Chapter 85, Article 15 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska authorizes and creates the six locally
governed, independent Nebraska community college areas. References in these policies to “the
Act” or “this Act” shall mean Article 15 of Chapter 85 of the Nebraska Statutes unless the
context otherwise requires.

Through enactment of this Act, the Legislature has declared that community colleges can be
most truly responsible to the people they serve when primary control of such institutions resides
with the citizens of the distinct geographic areas of the system. The intent and purpose of this
legislation is to create locally-governed and locally-supported community college areas with the
major educational emphasis on occupational education. Each community college area is intended
to be an independent, local, unique, and vital segment of higher education separate from both
elementary and secondary school systems and from other institutions of higher education;
community colleges are not intended to be converted into four-year baccalaureate degree-
granting institutions. The Metropolitan Community College Area has been created for such
intents and purposes.

These policies set forth guidelines for the operation of the College. In these policies, the
following definitions shall apply unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Metropolitan Community College shall mean the educational institution established by the
Legislature and operating within the Board’s jurisdiction, and will hereafter be referred to
as the College.
(2) Board shall mean the Metropolitan Community College Area Board of Governors.
(3) Area refers to the four county geographic area--Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington
counties--served by Metropolitan Community College.
(4) “The Act” (or “this Act”) shall mean Article 15 of Chapter 85 of the Nebraska Statutes.

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