair of Glock Pistols. During the training sessions, the pistols will be disassembled, reassembled and adjusted for functionality.

There was considerable discussion regarding whether or not it was appropriate to waive the concealed weapons policy. It was suggested that it may be hypocritical to have a concealed weapons policy, and then allow weapons on site by waiving the policy. Dr. Holcomb explained offering this course is a benefit to the College and to the community. It will generate FTE enrollment, and the College provides space for the Western Nebraska Rural Public Safety Institute.

There was also considerable discussion whether or not the College was endorsing a specific weapon. It was explained that because of its reliability the Glock Pistol is the weapon of choice for law enforcement agencies, both regionally and nationally.

Mr. Kelly remarked, even though there will be no concealed weapons used in this training, it is important for the Board to be aware of any out of the ordinary course offerings that may be an infringement of Board Policy.

Mr. Nelson moved the Board adopt the following Resolution providing for temporary suspension of Board Policy; Providing for waiver of Board Policy concerning carrying a concealed handgun onto or upon College property; Providing for approval of College facilities for the Rural Public Safety Institute Weapons Training.

WHEREAS, the policies of the Board of Governors for Western Community College Area prohibits the possession of concealed weapons on college property pursuant to Policy 235.0250.07;

WHEREAS, the Rural Public Safety Institute is sponsoring Glock Armorer's training to be conducted on May 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors for Western Community College Area desires to support said training activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS FOR WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA, IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, ASfollowS:

Section 1. The Rural Public Safety Institute in conjunction with Glock Professional, Inc., is granted permission to conduct Glock Armorer’s training and to use the facility at Western Nebraska Community College on May 21, 2013.

Section 2. The Board Policy concerning the carrying of concealed weapons into or upon the property of Western Community College Area is temporarily waived for purposes of Glock Armorer’s training course.

Section 3. The Rural Public Safety Institute shall assume full control and responsibility for all participants and volunteers.

Section 4. The temporary suspension of Policy 235.0250.07 for the purpose of Glock Armorer’s training course is made pursuant to Board Policy 830.1600.79 which allows the Board to temporarily suspend any portion of the policies and procedures of the Board.

Seconded by Ms. Walworth. The vote was, Yes: Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Leseberg, Marcy, Nelson, Perkins, Shaver, Gramberg. No: Pavlista. Absent: Klemke. Motion carried.

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

Dr. Holcomb reported on the current status of 2013 Legislative Bills.

LB 47 was introduced by Senator Ashford. This legislation would set up a process for the development of career academy consortiums and provide funding of $1,500 on a per-pupil basis for the consortium. This bill was heard by the Education Committee on January 29, 2013. On February 22, 2013, Senator Coash was added as a co-introducer.

LB 116 was introduced by Senator Harms. It would put into state statute requirements for dual credit courses. Dr. Holcomb testified in support of this bill during the Education Committee Hearing held on January 29, 2013. There is no update on this legislation.
LB 135 was introduced by Senator Avery. This legislation would prohibit employment of a community college board of governors by the community college he/she serves. LB 135 was approved by Governor Heineman on March 7, 2013.

LB 162 was introduced by Senator McGill. This bill would establish a process whereby a student who starts at a community college but transfers to a four-year institution before completing an associates degree, could later apply for an associates degree after completing at least 70 hours of postsecondary education credit. This bill was heard by the Education Committee on January 19, 2013. There is no update on this bill.

LB 163 was introduced by Senator McGill. This legislation would set-up a report to be issued annually identifying, among other things, the Nebraska’s workforce needs. The report would be issued by the Department of Labor in conjunction with the Coordinating Commission and the Department of Education. LB 163 was heard by the Business and Labor Committee on February 11, 2013. There is no update.

LB 180 was introduced by Senator Adams. This legislation would add a waiver of fees to the already established waiver of tuition for a resident dependent of a deceased or totally disabled veteran. Governor Heineman approved this bill on March 7, 2013.

