
MINUTES

**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
Apothecary/Ridnour Building
140 North 8th Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE
Friday, January 26, 2024
8:30 a.m. (CT) and Via Zoom**

Public notice of meeting

Public notice of this meeting was given by posting notice on the Commission's website; posting notice on the State of Nebraska's online public meeting calendar; e-mailing news media; and keeping a current copy of the agenda in the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's office, listing the date, time, and location of the meeting. A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted beside the table containing the documents for the meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON JANUARY 26, 2024. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.

AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. 8TH STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

DR. PAUL VON BEHREN, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Von Behren called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Tim Daniels
Dr. Deborah Frison
Dr. LeDonna Griffin
Dr. Dennis Headrick
Mary Lauritzen

Dannika Nelson
Molly O'Holleran
Tami Weber
Dr. Paul Von Behren
W. Scott Wilson

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner
Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Jill Heese
Kadi Lukesh
J. Ritchie Morrow

Helen Pope
Matthew Roque
Gary Timm
Joe Velasquez

*Minutes of December 1, 2023,
CCPE/NDE Joint Meeting approved*

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2023, CCPE/NDE JOINT MEETING
Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the December 1, 2023, CCPE/NDE Joint Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

*Minutes of December 1, 2023,
Commission Meeting approved*

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2023, COMMISSION MEETING
Commissioner Headrick made a motion to approve the December 1, 2023, Commission Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Chair's Report

*Dr. LeDonna Griffin sworn in as a new
Commissioner*

CHAIR'S REPORT

Nebraska statutes require newly appointed Commissioners to take and sign an oath of office. Dr. LeDonna Griffin from Omaha was welcomed and sworn in as a new Commissioner by Chair Von Behren. Chair Von Behren stated that he has added Commissioner Griffin to the Academic Programs Committee and the Planning and Consumer Information Committee.

Executive Director's Report

*Out-of-Service Area applications
approved*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following out-of-service area application requests were approved by the executive director:

- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE to Sargent High School, Sargent, NE
 - BIOS 1260 – Structure & Function of Human Body II - 2 credits
January 17, 2024 – May 8, 2024
- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Central Community College, Columbus, NE to Elgin High School, Elgin, NE
 - ENGL 2100 – Intro to Literature – 3 credits
January 17, 2024 – May 8, 2024
- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Central Community College, Columbus, NE, to Elgin Pope John XXIII High School, Elgin, NE
 - SPCH 1110 – Public Speaking - 3 credits
January 17, 2024 – May 8, 2024

*Kadi Lukesh presented the Second
Quarter Budget Report*

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Kadi Lukesh, Office Manager/Bookkeeper, to present the Second Quarter Budget Report as of December 31, 2023. Ms. Lukesh gave updates on the status of Administrative Funds, the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), Community College Gap Assistance

Program, Access College Early Scholarship (ACE), Guaranty Recovery Program, and the Community College ARPA Grants.

Legislative Update

Dr. Baumgartner provided a legislative update and reported on bills of interest to the Commission.

ARPA Funds

Dr. Baumgartner reported that all \$60 million of LB 1014, Section 36, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have been obligated. Dr. Baumgartner spoke on the implementation of LB 705 and the transition of the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program (AETP) and the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program (EETP).

Financial Interest Statements

Dr. Baumgartner reminded Commissioners that the Statements of Financial Interest are due to the Accountability and Disclosure Commission on March 1, 2024.

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Matters of General Concern.

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Jodi Kupper, Nebraska State College System

Dr. Jodi Kupper, Vice Chancellor, Nebraska State College System, came forward to thank the Academic Committee for considering the four proposals on the agenda and mentioned there were several Peru State College and NSCS representatives available to discuss and answer questions regarding those proposals.

Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items.

Academic Programs Committee

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Headrick

Commissioner Headrick, Committee Chair, stated the Committee has several programs for consideration. He introduced Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, to present the program proposals.

Peru State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Creative Marketing, BS, BA

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Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting this program is designed for students who want to focus on a creative approach to marketing. Dr. Kupper noted a minor or second major would also be required.

Dr. Kupper spoke

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission approve the BA and BS degrees in Creative Marketing at Peru State College.

Committee recommendation

Peru State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Creative Marketing, BS, BA approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Peru State College’s Proposal for a New

Instructional Program - Creative Marketing, BS, BA. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Peru State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Healthcare Administration, BAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal.

