WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PROPOSED AGENDA

A. Call to Order, Mr. Daniels

B. Roll Call

C. Community Comments

D. Board Chairperson Comments

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

E. Consent Calendar

1) Review Contents of Consent Calendar
   a) Agenda
   b) Excuse Absent Board Member(s)
   c) Minutes
      1) Regular Meeting, March 18, 2015
   d) Claims
      1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $1,750,443.90
      2) WCCA Restricted Fund - $33,826.12
      3) WCCA Federal Fund - $5,833.21
      4) WCCA Agency Fund - $27,682.77
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      6) WCCA Plant Fund - $285,293.47
      7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $144,415.50
   e) City Planning Commission
   f) Reports and Proposals
      1) From the Students
      2) From the Faculty
      3) From the Administration
      4) From the Board

REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2015

12:00 P.M. – LUNCH
Room 122
Western Nebraska Community College
Sidney Campus
371 College Drive
Sidney, Nebraska

1:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING
Rooms 115 and 116
Western Nebraska Community College
Sidney Campus
371 College Drive
Sidney, 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) #15-SE-21 - Admissions View Book
   b) #15-SE-22 - Student Planner/Handbooks
   c) #15-SE-28 - Scholarship Management Software

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. Garry R. Alkire, Dean of Instruction
   b) Appointment(s):
      1) Mr. Garry R. Alkire, Honorary Status of Professor Emeritus; Honorary Status of Administrator Emeritus
      2) Ms. Rachel Gonzales, Honorary Status of Administrator Emeritus
      3) Ms. Anne Hippe, Honorary Status of Professor Emeritus
      4) Ms. Rita E. Stinner, Honorary Status of Professor Emeritus
      5) Ms. Melany A. Thomas, Honorary Status of Professor Emeritus
      6) Ms. Marilyn K. Dodge, Honorary Status of Administrator Emeritus

2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar

3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

G. Western Community College Area Board of Governors – Mr. Danieis

1) Reports and Recommendations from ad hoc Committee to Fill Board Vacancy – District Three – Mr. Stickney
G. Western Community College Area Board of Governors – Mr. Daniels – Cont.

2) Consider Request for Sale and Use of Alcoholic Beverages at College Sponsored Event(s) – Mr. Groshans (Page 5)

H. Monitoring Reports

1) 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan – Dr. Holcomb (Page 6)

2) 2015 Legislation – Dr. Holcomb (Page 7, Handout)

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

4) Association of Community College Trustees – Dr. Perkins

I. Board Member Comments

J. President’s Comments

K. Upcoming Meetings and Events

1) Association of Community College Trustees

   a) 2015 Annual Leadership Congress
      1) October 14 – 17, 2015
      2) San Diego, CA

2) Western Nebraska Community College

   a) 2015 Awards Ceremonies
      1) Sidney Campus
         A) Thursday, April 23, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
         B) Aviation Building, Sidney Municipal Airport
      2) Alliance Campus
         A) Friday, April 24, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
         B) Panhandle and Sandhills Rooms
      3) Scottsbluff Campus
         A) Thursday, April 30, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
         B) Little Theatre
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K. Upcoming Meetings and Events – Cont.

2) Western Nebraska Community College – Cont.
   
b) Nursing Pinning Ceremony
   1) Saturday, May 16, 2015, 2:30 p.m.
   2) Little Theatre, Scottsbluff Campus

c) Graduation Ceremony
   1) Saturday, May 16, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
   2) Cougar Palace, Scottsbluff Campus

3) Nebraska Community College Association
   
a) 2015 Regular Meetings
   1) Second Quarter Meeting
      A) May 4, 2015
      B) Lincoln, NE
   2) Third Quarter Meeting
      A) August 3, 2015
      B) Lincoln, NE
   3) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting)
      A) October 5 – 6, 2015
      B) Scottsbluff, NE

L. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 1:00 p.m., Boardroom Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