LB 211 was introduced by Senator Adams. It would allow a community college board to belong to an association if so desired. On March 6, 2013, this legislation was placed on Final Reading.

LB 334 was introduced by Senator Nordquist. The hearing before the Appropriations Committee was held on March 18, 2013. This bill would appropriate $2.5 million for 2013-2014 and $5 million for 2014-2015 for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program.

LB 366 was introduced by Senator Cook. It sets up the Remedial Adult Education Innovation Act aimed at getting more adults to have high school diplomas and other education to make them workforce ready. Senator Cook designated LB 366 as a priority bill on March 15, 2013. No dollar amount to be appropriated is specified in the bill, so it is impossible to know the fiscal impact.
LB 367 was introduced by Senator Cook. This legislation sets up the Twenty-first Century Development Education Act. The Act would require community colleges to set up a statewide curriculum to allow individuals to get the basic skills necessary to enter an occupational program. This bill was heard by the Education Committee on February 4, 2013. There is no update.

LB 400 was introduced by Senator Lautenbaugh. This bill asked for $13.5 million dollars to be appropriated to the community college aid fund. The hearing before the Appropriations Committee was held on March 18, 2013.

LB 468 was introduced by Senator Scheer. This legislation provides for an income deduction for tuition at a Nebraska postsecondary institution for tax purposes. The Revenue Committee held a hearing on February 22, 2013. There is no update.

LB 480 was introduced by Senator Lathrop. This bill creates the Nebraska Career Technical Education Grant Program Act. This bill was heard by the Education Committee on February 4, 2013. There is no update.

LB 481 was introduced by Senator Lathrop. This legislation creates the Nebraska Career Technical Education Task Force which would study all aspects of career education in Nebraska. This bill was heard by the Education Committee on February 4, 2013. There is no update.

LB 651 was introduced by Senator Davis. This legislation would eliminate property tax levying authority for the community colleges and provide for state funding for them. This bill was heard by the Education Committee on March 5, 2013. There is no update.

Dr. Holcomb asked for any questions. There were none.

Mr. Kelly reported that last year, after Mr. Douglas's death, as a part of the transition, there was a commitment made by the law firm to maintain expertise in higher education law and related legal issues. A part of that commitment included taking part in various workshops, and conferences, one of which was the Stetson College of Law annual conference.

Mr. Kelly reported that he and Mr. Groshans attended the Stetson College of Law 34th Annual National Conference on
Law and Higher Education. The conference was held on February 17 and 18, 2013 in Orlando, FL.

Mr. Kelly reported they attended sessions on employment law that included: 1) social media in the work place including: use of equipment, as an employment tool, and social harassment; 2) updated information regarding Medical Leave and the American Disabilities Act; 3) the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act. Mr. Kelly reported he is pleased the College is using best practices for compliance with this Act; and 4) contract law. Mr. Kelly reported the College is using best practices regarding contract law.

Mr. Kelly reported one session regarding employment law pointed out that the success rate of minority and black students is lower, if there is no administrative staff that is black or Hispanic.

Mr. Kelly reported he appreciates the opportunity to attend this conference. He commented he and Mr. Groshans worked hard and all of the sessions were very beneficial.

There was no report from the Nebraska Community College Association. The Second Quarter meeting of the Association Board of Directors will be held on June 6 and 7, 2013, in Sidney, NE.

Dr. Perkins referred Board members to the handout materials which contains a copy of a "LAW E-Alert" from the Association of Community College Trustees, and a letter from signed by Walter G. Bumphus, American Association of Community College President and Chief Executive Officer and J. Noah Brown, Association of Community College Trustees President and Chief Executive Officer, and a Factsheet - 2014 House Budget.

Dr. Perkins reminded Board members of his comments at the February Board meeting regarding sequestration.

