Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Meeting Date**: November 12, 2026**

Agenda Item: **5.9**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Committee: **Chancellor Informational Items**

Information Only: **AI Task Force Update**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force Update

During the June 2026 Board Retreat, the Board of Trustees received an overview of the emerging implications of artificial intelligence (AI) in higher education, including its potential impact on teaching and learning, student support services, institutional operations, and governance. As part of that discussion, the Board expressed its support for moving forward with the formation of a comprehensive, systemwide AI Task Force to help guide the Nebraska State College System's strategic approach to the adoption and responsible use of AI technologies.

Following the retreat, the campus presidents identified representatives from across their institutions to participate in this initiative, including faculty, academic leadership, student support services, information technology, and students. The resulting task force, consisting of approximately 30 individuals, has begun its work to establish a coordinated framework for advancing AI across the three State Colleges.

To support this effort, three subcommittees have been established, each focusing on a key component of the System's AI strategy:

1. **Strategic Planning:** Developing a comprehensive AI strategic plan that establishes a shared vision, institutional priorities, and an implementation roadmap for the responsible integration of AI across the System.
2. **Governance, Policy, and Compliance:** Reviewing existing policies, identifying emerging legal and regulatory considerations, and developing guidelines and standards to support the ethical, secure, and responsible use of AI.
3. **AI Literacy, Communication, and Engagement:** Establishing a framework to strengthen AI literacy among faculty, staff, and students, promote effective practices across the campuses, and support ongoing communication and engagement throughout the implementation process.

During the Board meeting, the Chancellor will provide an update on the initial activities of the AI Task Force, the organization and priorities of its subcommittees, and the anticipated next steps and general timeline for developing a comprehensive AI strategic plan and implementation framework for the Nebraska State College System.

Informational Item