M. Adjournment

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT BOARD MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO TOUR SIDNEY CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING

MISSION STATEMENT:

“WNCC assures learning opportunities for all – enriching lives, invigorating communities, creating futures”
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 1:02 p.m., on Wednesday,
April 15, 2015, in Rooms 115 and 116, Western Nebraska
Community College, Sidney Campus, located at 371 Col-
lege Drive, in the City of Sidney, in the County of Chey-
enne, in the State of Nebraska, as per the publicized notice
in the Star-Herald, on Saturday, April 11, 2015, with the
following members present: Merlyn L. Gramberg, F. Lynne
Klemke, Kimberly A. Marcy, William M. Packard, M. Thomas
Perkins, R. J. Savelly, Jr., Mary K. Shaver, Richard G. Stickney,
Timothy H. Daniels, Chairperson. Absent: Julienne K. Wal-
worth. Student Representatives present: Alexandra
Stricker, Scottsbluff Campus; Courtney Joplin and Derick
Ramsey, Sidney Campus. Faculty Representatives present:
Aletia R. Norwood, Scottsbluff Campus; William J. Hanson,
Sidney Campus. College staff present: Todd R. Holcomb,
William D. Knapper, Coral E. Richards, Terry B. Gaalswyk,
David E. Groschans, Susan K. Yowell, Judith L. Amoo, Linda
Roelle, Jennifer Rogers, Jeffrey A. Summitt. College Attor-
ney present: Philip M. Kelly. A current agenda was avail-
able in the College President’s office and the Board Secre-
tary’s office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the
publicized notice.

ROLL CALL

NOTICE OF MEETING

QUORUM
Mr. Daniels declared a quorum was present for the trans-
action of business.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS
Mr. Daniels asked for comments from the community.

Pursuant to Board Policy #830.1000.79, Mr. Daniels re-
mined community members who wish to make com-
ments that each speaker will be limited to a five minute
presentation.

Ms. Julie Slagle, RN, MSN, VP of Patient Care Services at Sid-
ney Regional Medical Center, Ms. Kelly Dean, College
Nursing Instructor, and Ms. Courtney Joplin, a current stu-
dent in the Practical Nursing Program, addressed the
Board. They encouraged the Board and College admin-
istration to continue the nursing program at the Sidney
Campus. They stressed the importance of the program to
the community, the need for quality skilled nursing staff,
and how the program helps students to become success-
ful.
Mr. Daniels announced that for public information, there is a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act available on the table at the back of the room.

Mr. Daniels reported he had the opportunity to visit the Aviation Department and see the newly acquired airplane. He remarked he is amazed by the growth that is occurring in the Sidney Community. He views this growth an opportunity for the Sidney Campus. He commented it is everyone’s job to be a part of this growth, the businesses, the College, and the community members. He commented he would like to see the Sidney Campus explode with growth to meet the needs of a growing community and its constituents.

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

Mr. Daniels reviewed the contents of the Consent Calendar which include the following item(s):

1) Agenda, April 1, 2015
2) Excuse Absent Board Member(s) – Walworth
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4) Claims:
   a) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $1,750,443.90
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5) City Planning Commission Reports – Attachment A – A-1
6) Reports and Proposals
   a) From the Students
   b) From the Faculty – Attachment B – B-3
   c) From the Administration
   d) From the Board

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

Mr. Stickney moved the Consent Calendar be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Savely. The vote was, Yes:

CONSENT CALENDAR Consider Items Extracted There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar

BID CONSENT CALENDAR Review Contents Mr. Daniels reviewed the contents of the Bid Consent Calendar which include the following bid(s):

1) #15-SE-21 – Admissions View Book Attachment C
2) #15-SE-22 – Student Planner/Handbooks – Attachment D
3) #15-SE-28 – Scholarship Management Software – Attachment E

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

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

BID CONSENT CALENDAR Consider Items Extracted There were no items extracted from the Bid Consent Calendar.

