PROPOSED AGENDA

A. Call to Order, Dr. Gramberg

B. Roll Call

C. Community Comments

D. Board Chairperson Comments
   1) Copy of Nebraska Open Meetings Act
      Available at Back of Room

E. Consent Calendar
   1) Review Contents of Consent Calendar
      a) Agenda
      b) Excuse Absent Board Member(s)
      c) Minutes
         1) Regular Meeting, November 19, 2014
      d) Claims: (Enclosure)
         1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $2,404,160.66
         2) WCCA Restricted Fund - $20,015.33
         3) WCCA Federal Fund - $9,292.07
         4) WCCA Agency Fund - $26,471.35
         5) WCCA Loan Fund - -0-
         6) WCCA Plant Fund - $508,197.72
         7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund-$96,974.35
      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

December 17, 2014

12:00 P.M. - LUNCH
John C. Bishop Dining Room
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
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) #15-SE-07 – Graphic Design and Copywriting of WNCC College Admissions Viewbook
      (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):
      1) Mr. Douglas A. Beazley, Information Technology Assistant
         (Pages 5 -5a)
      2) Mr. Joseph I. Lovelidge, Admissions Counselor
         (Pages 5b - 5c)

   b) Appointment(s):
      1) Ms. Allison M. Reisig, Technical Services Assistant
         (Pages 5d - 5f)

2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar

3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

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

1) Policy #304.0100.14 – Operating Name of Institution
   (Page 6)

2) Policy #500.3900.14 – Use of Alcoholic Beverages
   (Page 6a)
I. Western Community College Area Board of Governors – Dr. Gramberg

1) Regular January 2015 Meeting
   a) January 21, 2015, 11:00 a.m. ???

2) Recognition – Retiring Board Members Mr. Nelson, Dr. Pavlista

J. Monitoring Reports

1) Student Leadership and Involvement - Dr. Yowell, Dr. Houdyshell (Page 7, Handout)

2) WNCC Academic Calendar– Dr. Gaalswyk, Dr. Yowell (Page 8)
   a) 2015 – 2016
   b) 2016 - 2017

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

4) Association of Community College Trustees – Dr. Perkins,
   a) 2014 Annual Leadership Congress
      1) October 22 – 25, 2014,
      2) Chicago, IL

K. Acknowledge Receipt of Tort Claim – Re: Vernes Rasidkadic – Mr. Kelly

L. Board Member Comments

M. President’s Comments

N. Upcoming Meetings and Events

1) Association of Community College Trustees
   a) 2015 National Legislative Summit
      1) February 9 - 12, 2015
      2) Washington, DC
   b) 2015 Annual Leadership Congress
      1) October 14 – 17, 2015
      2) San Diego, CA
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N. Upcoming Meetings and Events – Cont.

2) Nebraska Community College Association

   a) 2015 Regular Meetings
      1) First Quarter Meeting
         A) January 23, 2015
         B) Lincoln, NE
      2) Second Quarter Meeting
         A) May 4, 2015
         B) Lincoln, NE
      3) Third Quarter Meeting
         A) August 3, 2015
         B) Lincoln, NE
      4) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting)
         A) November 2 and 3, 2015
         B) Lincoln, NE

O. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 1:00 p.m., Boardroom, Western
   Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

P. Adjournment

MISSION STATEMENT:

"WNCC assures learning opportunities for all – enriching lives, invigorating communities, creating futures"
A regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors was held at 1:06 p.m., on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 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, December 13, 2014, 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. Waiworth, Merlyn L. Gramberg, Chairperson. Absent: None. Student Representatives present: Alexandra Stricker, Scottsbluff Campus. Faculty Representatives present: Aletia R. Norwood, Scottsbluff Campus; William Hanson, Sidney Campus. College staff present: Todd R. Holcomb, William D. Knapper, Coral E. Richards, Terry B. Gaaiswyk, David E. Groshans, Susan K. Yowell, Paula J. Abbott, Garry R Alkire Ellen M. Dillon, Joseph W. Deer, Michal E. Houdyshell, Jennifer Rogers. College Attorney present: Phillip M. Kelly. A current agenda was available in the College President’s office and the Board Secretary’s office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.

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

Dr. Gramberg asked for comments from the community.