The "Law E-Alert" announced the Air Force and Coast Guard had joined with the Army and Marine Corps in suspending the Tuition Assistance Programs. Active military personnel who are currently receiving tuition assistance under the Tuition Assistance Programs will be allowed to complete their current semester; however, future benefits are suspended indefinitely. This action was taken in order to bear some of the defense cuts under sequestration.
Dr. Perkins commented the House Budget sets the FY 2014 spending levels, or 302(a) allocations, $18 billion less than the post-sequestration cap for FY 2013 funding. He reported this Budget reflects negatively on higher education as it has eliminated all mandatory funding for Pell Grants. Under the Budget, Pell is slated to be an entirely discretionary program. Additionally, a freeze is placed on the maximum Pell Grant award through 2023 at the current academic year level of $5,645. There are also changes to Pell's income protection allowance formula and lowering income thresholds for zero expected family contributions.

Dr. Perkins remarked there is some good news, as a resolution to restore military funding is being considered.

Mr. Kelly reported in September 2007, the Board granted a permanent easement to the City of Sidney for a bike path across the Sidney Campus property. Last month, the Board re-affirmed support for the bike path project. Because of some aspects of administering federal funds to local agencies, the City of Sidney (and other local agencies) has to begin the process again and follow very stringent rules in order to comply with the Federal Highway Administration policy for federal-aid projects.

Mr. Kelly referred Board members to the mailed packet which includes the PA-3 letter that describes the real estate the City of Sidney is requesting an easement across. This is a preliminary form to the formal donation process. Once the City of Sidney has received the completed PA-3 form, it will be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Roads. After receipt of the PA-3 form, the Nebraska Department of Roads will authorize the City of Sidney to move forward with the project.

Mr. Kelly remarked the City of Sidney has to start over with this project, and signing the PA-3 letter, stating the College is willing to donate the described real estate is the first step. He commented that a like letter will be required from all property owners the bike path will cross.

Mr. Kelly reminded Board members the conveyance of property required an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Board, which is eight members.

Mr. Nelson moved the Board authorize the Chairperson to sign the PA-3 document stating the willingness of the Board
to donate the property described in the PA-3 document for a Bike Path Right-of-Way. Seconded by Mr. Leseberg. The vote was, Yes: Walworth, Daniels, Leseberg, Marcy Nelson, Pavista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Klemke. Motion carried.

(A copy of the signed PA-3 document is attached in the official minute book.)

Dr. Gramberg asked for Board Member Comments.

Mr. Daniels commented he is pleased the College will be offering some Ag related courses.

Mr. Daniels encouraged Board member participation in the College Foundation's annual fund raising campaign. He remarked that he and Mr. Stickney would be glad to visit with individual Board members at their convenience.

Mr. Leseberg reported he attended the 2013 Association of Community College Trustees National Legislative Summit held in Washington D.C. last month. He remarked it was a much different experience than previous summits. The focus was not on increasing funding for Pell Grants and the importance of higher education provided by the community colleges. Instead, the focus was on the unknown factor of sequestration. Mr. Leseberg remarked that Senator Johannes and Congressman Smith were well versed on what community colleges do.

In Mr. Leseberg's opinion, the promise to support higher education has been broken by the current administration, and the budget cuts are a political move.

Dr. Wylie inquired whether or not directed giving could be used to make up some of the anticipated loss in Pell Grant funding should the political climate require it. Mr. Daniels responded this suggestion is perfect for the Foundation to pursue.

Dr. Gramberg asked for President’s Comments.

Dr. Holcomb reminded Board members that in the interest of time he postponed his February comments until this meeting.

Dr. Holcomb reported the College financial aid staff presented “Financial Aid Night” to students and parents in panhandle communities. Presentations were given in the
Dr. Holcomb announced that College Music Education majors, Mr. Brayden Ryan, of Gering and Ms. Malorie Winberg, of Fort Morgan, CO, have been selected to participate in the American Choral Directors Association 2013 National Conducting Competitions Choir.

Dr. Holcomb reported the Nebraska Community College Mutual Aid Agreement was signed by five community college chief executive officers. Participating colleges, located in the State of Nebraska, recognize that in times of emergency, caused by natural or manmade disaster, the resources of one college may be inadequate. These colleges agree in principle to voluntarily provide mutual aid and services to each other in order to minimize the risk to students, faculty and staff in the event of a natural or manmade disaster.