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

1) Resignation(s):
   a) Mr. Garry R. Alkire, Dean of Instruction, effective June 30, 2015.

2) Appointment(s):
   a) Mr. Garry R. Alkire, Honorary Status of Professor Emeritus; Honorary Status of Administrator Emeritus.
   c) Ms. Anne Hippe, Honorary Status of Professor Emeritus.
   d) Ms. Rita E. Stinner, Honorary Status of Professor Emeritus.
   f) Ms. Melany A. Thomas, Honorary Status of Professor Emeritus.
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In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Groshans explained the College does not have a liquor license, and received no benefit from the sale of any alcoholic beverages. The event is contracted with Caddie’s Restaurant.

Dr. Gramberg moved the Board approve the request of the College Athletic Department to have alcoholic beverages available at the “Cougar Golf Classic”, to be held on June 13, 2015, at the Monument Shadows Golf Course/Caddie’s Restaurant. Seconded by Ms. Klemke. The vote was, Yes: Perkins, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried.

Dr. Holcomb referred Board members to the mailed packet which includes the WNCC 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan. Dr. Holcomb commented the 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan was presented at the informal meeting held on March 20, 2015. He presented the goals contained in the Plan.

Goal 1: Student Recruitment – Develop and implement a Recruitment Plan to raise participation rates of students.

Goal 2: Student Success – Review, modify, and implement college-wide processes and procedures to raise retention and graduation rates.

Goal 3: Student Learning and Development – Launch a long-term effort at engaging students and faculty members in the creation of the type of vital learning enterprise that students and staff members deserve.

Goal 4: High School Partnerships – Work closely with school districts in creating clear academic pathways, preparing students for the rigor of college, and helping students achieve their career goals.

Goal 5: Workforce Readiness – Enhance and align College resources/programming to the demands of regional workforce shortages and training needs.

Goal 6: Resource Development – Strengthen and restructure fundraising activity to exponentially increase return on investment and ability to support the College and its students.
Dr. Holcomb reported each goal has multiple initiatives with action plans. Each goal has a Chair(s) and team members from the College administration and faculty who are responsible for carrying out the action plans to complete the initiatives.

Board members inquired whether or not the Strategic Plan would be placed on the website.

Ms. Klemke moved the Board adopt the 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan goals: 1) Student Recruitment; 2) Student Success; 3) Student Learning and Development; 4) High School Partnerships; 5) Workforce Readiness; 6) Resource Development, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Savely. The vote was, Yes: Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Walworth. Motion carried.

Dr. Holcomb referred Board members to the handout material which includes an update on the status of 2015 Legislative Bills as of April 14, 2015. He reported LB 519, to provide for school and student aid grants, and assistance, has been amended by the Education Committee. The amendment incorporated provisions of LB 36, which would provide funding to community colleges to students in non-credit accumulated programs. LB 519 is an Education Committee priority bill, and it was placed on Select File, April 13, 2015.

LB 56 which would provide procedures for the donation of real property to the Northeast Community College Area, was advanced to Enroll and Review for engrossment on April 13, 2014.

LB 100, which provides for allocation of state aid to tribally controlled community colleges, and LB 109, which changes the residency requirements for veterans attending a public college or university, were approved by the Governor on February 26, 2015.

Dr. Perkins reported Mr. Baack, Executive Director of the Nebraska Community College Association, will be in Scottsbluff on Friday, April 24, 2015, to meet with Dr. Perkins and Dr. Gramberg. They will be reviewing the Strategic Plan and the Bylaws of the Association.
Dr. Gramberg reported the Second Quarter meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on May 4, 2015, in Lincoln, NE.

There was no report from the Association of Community College Trustees.

Mr. Daniels asked for Board Member Comments.

Ms. Alexandra Stricker, Scottsbluff Campus Student Representative, thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as a student representative. She remarked it had been an honor to serve as a student representative, and she had learned a lot. She reported today’s meeting is the last one she will attend, as she will graduate on May 16, 2015.