Pursuant to Board Policy, Dr. Gramberg reminded community members who wish to make comments that each speaker will be limited to a five minute presentation. There were no community 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 thanked Mr. Kelly and the Law Offices of Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek and Ossian for the delicious meat and cheese tray.
Dr. Gramberg welcomed Board members elect Mr. R. J. Savely, Jr, who will represent District Two, and Dr. William M. Packard, who will represent District Five.

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

1) Agenda, December 17, 2014
2) Excuse Absent Board Members – None
3) Minutes
   a) Regular Meeting, November 19, 2014
4) Claims
   a) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $2,404,160.66
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   f) WCCA Plant Fund - $508,107.72
   g) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $96,974.35
5) City Planning Commission Reports – Attachment A
6) Reports and Proposals
   a) From the Students
   b) From the Faculty – Attachment B
   c) From the Administration – Attachment C – C-1
   d) From the Board

Dr. Gramberg inquired if there were any items on the Consent Calendar which any Board member wished to have removed for separate consideration.

Mr. Daniels requested Item E-1a, City Planning Commission Reports be extracted for separate consideration.

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

Mr. Daniels reported he requested the City Planning Commission Reports be extracted to allow Dr. Holcomb and Mr. Knapper to discuss Item three, the Public Hearing before the Scottsbluff City Council regarding the creation of a proposed Paving District and a proposed Water District.

Mr. Knapper reported the Scottsbluff City Council, following the Public Hearing on December 15, 2014, approved the creation of Paving District 312 and Water District 105.
He referred Board members to the handout materials which include an aerial view of the College property, the Reganis Subdivision and other unplatted lands located in the district boundary. Using colored lines on the map, Mr. Knapper described the College property line, the College half of the paving district, and Mr. Reganis’ half of the paving district. Mr. Knapper reported the paving district (12th Avenue) will extend northward from East 27th Street to the existing 12th Avenue. The creation of the paving district was requested by Mr. Reganis. Mr. Knapper reported all owners participate, proportionately in the cost of construction of the street. The City of Scottsbluff will pay for intersections and the proposed roundabout. Mr. Knapper reported the preliminary budget for this project is approximately $591,000, with the College share of $245,400, Mr. Reganis share of $265,800, and the City share of $80,000. Mr. Knapper reported the cost of construction can be financed over a period of 15 years through City Bonds at an interest rate of seven percent.

Mr. Knapper reported it is the recommendation of College administration that the total cost of the project be included in the 2015 – 2016 Capital Construction Budget.

In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Holcomb responded the creation of the paving district did not come as surprise. He reported the street will provide for a future west entrance to the College property, and also to a future road around the northern boundary of the College property as is proposed in the Facilities Master Plan.

There was discussion about whether the College would benefit from the proposed water district. It was reported there will be a public hearing at a future date to determine the assessment for both districts. This hearing will provide an opportunity to present information on whether or not the district will benefit the College property. It was reported the City will own both the street and the water line.

Mr. Daniels moved the Board approve the recommendation of the College administration to pay the College’s share of the paving district in full from the 2015 – 2016 Capital Construction Budget. He further moved the Board accept the City Planning Commission reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. The vote was, Yes: Klemke, Leseberg, Marcy, Nelson, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.
Dr. Gramberg reviewed the contents of the Bid Consent Calendar which include the following bid(s):

1) #15-SE-07 – Graphic Design and Copywriting of WNCC College Admissions Viewbook - Attachment D

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

Mr. Daniels reported the Budget and Finance Committee is recommending the Bid Consent Calendar be approved as submitted.

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, Klemke, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

There were no items extracted from the Bid Consent Calendar.

Dr. Gramberg reviewed the contents of the Personnel Consent Calendar with include the following resignation(s) and appointment(s): 1) Resignation(s):

a) Mr. Douglas A. Beezley, Information Technology Assistant, effective March 31, 2015.

b) Mr. Joseph L. Lovelidge, Admissions Counselor, effective December 31, 2014.

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

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

There were no items extracted from the Personnel Consent Calendar.
Ms. Walworth reported the Board Policy Committee presented proposed Board Policy #304.0100.14 – Operating Name of Institution last month for Board member review. She reported neither the Board Policy Committee nor the College administration have received any comments regarding the proposed policy. Ms. Walworth reported the policy will allow for College operations to be carried out in the name of Western Nebraska Community College. She commented the formal legal name as provided for by Nebraska statute, is Western Community College Area.