Dr. Holcomb reported a Phi Theta Kappa Rally (student leader rally outside the Capitol in regard to student success) will coincide with the April 10, 2013 Phi Theta Kappa Ceremony. Mr. Rod Risley will give a five to ten minute speech at the rally and at the ceremony.

During the week of February 4 through 8, staff members from RDG Planning and Design, of Omaha, were on campus to gather input regarding the College in Master Facility Planning. Work sessions were well attended by community members and staff. Dr. Holcomb thanked Board members for their participation in the work sessions. He reported questionnaires have been completed by departments to identify space solutions and accommodate future space needs. The questionnaire will prepare departments for on-site work sessions as well. Follow-up meetings with RDG staff are planned for the first week in April.

On Thursday, April 4, 2013, the College will host the annual KnowHow2Go Super Pep Rally. This pep rally is designed for 8th through 10th grade students. The program encourages and teaches them to “know how to go; how to get them thinking about their education after high school and the preliminary steps to get there. This event will make a huge impact on the students in the surrounding schools. At this time, the College is estimating 600 to 800 students will be participating.
Dr. Holcomb reported the College is embarking on a major technology upgrade to its internal communication structure in the form of a Student/Faculty/Staff Portal. This portal is the product of Ellucian (formerly Datatel) and functions quite seamlessly with the College’s Integrated Data System.

Dr. Holcomb reported the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation kicked off the annual fundraising campaign on Thursday, March 7 2013, with a luncheon for campaign volunteers. The goal of the campaign is to raise $135,000 for the annual fund, which supports Foundation operations as well as providing unrestricted funds to support College student, faculty, and facilities needs at all three College campuses.

The College’s women’s basketball team is seeded 14th for the national tournament in Salina, Kansas. The Lady Cougars played in the 24-team single elimination tournament, yesterday, March 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. against #19 ASA College from Brooklyn, NY. The Lady Cougars lost in a very close game. Dr. Holcomb remarked the College is very proud of the accomplishments of the team.

The College Phi Theta Kappa students organized an Alcohol Awareness event on March 13, in the Little Theatre on the Scottsbluff Campus. Local law enforcement reported on the impact of drinking and driving and addiction counselors shared information about the effect of alcohol and addictions.

Dr. Holcomb reported that Ms. Kelsey Empfield, Scottsbluff Campus student, and Scottsbluff Campus Student Representative on the Board of Governors, has been selected as a 2013 Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar. Selection as a Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar was based on scores earned in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition, for which there were more than 1,800 applications received this year. This program is sponsored by Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Phi Theta Kappa will recognize the 2013 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Scholars at this 2013 Annual Convention, April 4 through 6, in San Jose, CA.

Dr. Holcomb asked if there were any questions.

In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Holcomb reported the multipurpose facility located in Broken Bow, NE
PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
is completed. Mid-Plains Community College has space in
this facility.

RECESS
Dr. Gramberg declared a ten minute recess at 2:39 p.m.

OPEN MEETING
Dr. Gramberg declared the Open meeting in session at 2:49
p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mr. Daniels 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 Dr.
Todd R. Holcomb, Mr. William D. Knapper, Dr. Susan K.
Yowell, Mr. David E. Groshans, Ms. Coral E. Richards, and
Mr. Philip M. Kelly, Attorney, for the purpose of discussion of
the following item(s): a) Possible Litigation - Re: Office of
Civil Rights Complaint. He further moved that strategy ses-
sions with respect to possible litigation are specifically au-
thorized by the Nebraska Meetings Public Meetings Law.
Seconded by Dr. Perkins. The vote was, Yes: Daniels,
Leseberg, Marcy, Nelson, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney,
Walworth, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Klemke. Motion
carried.

Dr. Gramberg stated the reason for the Executive Session is
discussion of possible litigation regarding an Office of Civil
Rights Complaint.

The Board of Governors and those so named in the motion
adjourned to an Executive Session at 2:50 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 3:11 p.m.