Dr. Gramberg reported the GED Program in Chadron is doing well. The parking lot is full. He reported there will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the relocated program on April 29, 2015. Dr. Holcomb has been invited to participate in the ceremony. Additionally, there are eight students attending the program in Gordon.

Dr. Gramberg remarked the College Community Representative in Chadron has recently moved to South Dakota.

Mr. Daniels asked for President’s Comments.

Dr. Holcomb reported the College has hired a part-time instructor and two volunteers to work with the students. On April 29, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the College GED relocated program. The Chadron Chamber and Northwest Community Action Partnership will also participate in the ceremony. Dr. Holcomb reported Mr. Robert Devers was hired as a Community Coordinator in Chadron. He will begin orientation for his new duties this month.

Dr. Holcomb reported Ms. Judy Amoo completed the Entrepreneur Profile 10 certified training at Gallup, in Omaha on March 25, 2015. Additionally, she completed the Certified Growth Wheel training in Omaha on March 19, 2015. Both of these tools will help entrepreneurs develop themselves and grow their businesses.
The NE LEAD Tour visited the College campus on Sunday, March 29, 2015. Mr. Jason Stratman, Dean for Workforce Development provided a presentation for the group.

On March 31, 2015, Residence Life sponsored the College Blood Donation Day. Both College staff and students helped to make the event a huge success and the Regional West Medical Center Blood Donor Center was very grateful.

Dr. Holcomb reported Mr. Derek Deaver, of Scottsbluff DECA was nominated by the College for the Outstanding Entrepreneurship Educator Award through NET Force. He will be presented with this honor on June 3, 2015. One of Mr. Deaver’s DECA teams, sponsored by the College to pilot the Blueprint entrepreneurship curriculum, won second place at state and will be presented at the National DECA conference on April 25, 2015.

The College Business Incubator has rolled out a new name for the program—The Linkubator—and a new brochure. The new brochure was shared at Rotary in Scottsbluff on April 7 and Rotary in Alliance on April 13, 2015. The virtual incubatee shared the spotlight at the Rotary meetings and is having a Business After Hours at their Gering offices on April 16, 2015, from 5 – 7 p.m. Dr. Holcomb gave a copy of the new brochure to the Board members.

Ms. Susan Dickinson’s Fall 2014 Development Writing students, with help from Ms. Molly Bonuchi and in close collaboration with Ms. Tina Dueker, designed interview questions and then met one-on-one with College alumni to profile them. The students then wrote up their interview findings into a formal essay. Ms. Dickinson and the Writing Center staff worked closely with the students to help them revise and refine their work so that it was suitable for publishing on the College Website. Not only did the students improve their writing skills, they made an important and impressive contribution to the College’s alumni efforts. Dr. Holcomb reported the posted stories can be viewed at: www.wncc.edu/alumni-friends.

Dr. Holcomb reported that Ms. Jennifer Rogers, WNCC Foundation Executive Director, was named as the Panhandle Business and Professional Women’s 2015 “Young Careerist”. She received this honor at the April 8, 2015, meeting.
Dr. Holcomb reported the Sidney Campus received a $4,000 grant from the Thomas D. Buckley Trust for the spring 2015 semester. The College will distribute the grant to eight students, with each student receiving $500. The students are enrolled in either Aviation, Cosmetology, Nursing, Commercial Driver License (CDL) or General Education. The Thomas D. Buckley Trust is a private foundation by Thomas D. Buckley, a man who spent most of his life as a farmer in Chappell until his death in 1979.

Dr. Holcomb reported College music majors, Courtney Imel, Connor Zimmer and Victor Garza, along with music program standout Morgan Yost and Maggie Hopp, performed a Graduation and Transfer Recital on Saturday, April 11, 2015, in the Little Theatre. The performers are students of Ms. Rita Stinner. College students Victor Garza, Courtney Imel, and Connor Zimmer will transfer to Nebraska Wesleyan University, Morgan Yost will study Dental Hygiene at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Gering, and Maggie Hopp will transfer to Bellevue University.