Ms. Walworth reported the Board Policy Committee is recommending Board Policy #304.0100.14 – Operating Name of Institution be approved as presented.

Ms. Walworth moved the Board adopt Board Policy #304.0100.14 – Operating Name of Institution as presented. Seconded by Ms. Shaver. The vote was, Yes: Nelson, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Klemke, Leseberg, Marcy, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

(A copy of the adopted policy is attached in the official minute book.)

Ms. Walworth reported the Board Policy Committee met earlier today to consider revisions to Board Policy #500.3900.14 – Use of Alcoholic Beverages. She asked Mr. Kelly to speak to the need for revisions to this policy.

Mr. Kelly reported the current Board Policy #500.3900.14 prohibits the use, possession or sale of alcoholic beverages at any College sponsored function either on College property or off campus. He remarked College sponsored functions, such as the Music Department events, held at the Gering Civic Center are in violation of the current policy because a cash bar is available.

Mr. Kelly reported the proposed revision to the policy will continue to prohibit the use of, possession or sale of alcoholic beverages on College property, whether leased or owned, and on the specific premises of College sponsored or supervised off-campus functions, unless specifically approved by the President or the Board in advance of the event. The proposed policy also stipulates the approval and authorization is conditioned upon the requirement that any use, possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages be in complete conformity with the requirements of law.
Mr. Kelly reported the College will not hold or ask for a Liquor License, but would request an on-campus function be catered. The catering business would be responsible for providing the alcoholic beverages, making application for and receiving approval for the event, and complying with all laws.

It was mentioned there is a new motel being constructed just north of the new Reganis Honda dealership. The motel will not have a conference center. The motel may request the use of College facilities for conference groups staying at the motel. Such groups may desire to have alcoholic beverages available.

It was mentioned that not every request that is made will come before the Board. The proposed policy authorizes the President to approve specific functions where the use, possession or sale of alcoholic beverages will occur.

It was pointed out the proposed policy is presented today for Board member review. As a point of order, the discussion and action on the proposed policy should take place during the Regular January 2015 Board of Governors meeting.

Dr. Gramberg commented it has been suggested the Regular January 2015 Board of Governors meeting begin earlier than the 1:00 p.m. time established by Board Policy. He asked Ms. Richards to comment on this suggestion.

Ms. Richards remarked that after she and Dr. Holcomb reviewed items that must be placed on the January agenda, they decided to provide Board members with the option to change the beginning time. Ms. Richards reported that Board Policy requires Board action to change the beginning time/location of a meeting.

Among the items that need to be on the agenda, in addition to the Consent Calendars and "standing" Monitoring Reports are: a) swearing in of elected Board members; b) re-organization of the Board for 2015; c) a Facilities Corporation meeting; d) President's Recommendations for Reduction-in-Force Report; e) presentation of the 2013-2014 Audited Reports – Financial and Full-Time Equivalent; and d) an enrollment report. Additionally, the Comprehensive Campaign Consultant, Mr. Rich Gross, President of RichGrossSolutions, will present a Campaign Orientation which is expected to require one and one-half hours.
Ms. Richards reported the beginning time of 11:00 a.m. is only a suggestion. It can be adjusted if the Board wishes to do so.

Ms. Klemke moved the Regular January 2015 Board of Governors meeting to be held on January 21, 2015, in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College Scottsbluff Campus, begin at 11:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Daniels. The vote was, Yes: Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Klemke, Leseberg, Marcy, Nelson, Gramberg. No: None. Abstain: Pavlista. Motion carried.

Dr. Gramberg remarked the recognition of retiring Board members is both a joyful and a sad time. He asked Dr. Pavlista and Mr. Nelson to come forward to be recognized.

Dr. Gramberg remarked Dr. Pavlista had brought many knowledgeable and educational assets to the Board. His vast experiences and insight has helped the Board to grow as it strives to improve student success and educational opportunities for the service region. Dr. Gramberg thanked Dr. Pavlista for his four years of service as a member of the Board, and wished him well for the future.

Dr. Holcomb remarked he appreciated Dr. Pavlista’s honesty, his preparation for the meetings, and his lively discussions. Dr. Holcomb thanked Dr. Pavlista for his service.

Dr. Holcomb and Dr. Gramberg presented a plaque to Dr. Pavlista recognizing his dedicated service to the Board of Governors.

