

Minutes
FA Executive Committee Meeting
SCC Faculty Association
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Date and Time: 10-10-2023 @ 6:00PM
Place: Lazlo's Downtown
Address is: 201 North 7th Lincoln

Present: Jane Bock, Ryan Sullivan, Susan Pallas-Duncan, Vicki Wooton, Teresa Hruza, Tammy Zimmer, Tammie Lang, Hildy Dickinson, Kirby Taylor, Tyler Lyhane, Lyndie Christensen
Nader, Mike Stalker, Linda Hartman, Lane Yocum

Absent: Bob Redler

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Corrections or Additions to Agenda: None. Tammie made motion to approve agenda, seconded by Tammy, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Two corrections to the minutes.

- Tammie Lang was absent and minutes were changed to reflect that.
- Additional wording was added to reflect Teresa's comment to have members be ready to discuss the By-Laws changes at next meeting.

Motion to approve by Tammie, seconded by Tammy, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan handed out a copy of the meeting. Only change was reflected in the budget was an increase of the budget for the annual meeting. This has not been changed in quite a few years and with the overall increasing costs in all things, the change is needed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report's: Motion to approve the treasurers report made by Vicki, seconded by Tammie, motion carried.

Representative to the Board Report: Linda Hartman reporting

The September board of governor's meeting was held in the gym on the Milford campus on Tuesday, September 26.

The primary focus of the budget hearing and the board meeting was the vote on the proposed budget. The board voted to keep the tax levy flat.

Here is the [twitter feed](#) Chris Dunker at the Journal Star during the meeting. It's kind of an interesting play-by-play as the testimonies were given.

Here is the [Journal Star](#) article following the meeting.

I can tell you the board (and Dr Illich) all felt the pressure from the governor and legislature to make the decision to not increase the levy. Those who fought hard to make sure community colleges were *not* harmed (except the ones who have *already* been at their max for years) were blindsided by the last-minute antics by the governor's office in the days prior to the meeting.

Kirby Taylor presented testimony during the budget hearing. His points on manufacturing and equipment struck a chord with the board for sure! I spoke during the deliberations as well and mentioned how the delayed maintenance impacted us and that the HLC told us we needed to update our facilities to provide a better educational experience.

During the regular meeting, Carter Thiele, the LIBA/Chamber representative who spoke out in opposition of raising the levy, spoke during public comment again. He said he as "a little caught off guard" (and I would add mis-informed) about how the tax levy action would impact SCC.

After he spoke to several from SCC during the break, he learned much more and said he "admires the passion of the board." He said in the long run this is for the "greater good."

While Dr Illich and the board did SO much to try to educate the public at the open forums and the "pink postcard" hearing, people still did not have all the facts or only heard what they wanted to hear. I guess that's human nature. ☹️

This experience has certainly been educational for me as well. It makes me proud of the college and our faculty, but at the same time makes me disheartened that - unless someone has personal experience with an education at SCC - they really don't understand our mission and values.

The October meeting will be held on the Lincoln campus at 3:00 on Tuesday, October 17.
Agenda coming soon!

Paused for meal: 6:24

Resume Meal 6:55

Grievance Report: Teresa Reporting: Have one issue that we resolved, but also brought a different grievance. Some activity from old cases.

President's report – Had a MIB last month with the Admin. bargaining team. Otherwise not much to report.

Campus Reports:

Tyler reporting for Beatrice: No real news in Beatrice. Local Officer elections will be held next week.

Kirby Reporting for Milford: Had the Milford Local office elections. Kirby Taylor was voted in as campus VP, Tammie was voted in as Secretary. The Milford Campus Trunk or treat is October 29th. It is a really successful community outreach. Excited to do it again.

Teresa reporting for Lincoln: The Lincoln campus had a liaison meeting off campus. Many good things discussed. Some of the items regarding lab pay were discussed. Other items were discussed that were not necessarily contract items but were still really good discussion. October 23rd and November 8th will be additional meetings.

Committee Report: The Roca Berry Farm has been reserved for August 23rd for next years all member meeting.

Legal Counsel Report:

Tyler made motion to go into exec session, Teresa seconded. Motion carried. Entered into exec session at 7:01

Teresa made motion to leave executive session. Tyler seconded. Motion carried. Left exec session at 8:12.

Unfinished Business:

Teresa wants to review the bylaws changes that will be presented to the members to vote upon. With the meeting running long we will postpone the final discussion on this topic till next meeting. We did do a brief review and a few items were commented on.

New Business: None

Topic of Report for Teresa for BOG presentation: Please let Teresa know if there is anything worth mentioning.

BOG: Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 17th at SCC Lincoln Campus.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: Next FA Exec. Tuesday, November 14th. At 5:30. Meeting place is in Lincoln. Place will be UNL College of law. Lyndie will send out calendar invite Kirby will send out zoom link.

Good of the Order: None

Adjournment: 8:52 PM, 10/10/2023