Dr. Holcomb invited Board members to join the College’s 19th annual Spring Wellness Festival scheduled on April 17, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Harms Advanced Technology Center. This event is designed to help seniors 60 and over meet the challenges of growing older.

Dr. Holcomb reported the College and College Band Director, Dr. Nathaniel Johnson will present All About That Brass, at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, April 27, 2015, at the Little Theatre. Admission is free.

Dr. Holcomb invited Board members to attend the Awards Ceremonies. They will be held as follows: Sidney Campus, on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in the Aviation Maintenance Building; Alliance Campus on Friday, April 24, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in the Panhandle and Sandhills rooms; and Scottsbluff Campus on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., in the Little Theatre.

Dr. Holcomb Invited Board members to tour the Sidney Campus Student Housing immediately following adjournment. Board members are also invited to the Aviation Maintenance Building to view the aircraft that was recently purchased for training purposes.
Mr. Daniels reminded Board members of the following upcoming meetings and events:

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

2) The Western Nebraska Community College 2015 Awards Ceremonies to be held as follows: a) Sidney Campus, Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in the Aviation Building, Sidney Municipal Airport; b) Alliance Campus, Friday, April 24, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in the Panhandle and Sandhills Rooms; and c) Scottsbluff Campus, Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., in the Little Theatre.

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5) The Nebraska Community College Association 2015 Regular Meetings to be held as follows: a) Second Quarter Meeting - May 4, 2015, in Lincoln, NE; b) Third Quarter Meeting - August 3, 2015, in Lincoln, NE; and c) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting) - October 5 – 6, 2015, in Scottsbluff, NE.

The next regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:44 p.m.

Timothy H. Daniels, Chairperson

Coral E. Richards, Secretary
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

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

   a) The Vacation Plat for Lot 4, Block 2 of River Run Estates Subdivision and a Portion of Mallard Road, all situated in the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 22 North, Range 55 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Scotts Bluff County, NE. (City of Scottsbluff Plat just involves stress accessing City owned Property).

   b) The Vacation Plat of Lots 2, 3, and 4, Block 1 RUSURE Subdivision and Debra Drive situated in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 21 North, Range 54 West of the 6th P.M., City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, NE.

   c) A Special Exception/Conditional Use application for the proposed new construction at 1475 'M' Street to erect storage units in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

   d) An application to rezone Block 3, Lots 23 and 24 Thornton's First Addition located in the NW Quarter of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M. from RM (Residential Medium Density District) to ML (Light Industrial and Manufacturing District otherwise known as 1750 7th Street, in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

   d) An application to amend the zoning from ML (Light Industrial and Manufacturing District to MH (Heavy Industrial and Manufacturing District with a BHC (Business Highway Commercial District) overlay to the following properties:

       1) 219 M Street (Currently Zoned MH – Consider BHC Overlay) – Rich’s Wrecking and Used Cars, Inc. – Tax Lot 3 and Unplatted Lands located in a portion of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 55 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, containing 14.72 acres more or less (County Parcel #10018883).

       2) Address 220594 East Highway 92 (Currently Zoned ML – Consider MH with BHC Overlay) Owner: SC Blanton Enterprise, LL Unplatted Land located in part of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 55 West of the 6th Principal Meridian containing 14.04 acres more or less (County Parcel #10018905).

       3) Address 220810 East Highway 92 (Currently Zones ML – Consider MH with BHC Overlay) Owner TDM LLC Unplatted Land located in part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 55 West of the 6th Principal Meridian containing 8.3 acres more or less (County Parcel #10018891)
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1) Consider the following applications pending before the City of Gering Planning Commission: (Cont.)