OPEN MEETING
Dr. Gramberg declared the Open meeting in session at 3:12
p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
AND EVENTS
Dr. Gramberg reminded Board members of the following
upcoming meetings and events:

1) The Nebraska Community College Association 2013 Reg-
eral Meetings to be held as follows: a) Second Quarter
Meeting (Retreat), June 6 and 7, 2013, in Sidney, NE; b)
Third Quarter Meeting, August 5, 2013, in Columbus, NE;
and c) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting) to be held
UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

November 4 and 5, 2013, location to be announced.

2) The Association of Community College Trustees 2013 Annual Leadership Congress to be held on October 2 – 5, 2013, in Seattle, WA.

3) The Association of Community College Trustees 2014 National Legislative Summit to be held on February 10 – 13, 2014, in Washington, DC.

4) The Western Nebraska Community College Foundation Monument Marathon to be held on September 28, 2013.

5) The Western Nebraska Community College 2013 Awards Ceremonies to be held as follows: a) Sidney Campus, Friday, April 19, 2013, at 3:00 p.m., in the Aviation Building, Sidney Municipal Airport; b) Scottsbluff Campus, Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 4:30 p.m., in the Little Theatre, Scottsbluff Campus; c) Alliance Campus, Friday, April 26, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., in the Panhandle and Sandhills Rooms.

6) The Western Nebraska Community College Nursing Pinning Ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., in the Little Theatre, Scottsbluff Campus.

7) The Western Nebraska Community College Graduation Ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013, at 4:00 p.m., in the Cougar Palace, Scottsbluff Campus.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., in Rooms 115 and 116, Western Nebraska Community College, Sidney Campus, 371 College Drive, Sidney, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:15 p.m.

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Coral E. Richards, Secretary
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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

1) Consider the following application(s) pending before the City of Sidney Planning Commission:

   a) Notice of a Public Hearing to be held on March 18, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Room, for a Conditional Use Permit application of Rodney Stettner to construct a single family residence at 2417 Sidney Draw Road, which is currently zoned C-3 (Heavy Commercial).

2) Notice of a Public Hearing of the City of Bridgeport City Council to be held on April 2, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at the Prairie Winds Community Center, for a redevelopment plan amendment that will cancel the prior division of taxes pursuant to an approved redevelopment plan and approve a redevelopment plan amendment to establish the effective date for the division of taxes as of January 1, 2013.

   a) Block 1, Lapaseotes Addition, located in the SW ¼ of Section 29, Range 20 North, Township 50 West of the 6th PM, in the City of Bridgeport, Morrill County, Nebraska.

March 2013
SCOTTSBLUFF CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO
THE WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 2013

The Student Ambassadors have been busy giving tours to prospective students. They are also
looking for new ambassadors for the 2013-2014 year. Admissions is seeking outgoing students
and application are available in Student Services. This position is a scholarship position. They
are also preparing for the Know How 2 Go super pep rally on April 4th. Approximately 700 8th
grade through 10th grade students will visit campus that day. They are seeking volunteers to help
with interactive activities from 10:15 – 11:45 am.

Student Veterans Organization continues to make progress on the soldier’s memorial. They
recently obtained approval from the board and are grateful to the organizations who contributed
to the memorial. They are planning to get NTC to transport the memorial from Wyoming. They
also recently got a new advisor and have been working with new students to enroll in the fall.

Circle K had a Valentine’s Day party and made Valentines for the Golding Living residents.
They also wrote letters to Marines in Afghanistan and tied fleece blankets for children in
DOVES shelter.

Student Government donated funds to SVO’s memorial and to United Leaders’ African Culture
Connection. They are also preparing for elections in March.

Phi Theta Kappa continues to prepare for the Drug and Alcohol Prevention night of speakers on
March 12.