Dr. Pavlista thanked the Board for the recognition. He remarked it had been his pleasure to serve on the Board. He remarked prior to becoming a member of the Board, he had many preconceived opinions about community colleges. This experience has been educational for him and has broadened his perception of the importance of community colleges.

Dr. Gramberg remarked he has known Mr. Nelson not only as a Board member, but also as a student, and a faculty member. Dr. Gramberg thanked Mr. Nelson for his twelve years of service on the Board. Mr. Nelson’s special expertise, knowledge and understanding has helped move the College forward. Dr. Gramberg thanked Mr. Nelson for his service as a member of the Board, and wished him well for the future.
Dr. Holcomb thanked Mr. Nelson for his commitment and service to the College. In addition to serving on the Board of Governors, Mr. Nelson is a former faculty member, and a past member of the Endowment Association.

Dr. Holcomb and Dr. Gramberg presented a plaque to Mr. Nelson recognizing his dedicated service to the Board of Governors.

Mr. Nelson remarked he has enjoyed his tenure with the institution. He will miss seeing, on a regular basis, the people he has served and worked with since 1971. Mr. Nelson thanked the Board for the opportunity to help move the institution into the future.

RECESS
At 1:50 p.m., Dr. Gramberg declared a fifteen minute recess to honor Mr. Nelson and Dr. Pavlista.

OPEN MEETING
Dr. Gramberg declared the Open meeting in session at 2:06 p.m.

MONITORING REPORTS
Dr. Yowell reported that she, Dr. Houdyshell and Alexandra Stricker, Scottsbluff Campus Student Government President, will share some highlights of Student Leadership and Involvement. Dr. Yowell referred Board members to the mailed packet which contains an Executive Summary of their report, and to a hard copy of a PowerPoint presentation included with the handout material.

Dr. Yowell remarked student engagement is an important part of Retention and Completion both in and outside of the classroom. Dr. Yowell remarked the Council for the Advancement of Standards has developed standards for almost all areas of Student Affairs. She reported the College is doing a self-assessment of those standards and is being very intentional in changes that are being implemented.

Dr. Yowell reported the Student Life and Engagement Center, formerly known as "The Cave", prepared students to become contributing members of society by providing meaningful co-curricular experiences related to leadership, governance, community service, healthy lifestyles and organizational development.

Dr. Yowell reported students on all three campuses have opportunities to serve in both paid and unpaid leadership roles. The students selected to serve go through a selection process, which includes essay questions as a part of the
application, individual and group interviews, and required references from faculty and staff. Once selected, the students participate in training. The training occurs prior to the beginning of the semester and in some instances continues through the year. Student Leadership roles include: Resident Assistants, Student Ambassadors, Orientation Leaders and Supplemental Instruction Leaders.

Dr. Houdyshell reported each campus holds monthly Student Organization meetings. He commented that over the past few years, new policies and procedures have been developed to empower the student organizations. Dr. Houdyshell reported the organizations have developed constitutions and bylaws, have required Faculty/Staff sponsorship as advisors, have developed a student organization handbook and budget request forms.

Dr. Houdyshell highlighted the activities and accomplishments of all the student organizations. He reported the organizational types include: Student Governance; Honors; Leadership: Academically-related; General interest; Political; Service; and Spiritual.

Dr. Houdyshell reported student government members from all three campuses attended a national student government leadership conference in Dallas, Texas, on November 7 – 9, 2014.

Ms. Stricker reported there were seven students from the Scottsbluff Campus, two students from the Sidney Campus, and two students from the Alliance Campus who attended the National Leadership Conference. She remarked the conference included workshops on leadership and becoming stronger student government organizations on campus. The conference also provided opportunities to meet and interact with student government leaders from all across the country, both two-year and four-year, public and private, small and large institutions. Ms. Stricker reported as a result of attending the conference together, student leadership on all three campuses is working more closely together.

Dr. Yowell reported the College provides Student Leadership Development opportunities for students on all three campuses, and on the regional and national level. She reviewed the activities that took place during the Fall Semester. She reported several students will be attending the Student Veterans of America national conference, which will
be held in January 2015. Also, the National Society of Leadership and Success sponsors video lectures throughout the year. This speaker series is open to the campus community.

Dr. Houdyshell reported in 2013-2014, a new organization, the Campus Activities Board, was created. This organization is made up of students who are interested in bringing a variety of student activities to all three campuses. The activities include events, trips, speakers and novelty activities. Student Life and Engagement has also offered intramural programs. Students also participate in the annual “Celebrate WNCC” activities, and new student/welcome week events.