Dr. Jodi Kupper, Nebraska State College System

Dr. Wendy Waugh, Peru State College

Dr. Jeffrey Gold, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Committee recommendation

Peru State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Healthcare Administration, BAS approved

Peru State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Leadership, BAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Wendy Waugh, Peru State College

Committee recommendation

Peru State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Leadership, BAS approved

Peru State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Public Safety Leadership, BAS

Peru State College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Healthcare Administration, BAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal stating this program is a Bachelor of Applied Science degree, requiring completion of a technical Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS) or equivalent. The BAS degree provides students with administrative skills to navigate challenges within any healthcare organization. Dr. Kupper and Dr. Wendy Waugh, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Peru State College, answered Commissioners' questions. Dr. Jeffrey Gold, Chancellor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, mentioned there is a tremendous demand for workers in the healthcare industry across the state.

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission approve the BAS degree in Healthcare Administration at Peru State College.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Peru State College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Healthcare Administration, BAS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Peru State College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Leadership, BAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting this program is designed to help students develop administrative skills in a variety of business areas where they already possess technical skills. Dr. Waugh spoke on the difference between management and managing tasks, versus leadership as in leading people or a team.

The Academic Committee's concerns were regarding the program's name and how it differs from other existing business degrees, therefore forwarding the proposal to the full Commission without a recommendation.

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission consider the proposal without a committee recommendation.

Commissioner Lauritzen made a motion to approve Peru State College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Leadership, BAS. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Peru State College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Public Safety Leadership, BAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, indicating this program focuses on giving students the skills and knowledge in leadership needed by persons in law enforcement, fire, military and in corrections settings. Dr. Paul Turman, Chancellor of the Nebraska State College System, discussed a waiver program that the legislature passed to assist persons in the public safety fields.

Committee recommendation

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission approve the BAS degree in Public Safety Leadership at Peru State College.

Commissioner Nelson left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Peru State College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Public Safety Leadership, BAS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Southeast Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Operations and Service Management, AAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Jon Kisby, and Dr. Joel Michaelis, Southeast Community College

Southeast Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Operations and Service Management, AAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating this is a specialized program that would target businesses that focus on service and operations of a trade or industry. It was noted that there is no other program like this offered in Nebraska. Mr. Jon Kisby, Dean of Agriculture, Welding and Transportation, and Dr. Joel Michaelis, Vice President of Instruction, discussed the program and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Committee recommendation

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission approve the Associate of Applied Science degree in Operations and Service Management at Southeast Community College.

Southeast Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Operations and Service Management, AAS approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Southeast Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Operations and Service Management, AAS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Southeast Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Integrated Technologies, AAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Mr. Kisby and Dr. Michaelis spoke

Committee recommendation

Southeast Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Integrated Technologies, AAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting this program focuses on career and technical education. The program would allow students to create a customized career path. Mr. Kisby and Dr. Michaelis spoke on details of the proposed program and answered Commissioners' questions.

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission approve the Associate of Applied Science degree in Integrated Technologies at Southeast Community College.

Southeast Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Integrated Technologies, AAS approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Southeast Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Integrated Technologies,

AAS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Program previously reviewed – Art History, BAH

Dr. Fimple presented the follow-up report

Dr. Amy Morris, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Program previously reviewed – Art History, BAH approved

University of Nebraska Medical Center - Program previously reviewed – Center for Intelligent Health Care

Dr. Fimple presented the follow-up report

Dr. John Windle, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska Medical Center - Program previously reviewed – Center for Intelligent Health Care approved

Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Program previously reviewed - Art History, BAH

Dr. Fimple stated that follow-up reports are received from the institutions on programs that were previously approved. A summary of UNO’s report on the program indicates progress and the Board of Regents approved continuation of the Art History program. Dr. Amy Morris, Director of the UNO School of the Arts, and Dr. David S. Jackson, Vice Provost, from the University of Nebraska, gave an overview and updates on the program’s continuation.

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission continue the Art History program at UNO.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s program previously reviewed - Art History, BAH. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Program previously reviewed - Center for Intelligent Health Care

Dr. Fimple discussed the follow-up of the Center for Intelligent Health Care program. The Academic Committee noted that the center has made a change in its business model due to COVID. Dr. John Windle, Director of the Center, provided additional information on the progress the Center has made in the past two years.

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission accept the report on the Center for Intelligent Health Care from UNMC.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to accept the report on the Center for Intelligent Health Care from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs

Dr. Fimple discussed recent changes to existing programs.