   e) Southfield Village to rezone the property from AGG (General Agricultural District) and SMH (Mobile Home District) to RM (Residential Medium Density District) for a preliminary and final plat submitted by the owner of Southfield Gering LLC to include Lots 1-6 & Tract A, Block 1, Lots 1-7 Block 2, Lots 1-7 Block 3, Lots 1-8 Block 4, Lots 1-11, Block 5, and Lots 1-10 Block 6 of Southfield Village being a Subdivision in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County Nebraska. This zoning change will replace Ordinances 1885, 1886, and 1887 that permitted overlays to be placed on the parent zones consisting of RM, AGG, and SMH. The property is situated in the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 21 North, Range 55 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

2) The Gering City Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing to consider a variance requested by Mark Simmons regarding minimum off street parking regulations for a service establishment located on the Northwest corner of 11th and P Street in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

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

   a) The Preliminary Plat Application of Randy Miller to subdivide an unplatted tract of land located within the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 14 North, Range 40 West of the 6th P.M., along Keller Drive, for residential construction.

   b) A Conditional Use Permit of Sporer Land Development, Inc. to stockpile and process (Crush) concrete that will be removed from the demolition and construction of Interstate 80 this year on a site located at the end of Hoffies Drive on Block 2, Hoffies Subdivision, consisting of 9>8 Acres more or less.

April 2015
WNCC FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT FOR THE WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS PRESENTED APRIL 2015

James MacArthur and Dave Nelson (Science Faculty) report that they attended the 2YC3 Conference (2 Year College Chemistry Consortium) in Westminster, CO on March 21st. They enrolled WNCC’s Chemistry program in the ACS 2 year college chemistry assessment program (ACS = American Chemical Society). This will be a comprehensive assessment over the next year that Jim and Dave will be working on.

MacArthur also reports that he presented at both the 2YC3 and at the American Chemical Society (ACS) meetings in Denver during the last month.

- MacArthur’s 2YC3 presentation was entitled “Cellphones in the College Chemistry Classroom: pariah or messiah?”
- MacArthur’s ACS presentation was entitled “Transitioning Students to 4 Year Schools via an Introduction to Scientific Research Course.”

Nelson also reports that he coauthored research on the brain enzyme, human serine racemase. This research was presented at the National American Chemical Society Meeting in Denver – the detail and abstract are below.

- BIOL: Division of Biological Chemistry 121 - Alteration of the reaction profile of serine racemase via site-directed mutagenesis: Identification of an apparent 'hotspot' with regard to reaction manifold

**Author Block:** David Nelson¹, Gregory Applegate¹, David Berkowitz¹
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**Abstract:** The Berkowitz lab has a longstanding interest in expressing, studying and modifying the activity of PLP-dependent enzymes. The human brain enzyme, serine racemase (hSR), is of particular interest in this regard. The enzyme generates D-serine from L-serine in astrocytes and glial cells, thereby producing the most potent natural co-agonist (bonds to the ‘glycine site’) of the NMDA receptor yet identified. There are reports that elevated levels of D-serine may be associated with Alzheimer’s disease and neuronal damage pursuant to stroke. Conversely, schizophrenia appears to correlate with unusually low levels of D-serine. This presentation will describe our efforts to express hSR heterologously so as to minimize protein aggregation problems. Having settled upon a construct for expression, purification and kinetics analysis of the protein, we next utilized this construct to generate a set of site-directed mutants. We will describe how these studies have led to the identification of a potential ‘hotspot’ in the enzyme that has dramatic effects on favored reaction manifold for this interesting enzyme. Results are rationalized by a combination of molecular docking and molecular dynamics simulation.

Tom Robinson (IT instructor) reports that since joining the Nebraska IT initiative in November we have had 6 instructors and 10 students take and pass 23 Microsoft Office certifications. The IT Instructors William Loring and William Spurgeon also hosted a Nebraska Think IT day developed by "Partners for Innovation". The half day web simulcast was put on for area high school principals, superintendents, and counselors to raise awareness of the many different careers in Information Technology. There were 17 in attendance including a panel of local business people to discuss their needs and answer questions.

Hallie Fell reports that WNCC has been accepted into the persistence and completion academy hosted by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Several members have attended the first required workshop for this process and more will attend the first roundtable in June.