The Residence Hall Council is the student governing body for the residence halls. This group plans events and addresses issues affecting students residing in the residence halls. The Resident Assistants are responsible for monthly programming on their floor and in their building.

Health Programming including such topics as “Student Health 101”, Alcohol and Drug Awareness, and “STEP UP Bystander Training” is also available for students.

Dr. Yowell reported the College is the only Nebraska community college that is a member of the Nebraska Campus Compact. She reported the Compact membership of 12 two-year and four-year institutions is committed to providing meaningful experiences for students to become active, engaged leaders in their communities. Dr. Yowell reported the Student Life Assistant Directors have been working with faculty and staff to create more service learning opportunities in the local communities. Dr. Yowell remarked she is a member of the Nebraska Campus Compact Executive Board.

Dr. Yowell reported the information presented today is to provide information about the many ways students are engaged in the life of the College.

Dr. Yowell asked for questions. There were none.

Board members remarked the Student Leadership and Involvement activities are an absolutely perfect way to complete a college experience.
Dr. Gramberg remarked student success, and College success put the institution in the limelight. In addition to providing students with comprehensive academic opportunities, the Student Leadership and Involvement activities prepare the students to become active, engaged leaders in their communities.

Dr. Gramberg thanked Dr. Yowell, Dr. Houdyshell and Ms. Stricker for their report.

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

Dr. Gaalswyk referred Board members to the mailed packet which contains the proposed Academic Calendar for 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017. Dr. Gaalswyk reported the calendars were developed by a committee chaired by Mr. Garry Alkire and they have been reviewed internally by the Academic Practices Committee, the Student Services Committee, at a College faculty meeting, and by the President’s Cabinet.

Dr. Gaalswyk reported both calendars contain the required 175 faculty contract days. Additionally, the calendars meet the required number of class minutes to assure compliance with the Higher Learning Commission requirements. The Fall 2015 Semester will begin on August 13, 2015 and end on December 17, 2015. The Spring 2016 Semester will begin on January 7, 2016 and end on May 17, 2016. The Fall 2016 Fall Semester will begin on August 11, 2016 and end on December 16, 2016. The 2017 Spring Semester will begin on January 11, 2017 and end on May 19, 2017.

The Summer 2016 Semester will begin on June 1, 2016 and end on July 28, 2016. The 2017 Semester will begin on May 30, 2017 and end on July 25, 2017.

Dr. Yowell reported the calendars take into account the holiday closings that are authorized by Board Policy. She remarked 2016 is a Leap Year.

Dr. Pavlista moved the WNCC Academic Calendar for 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017 containing the required 175 faculty contract days and the required number of class
minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by Ms. Walworth. The vote was, Yes: Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Klemke, Leseberg, Marcy, Nelson, Pavlista, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Perkins reported the First Quarter meeting of the Nebraska Community College Association Board of Directors will be held on January 23, 2015, in Lincoln. The Board will review Legislative Bills that have been introduced that may affect Nebraska community colleges. Dr. Perkins commented there will be intense discussion of the bills to determine the Association's position to support, monitor, or oppose a specific bill.

Dr. Perkins reported while attending the 2014 Annual Leadership Congress, held in Chicago, on October 22 – 24, 2014, he was able to attend a variety of presentations most of which were interesting and challenging but, save one, Mr. Chuck Underwood's discussion on generational research.

Dr. Perkins remarked his comments today would focus on his experience with the Symposium that was held just prior to the Congress. Dr. Perkins reported the information and discussion, from leaders in education and research were intense and depressing. For Dr. Perkins, the depressing aspects, was the discussion of another style of segregation that is occurring in higher education. He reported the segregation that is occurring is inclusive of both race and economic status, which in turn is creating the widening socio-economic gap in America between the "have-mores and the have-less."

To illustrate the point, Dr. Perkins engaged the Board in a brief exercise: The Race; The Goal: The American Dream: The weight; Poverty. The fantasy is a foot race of a ten year old carrying a 25 pound weight. In this fantasy, because of the weight (poverty), the ten-year old falls further and further behind eventually losing sight of the goal (the American dream).