Criminal Justice Club made 200 hand-out bags for Phi Theta Kappa’s Drug and Alcohol
Prevention. The bags contained: taco coins from Taco Johns, ink pens, WNCC post cards,
Whiskey Creek peanuts, WNCC marketing department to-do pads, WNCC Criminal Justice
pencils, six-inch rulers. The annual Cream-a-Teacher fundraiser is tentatively set for March 14 in
the pit. A new board has been made to eliminate the mess and surgical booties for shoes will be
worn, too.

Emerging Voices literature book’s deadline is March 4. They have been in contact with the local
public schools for additional submissions. They hosted a poetry reading at Book Nook on a
Saturday afternoon. Poetry Alive will also return to campus this year on April 8. The duo is from
North Carolina and will perform a pit performance and night program in theater, which is open
to public.

The National Society of Leadership and Success induction deadline is April 2. The 5th speaker
was Brad Meltzer who is a writer. They will begin community service at Golden Living, doing
bingo nights.
SCOTTSBLUFF CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO THE WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Residence Hall Council worked with the dining hall and just recently got a new refrigerated vending machine in the dining hall. They will also conduct a survey regarding dining hall hours.

The Residents Assistants are going through the application process for the 2013 – 2014 year. They conducted group interviews with 28 students and 10 students will become RAs.

Intramurals just finished basketball season and volleyball is up next.

On March 7, there will be a dance for all students.

United Leaders continues to make process with the African Culture Connection. It will be on April 12 and the event will include a three hour workshop. The community is invited to the events in the evening and Gering Jr. High in the morning. They also hope to bring “Build a Burrito” in April.
FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
TO THE WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR MARCH 2013

Rita Stinner, WNCC Vocal Music Instructor, reports that the 23rd Annual Gala Evening was extremely successful. The food and music were exceptional. It was the “next chapter in a series of Best Galas ever.” Rita was also recently selected as the 2 Year College Choir Chairperson for the North Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association. The ACDA was founded in 1959 to promote excellence in choral music through performance, composition, publication, research, and teaching. Rita also reports that Brayden Ryan of Gering, and Malorie Winberg of Fort Morgan, CO have been selected for the ACDA National Convention Conducting Competitions Choir. Rita and the students will travel to Dallas, Texas March 12-16 to attend the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association. Brayden and Malorie will participate in four days of preparation, performance, and adjudication of both undergraduate and graduate college/university conduction contestants. They will prepare a program of choral repertoire, rehearse with an 80 voice choir in Dallas, and ultimately perform the music being conducted by the various contestants. The Conducting Competitions Choir will judge each contestant’s conducting abilities in both semi-finals and finals. The competition will include students from throughout the United States.

James MacArthur, WNCC Science Instructor, recently provided a peer review for an article submitted to Chemical Education Research and Practice.

Tom Tylee, WNCC ESL Instructor, is currently redesigning WNCC’s English as a Second language curriculum. The revised program will allow WNCC to provide instruction to students at multiple levels of ability, to better immerse them in the language, and ultimately, to better prepare students for success at WNCC.

Several participants reported that Garry Alkire, Laurie Alkire, Tom Tylee, Amy Wisniewski, Robin Hayhurst, Lacy Krakow, and Susan Dickinson attended the National Association for Developmental Education annual conference in Denver, Colorado on February 21 and 22nd. Each met some great educators, learned a number of effective teaching strategies, and reinforced how vital developmental education is to providing opportunities for success to our students and others throughout the country. Representatives from all attending Nebraska community colleges had dinner together and compared notes on how each school has improved their developmental education offerings. The group intends to do some follow up later.

Dean Rindels, WNCC Welding Instructor, recently renewed his national welding certifications. He successfully completed testing for his nine year major renewal of his American Welding Society Certified Welding Inspector credential. He also successfully completed testing for renewal of his American Welding Society Welding Educator credential.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Governors

FROM: William D. Knapper

DATE: March 20, 2013

RE: Board Approval, Bid Number 13-VEH-08

On March 4, 2013 bids were received for Four (4) New Intermediate 4-Door Sedans

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10.1.62010.5611.63 $38,004.00
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TOTAL BUDGET: $76,008.00

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Recommendation to come from the Finance Committee.