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

- CCC - Medical Assisting, Diploma
- CCC - Phlebotomy, Certificate
- CCC - Addiction Studies, Diploma
- CCC - Behavior Technician, Certificate
- CCC - Retail Pharmacy, Certificate
- CCC - Sterile Compounding, Certificate

*Report on Institutional Activities
Related to Existing Programs
continued*

SCC - Diesel Technology -Truck, Certificate, Diploma
SCC - Diesel Ag Equipment, Certificate, Diploma
SCC - Electronic Systems Technician, Certificate, Diploma
SCC - Robotics & Automation, Certificate
SCC - Fundamentals of Agriculture, Certificate
SCC - Early Childhood Education, Certificate
SCC - Web Design & Development, Certificate
SCC - Paramedic, Diploma

Discontinued Programs

UNMC - Medical Family Therapy, Graduate Certificate (Jointly administered by UNL and UNMC, will continue to be offered at UNL)

Name Changes

UNL - Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law, Master of Laws (LL.M.) to *LL.M. in Space, Cyber and National Security Law*

UNMC - Department of Pathology and Microbiology to the *Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology*

Withdrawal of Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate Eduvision, Inc. dba Arizona College - Arizona College of Nursing

Chair Von Behren called for a break at 10:50 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m.

*Public Hearing on Budget,
Construction, and Financial Aid
Committee Items*

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.

Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.

*Budget, Construction, and Financial
Aid Committee*

Commissioner Lauritzen

*University of Nebraska Medical Center
– Saddle Creek Campus (SCC)
Administrative Facility in the CORE
Building*

*Matthew Roque presented the project
proposal*

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, Committee Chair, opened the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee.

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Saddle Creek Campus (SCC) Administrative Facility in the CORE Building

Matthew Roque, Capital Project & Financial Analyst, stated that UNMC is proposing to construct a new administrative facility on the corner of Saddle Creek Road and Farnam Street. This project is based on the first two floors of a six-floor building. The upper four floors are for research and will be leased to commercial entities. The administrative facility total cost is \$18 million with the combined project total of \$105 million.

Committee recommendation

*University of Nebraska Medical Center
– Saddle Creek Campus (SCC)
Administrative Facility in the CORE
Building approved*

*Facility Operating & Maintenance
Costs Inflationary Adjustment –
January 1, 2024, through December 31,
2025*

Mr. Roque presented the report

Committee recommendation

*Facility Operating & Maintenance
Costs Inflationary Adjustment –
January 1, 2024, through December 31,
2025, approved*

*Public Hearing on Planning and
Consumer Information Committee
Items*

*Chair Von Behren left the meeting at
11:15 a.m.*

*Planning and Consumer Information
Committee*

Commissioner Wilson

Commission Action and Comments:

Action: Pursuant to the Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-1414, the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education recommends approval of the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s proposal to construct an Administrative Facility as part of the overall Campus Operations & Research Excellence (CORE) building as outlined in the governing board’s program statement approved on May 5, 2022, along with supplemental information provided.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Saddle Creek Campus Administrative Facility in the Campus Operations & Research Excellence (CORE) Building. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

**Facility Operating & Maintenance Costs Inflationary Adjustment -
January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025**

Mr. Roque presented the Operating & Maintenance report. The Commission reviews capital construction projects submitted by Nebraska public institutions. The Commission uses the *Higher Education Price Index* (HEPI) to measure the operating and maintenance costs inflation.

Committee Recommendation: That the facility O&M costs threshold for project evaluation increase to an incremental increase in tax funds of \$112,000/year for the biennial period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Facility Operating & Maintenance Costs Inflationary Adjustment for the biennial period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION
COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony on Planning and Consumer Information Items.

Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson, Committee Chair, stated the Planning Committee recently met and introduced Jill Heese, Research Director, to present the *2023 Measuring Accomplishments*, companion piece to Chapter One of the *Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education*.

*2023 Measuring Accomplishments,
companion piece to Chapter One of the
Comprehensive Statewide Plan for
Postsecondary Education*

Jill Heese presented the report

J. Ritchie Morrow spoke

*Next Commission meeting will be on
Friday, March 15, 2024, via Zoom*

*Vice Chair Daniels adjourned the
meeting at 12:00 p.m.*

**2023 Measuring Accomplishments, companion piece to Chapter One
of the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education**

Ms. Heese gave a presentation on the *2023 Measuring Accomplishments* report. The report includes national comparisons, peer comparisons for Nebraska's public institutions, and non-comparative measures. Nebraska is committed to measure its progress toward a 70% attainment goal. Ms. Heese noted a Key Takeaways summary was added for 2023. She noted that Nebraska's rankings varied depending on the metrics and institutions analyzed. J. Ritchie Morrow commented that he is part of a Google group with high school counselors and can share these reports with them.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

In Chair Von Behrens' absence, Vice Chair Daniels adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.