Dr. Perkins reported public secondary education has found that the predictor of student success is income. "In fact the achievement gaps between low-income and high income students are wider than between black and white students. (NEA p.23)
Dr. Perkins reported the Symposium focused its attention on this phenomenon: "Income Inequality and the Educational Divide." Several subjects, taken from various publications, were addressed. He reported during the Symposium, attendees were exposed to some rather disturbing data: "26 percent of low income college enrolled students attained a bachelor's degree compared with 59 percent of high income students within six years." Forty-one percent of white students who entered four-year colleges in 2004 graduated with a bachelor's degree in 2008 compared with 28 percent of Latino students and 20 percent of African American students." (Bridging the Gap)

Dr. Perkins reported some of the side effects of poverty that can have an effect on educational achievement are: "Low birth weight, impaired neurological development, circumscribed vocabulary exposure, lesser familiarity with letters and numbers, lesser attention span in the classroom, more frequent health interruptions, stress, hunger and increased mobility."

It is known that at about “11 million students attend community colleges. About 45 percent of the college population, we know that 81.4 percent of students who enroll in community colleges for the first time intend to get a bachelor's degree, but 11.6 percent achieve that goal.” (Bridging the Gap)

Dr. Perkins posed the questions to the Board. Is it true that income and where a person comes from is a predictor of student success? And, if that is the case, what policy should the Board discuss that could enhance a low-income student’s chances for success?

Dr. Perkins referred Board members to the handout material which includes a map showing childhood poverty rates in Nebraska. He noted the counties where the poverty rate is 15 percent or greater is represented in red. Of the twelve counties within the Western Community College Area, only one, Sioux, has a percentage rate of 5 percent or less.

Dr. Perkins commented that the College has some degree of pride when it does more with less, but the question is—is that fair to the Western Area students, who in order to be successful may need more, such as services, to help them to their goals, rather than less.
A 2009 Brookings policy brief observed "Four year institutions receive three times as much federal support per FTE student (426,000) as community colleges ($790). The report went on to suggest direct federal support for community colleges in 2009 stood at $2 billion annually a modest comparison to the $20 billion a year allocated to public four year universities..." (Bridging the Gap)

Dr. Perkins reported community colleges educate 45 percent of college students, many of whom are low-income citizens, and the colleges receive 90 percent less in federal support. He asked: "How can this be justified?"

Dr. Perkins commented the concern that was raised during the Symposium was about the growing educational divide in America. He commented this is why the Association of Community College Trustees and the American Association of Community Colleges sponsor the National Legislative Summit in Washington so that the Senators and Representatives can see community college trustees face to face, as they tell the story about community college students, role and mission and the part they must play in fostering a solid educational climate.

Dr. Perkins asked Board members to reflect on this information and the fact that Western Area students need more help to reach their educational goals.

Dr. Gramberg thanked Dr. Perkins for his report and commented the Board needs to address the issues presented.

Mr. Kelly reported Board members and Ms. Richards have received a Notice of Claim from Mr. Robert Pahlke, a local attorney, representing Mr. Vernes Rasidkadic. Mr. Kelly reported the notice is required by the Nebraska Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act and is the first step in the process of proceeding with a claim against the College. Mr. Kelly reported the claim involves using weight room equipment located on the College premises.

Mr. Kelly reported there is no individual effect on Board members and no action is required other than to acknowledge receipt of the Political Subdivisions Tort Claim of Vernes Rasidkadic. Mr. Kelly reported he has referred the claim to the College's liability insurance carrier.
Dr. Gramberg asked for Board Member Comments.

Mr. Daniels thanked Mr. Nelson and Dr. Pavlista for their service as a member of the Board of Governors. He remarked he certainly appreciated the opportunity to know and work with them.

Dr. Gramberg asked for President's Comments.

Dr. Holcomb reported on December 5, 2014, the College Instrumental Music Department presented a showcase of holiday music favorites. Titled a "Very Valley Christmas", the concert featured the Western Nebraska Winds, Fire in the Pan Swingers, and the Monumental Rock Combo, as well as student and community small ensembles. The concert was free and open to the public. He reported there were about 200 to 250 in attendance.

The College Vocal Music Program joined forces with the Legacy of the Plains Museum to present "A High Plains Christmas" on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Admission was free and this event was very well attended. Dr. Holcomb remarked the soup was excellent.