Fell also reports that the Social Science division is completely revising the social science curriculum to streamline our offerings and make things easier for students as well as aid in a more seamless transfer. Laurie Alkire, Dave Nash, Jennifer Pedersen and Fell are working on revising the general education core. Fell, Alelia Norwood and Amy Wisniewski are redesigning the Achieving College Success Course. All of these activities are an attempt to better prepare our students and aid in the persistence and completion rates of the college.
Aletia Norwood reports that she attended the HLC’s annual conference again this year. Norwood will be making reports to various groups related to some of the key takeaways from that conference.

Aletia Norwood reports that a survey of the faculty shows that faculty are not in favor of the increase in tuition/fees/room/board that was approved last month. The general belief is that this is a very competitive market and we are pricing ourselves out of the competition.

Respectfully submitted by

Aletia Norwood
March 31, 2015

Board of Governors
Western Nebraska Community College
1601 E. 27th St.
Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361

Dear Western Nebraska Community College Area Board of Governors:

The faculty of Western Nebraska Community College were deeply saddened to learn of the resignation of Garry Alkire, Dean of Instruction. Garry was our dean, mentor, guide, and friend and we will miss his presence here on campus.

We are writing because we believe it is important that everyone at Western Nebraska Community College understand how valuable Garry was to the institution. Garry probably knows more about WNCC than any other person here as he is extremely well-versed on college policy and procedure in not only instructional areas, but other areas as well. He is responsible for many of the policy and procedural changes that have taken place since he began his tenure as dean which have enriched lives of both faculty and students. In order to provide better communication and training, Garry has developed handbooks for faculty and adjuncts. His commitment to the continual improvement of WNCC’s inner workings is admirable. In fact, Garry has been actively involved in and significantly contributed to almost every college initiative or project that we can think of in his tenure as dean. We would be hard pressed to find anyone else who has worked as diligently and determinedly as Garry.

Furthermore, Garry has worked tirelessly to improve both curriculum and instruction. In particular, he has been especially instrumental in helping to improve WNCC’s workforce development offerings, curricular support for international students, and our developmental education programs. Garry has been actively involved with assessment and student success by helping to develop new course pathways and a new college success course. He has always supported and encouraged faculty development, most recently through the offering of the Intentional Course Design class. Whatever project Garry tackled, it was always with the intention of giving our students the best possible experience they could have at WNCC.

Garry has regularly helped us with the difficult personnel and student issues we faced. He is a trusted colleague who would both listen and assist us with any number of problems, and it was not uncommon to find a steady stream of faculty lined up at his door who needed his assistance. He was not one to shy away from challenges or problems, nor did he fear confrontation. Because of this courage, he tackled some very difficult and delicate issues, often taking one for the institution.
We believe that Garry’s departure will be deeply felt by everyone at WNCC. We will soon discover the multitude of things that fell on his shoulders as we find ways to continue to get the work done. We want Garry’s legacy of dedication, hard work, determination and fortitude to live on at WNCC even though he is no longer here. Garry’s departure is a huge loss for the college, and we will miss his insight, support, and guidance.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Governors
FROM: William D. Knapper
DATE: April 15, 2015
RE: Board Approval, RFP Number 15-SE-21

On March 31, 2015 proposals were received for Admissions View Book

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10.1.61200.5215.66
TOTAL BUDGET: $36,000.00

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Recommendation to come from the Finance Committee.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Governors
FROM: William D. Knapper
DATE: April 15, 2015
RE: Board Approval, RFP Number 15-SE-22

On March 31, 2015 proposals were received for Student Planner/Handbooks

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10.1.61200.5215.66
TOTAL BUDGET: $7,200.00

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TO: Board of Governors
FROM: William D. Knapper
DATE: April 15, 2015
RE: Board Approval, Bid Number 15-SE-28

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ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10.1.62040.5399.61

TOTAL BUDGET: $10,000

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