Dr. Holcomb reported he had been contacted by the Outreach Manager for the recently launched AffordableCollege.com a site created to help make college more cost-effective for students. The outreach manager informed Dr. Holcomb, via email, that the College made their list of the 50 Most Affordable Community Colleges in the country. In order to give students a realistic cost of their higher education, they looked at average in-state tuition and institutional aid rate for every community college in the country, narrowing down the list to 50 schools that are most financially accessible.

The Sidney Campus is giving back to its surrounding communities by donating blankets to panhandle long-term care facilities, including living centers and nursing homes. Dr. Holcomb reported delivery locations included Miller Memorial Care Center, Chappell; Regional West Garden County Nursing Home, Oshkosh; Skyview, Bridgeport; Kimball County Manor, Kimball; Golden Living Center, Sidney; Sloan Estates, Sidney; and Sidney Regional Medical Center-Ext Care, Sidney.

Dr. Holcomb reported the Scottsbluff Star-Herald recently highlighted English instructor, Mr. Brian Croft for his article in
the "Nebraska History" magazine. Mr. Croft's article discussed the counties that have vanished from the state of Nebraska.

Dr. Holcomb announced Ms. Mary Kay Versen is the new Educational Outreach Programs Director, overseeing the Adult Education Program for eleven counties throughout the Nebraska panhandle. He reported Ms. Versen comes to the College with a wealth of experience in adult education and training, and will serve as a strong leader for the College Adult Education Program and its students.

Dr. Holcomb announced a retirement reception for Ms. Sandy Lockwood, has been scheduled for Monday, December 22, 2014 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom. Ms. Lockwood works with Accounts Payable. He invited Board members to stop by and wish Ms. Lockwood the best with her retirement.

Dr. Holcomb announced Ms. Becky Kautz will be assuming the position of Nursing Director from Ms. Melanie Thomas in May 2015. Ms. Kautz joined the nursing faculty at the College in December 2006.

Dr. Holcomb reported on November 22, 2014, the Alliance student council hosted a Cosmic Bowling event. One-half of the proceeds from the event went to a fund for Ms. Sophia Collette, an Alliance High School freshman, who is battling cancer.

During the first two weeks of December the Top of the Pole Students hosted a food drive. All of the donated food was given to a local food bank.

On December 10, 2014, the Powerline students hosted an appreciation holiday brunch in order to thank members of the administration, the fill-in instructors, and the Alliance staff for keeping the Powerline program together during the recent transition into new program leadership.

On Thursday, December 11, 2014, the Alliance Campus student body was in the Alliance Christmas parade. Following the parade, they served hot chocolate outside of the Santa house to all of the little children there to see Santa.

Dr. Holcomb asked for questions. There were none.
PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Dr. Holcomb extended Happy Holiday wishes to Board members.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

1) The Association of Community College Trustees 2015 National Legislative Summit to be held on February 9 – 12, 2015, in Washington, DC.

2) The Association of Community College Trustees 2015 Annual Leadership Congress to be held on October 14 – 17, 2015, in San Diego, CA.

3) The Nebraska Community College Association 2015 Regular Meetings to be held as follows: a) First Quarter Meeting - January 23, 2015; b) Second Quarter Meeting - May 4, 2015; Third Quarter Meeting - August 3, 2015; and, Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting) - November 2 and 3, 2015. All the meetings will be held in Lincoln, NE.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Dr. Gramberg wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:05 p.m.

Merlyn L. Gramberg, Chairperson

Coral E. Richards, Secretary
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

1) Consider the following applications pending before the City of Gering Planning Commission:

   a) The Final Plat on Block 1, Reed Farms Subdivision, a subdivision of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

2) Consider the following applications pending before the City of Sidney Planning Commission:

   a) A Conditional Use Permit of Gary and Sonja Ehlers to operate a commercial gym and fitness center at 1850 15th Avenue.

3) Notice of Public Hearing by the Scottsbluff City Council to be held on December 15, 2014, at 6:05 p.m., in the City Council Chambers concerning the proposed creation of Paving District 312 and Water District 105;

   a) The proposed district is located in a parcel of land situated in the South One-Half of Section 13, Township 22 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., in the City of Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. The following parcels are proposed for inclusion within the district:

      1) Block 2, Reganis Subdivision, Block 1A, Scotts Bluff County College Tract, and all unplatted lands located in the district boundary.
      2) Public improvements are proposed to be constructed according to plans and specifications and cost estimated to be adopted later.
      3) If approved, the costs of construction of the improvements will be assessed against the property within the district which is specially benefitted, in proportion to the benefits.

   (Paving District 312 and Water District 105 were approved on December 15, 2014.)

December 2014
WNCC FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
FOR THE WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PRESENTED DECEMBER 2014

Social Science Instructor, Colin Croft states that Brian Croft had his original research published in the most recent issue of Nebraska History magazine, the official publication of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Croft reports that Brian has been a member of the Board of the Historical Society for several years now, and has been teaching our Nebraska History course the last few years.

Business Instructor, Mike Hausmann reports that he and seven other members of the faculty attended the annual Teaching Professor Technology Conference in Denver this year. Topics included using social media in the classroom, flipped classrooms, and how to best reach today’s learners. Several of the Instructor have implemented changes in the methods of instruction used based on attendance at this conference. These instructors report positive student feedback related to these changes.

Science Instructor, James MacArthur reports that he provided a review for the Journal of Chemical Education.

Early Childhood Education Instructor, Linda Mattern Ritts reports that she attended the Rural Institute Service Learning training as part of Dr. Yowell’s team of staff and one community partner sponsored by Nebraska Campus Compact. Ritts also reports that at the invitation of Dr. Holcomb, four education students attended UpPour, the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation event. Additionally, the annual Early Childhood Education conference was held in October. Seven students attended this year.

Ritts reports that education students have been actively involved in four service learning projects this semester. Five education students and members of the Education Professions Club planned and implemented activities with forty high school students on Career Day at the HARMS Center. Education students supported the 75th anniversary of Roosevelt School by attending their celebration and by putting together a basket of WNCC bookstore items for the raffle on that day. Education students and members of the Education Professions Club also voted to support 58 kindergarten students at Roosevelt School this holiday season. Outside of the club budget, students are working in three restaurants to fundraise to provide each child with a quality puzzle and ornament this holiday season.

Foreign Language Instructor, Stacy Wilson attended the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages annual conference in November. Wilson states that they always do a great job with this conference.

IT Instructors, Bill Spurgeon and Bill Loring took several IT students to visit and tour the Regional West Medical Center and WNCC Information Technology departments.

Loring also reports that he has attained his Microsoft Certified Solution Associate Certifications on Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012.

Spurgeon also reports that this semester he took the engineering students to visit CS Precision, a machine shop in Gering. Precision manufactures hydraulic hose couplers. They make the parts from scratch, heat treat them, and have a chrome plating process too. Additionally, Spurgeon reports that they had a series of guest speakers that discuss how engineering is used locally by several different firms. Nate Green, who works at High Plains Orthotics and Prosthetics, Inc. guest lecture on the work he does. Larry Cooper visited with the students concerning wind generators and photovoltaic cells used to generate electricity. Steven Walker with NPPD, came and performed an energy audit at Dean Rindels house and the students were able to watch and see what they do for the audit.

Vocal Music Director, Rita Stinner reports that WNCC Vocal Music has partnered with the Legacy of the Plains Museum for “High Plains Christmas” on December 6, with performances at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. The Vocal Music Program will perform both classical and contemporary music, and every vocal ensemble will be represented on the concert. Vocal Music students decorated the museum, and will dress in “Country Christmas” for the event.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aletia Norwood
Pioneer Addition & Renovation Revenue Bonds

Requests for Proposal were advertised and also solicited from interested financial institutions for issuance of Pioneer Addition & Renovation Revenue Bonds.

Proposals for 15 and 20 year financing were solicited. The twenty year option was selected based on the annual debt service requirement.

Five firms responded to the solicitation. One firm’s materials were incomplete however and could not be analyzed.

In accordance with previous Board authorization, Administration awarded to institution with the lowest cost option to the College.

The successful proposal, from Platte Valley Bank, was $106,863 less than the next best offering.

The interest rate over the term of the issue is 2.565%. Annual debt service will begin at $129,181 and decrease to $103,618.66 in the final year.
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MEMORANDUM

TO:        Board of Governors
FROM:     William D. Knapper
DATE:  December 17, 2014
RE:        Board Approval, Bid Number 15-SE-07

On December 9, 2014 bids were received for Graphic Design & Copywriting of WNCC
Admissions View Book

ACCOUNT NUMBER:  10.1.61200.5215.66

TOTAL BUDGET:  $18,000.00

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Recommendation to come from the Finance Committee.