
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION March 8, 2018 Apothecary Building, 5th Floor, North Loft Lincoln, Nebraska

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Public notice of meeting

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON MARCH 8, 2018. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.

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

W. SCOTT WILSON, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair W. Scott Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Mary Lauritzen
Gwenn Aspen	Dwayne Probyn
Dr. John Bernthal	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Dr. Deborah Frison	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Dr. Ron Hunter	W. Scott Wilson

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	Helen Pope
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Gary Timm
Jill Heese	Mike Wemhoff

*Minutes of January 25, 2018
Commission Meeting approved*

MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2018, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Hunter moved that the January 25, 2018, minutes be approved. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Lauritzen and Simmons abstained. The remaining eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Linda Black, Nebraska Department of Economic Development

PRESENTATION

Linda Black, Targeted Industry/Talent Manager from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED), presented a PowerPoint presentation on maximizing competitiveness for Nebraska businesses through a focused-approach program to attract, retain, and develop talented individuals. Nebraska businesses currently have many unfilled jobs and with large projected growth, will require a strategy aimed at attracting and retaining young Nebraskans. Business development is directly tied to available talent. The biggest challenges in retaining skilled workers are living in isolated areas, transfer of leadership, leader burnout, limited opportunities, and lack of professional development. Ms. Black reviewed resources to attract talented persons to live, work, and play in Nebraska. The Good Life Ambassador Initiative program is designed to promote our state through flyers, print ads, speakers and media items such as videos, infographics, and images. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development is taking the lead on the Good Life Ambassador Initiative. Ms. Black stated that during Young Nebraskan's Week, 15 communities will have events that include speakers, opportunities to volunteer, and social/professional development opportunities. More information can be found regarding the initiative on www.nebraska.socialtoaster.com. Ms. Black answered questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Wilson congratulated recently confirmed Commissioners

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wilson congratulated Commissioners Bernthal, Frison, and Simmons who were confirmed by the Legislature on February 27 to serve an additional six years on the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Commissioner Von Behrens' confirmation hearing with the Education Committee will be March 22.

Chair Wilson discussed recently attended MHEC dinner meeting

Dr. Baumgartner comments

Chair Wilson attended the February 21 Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) Nebraska State Commissioner Dinner Meeting. Commissioner Frison, Executive Director Mike Baumgartner, and Office Manager Kadi Lukesh were also present. Dr. Baumgartner reported that the University and State college systems are very active in MHEC and noted that John Dunning from Wayne State College leads their technology committee. Commissioner Frison commented that she appreciates the opportunity to serve on the MHEC and bring back information to the Commission.

Out-of-service area applications authorized

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Baumgartner reported the following out-of-service area applications have been authorized:

1. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Sandhills High School in Dunning, NE
Delivered to Clarkson High School in Clarkson, NE
 - MATH 1200 Elements of Statistics (3 cr.)
1/15/18 – 5/10/18

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2. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Hyannis High School in Hyannis, NE
 - EDUC 1160 Early Language and Literacy (3 cr.)
1/15/18 – 5/10/18

*Dr. Baumgartner presented update on
Legislative bills of interest*

Dr. Baumgartner provided a handout with Legislative bills of interest. He stated there have not been many changes from the January report as most bills did not make it out of committee this year because of the Legislature's focus on budget and taxation. We are following LB 917 closely, which would change eligibility of the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed budget

In terms of the budget, Dr. Baumgartner reported the Appropriations Committee will introduce its appropriations bill this week with a deadline of March 9. The committee is planning to change the Governor's proposed reductions for higher education to 1% in the second year of the biennium instead of 4%. The 2% reduction for the current fiscal year would be maintained.

For state agencies, the second year reduction would be 2% rather than 4%, with the 2% in the first year maintained. The legislature must pass the bill by the 50th legislative day, which is March 27. The last day of the session is April 18. Last week's revenue forecast was somewhat better than the October forecast.

*Dr. Baumgartner commented on Mr.
Morrow's upcoming presentation at
EducationQuest Symposium*

Dr. Baumgartner reported that J. Ritchie Morrow will be presenting at the April 12 EducationQuest College Access Educational Symposium in Lincoln. Mr. Morrow added that attendees will mainly be high school counselors and administrators. He will share information on the Community College Gap Assistance Program, Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG), Access College Early Scholarship (ACE), and FAFSA Completion Initiative.

*Dr. Baumgartner spoke about
distribution of ACE scholarships by
gender*

Dr. Baumgartner stated that at the January Commission meeting questions arose regarding the distribution of ACE scholarships by gender, with 63.8% of scholarships awarded to females and 36.2% awarded to males. Nebraska dual credit enrollment is more evenly divided: 52.3% female and 47.6% male. Looking at other states, females are also more likely to be enrolled in dual credit. Dr. Baumgartner reported that more ACE awards go to males in advanced manufacturing, automotive, construction, and welding, whereas predominately female student program areas include early childhood, health occupations, nursing, and teacher education. There were more females in the general academic transfer courses such as biology, history, English, math, psychology, and speech. The best explanation for the disparity in scholarships is that girls are better about getting their applications in on time.

*Public Hearing on Matters of General
Concern*

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

Chair Wilson closed the public hearing on Matters of General Concern.

*Public Hearing on Academic Programs
Committee Items*

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony on Academic Programs Committee Items.

Chair Wilson closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items.

*Commissioner Bernthal discussed APC
committee reports*

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Bernthal, Committee Chair, noted there are two follow-up reports from Metropolitan Community College to vote on and introduced Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, to describe the reports.

Metropolitan Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the report

Metropolitan Community College – Follow-up Report from Existing Program Review – Art

Dr. Fimple presented the report, stating that Commissioner Simmons recommended using a table to summarize the background data of the report. When it began, the intent of the Art program was to be a transfer program to a bachelor of fine arts. This program is typical of transfer programs in the sense that students transfer before completing a degree. However, MCC students are above the national average in achieving a baccalaureate degree.

Commissioner Bernthal stated the committee recommendation is to approve continuation of the Metropolitan Community College Art program.

*Metropolitan Community College
Follow-up Report from Existing
Program Review – Art approved*

Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Metropolitan Community College’s Follow-up Report from Existing Program Review – Art. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Metropolitan Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the report

Metropolitan Community College – Follow-up Report from Existing Program Review – Theater

Dr. Fimple presented the report, noting that MCC does not offer a diploma, but does offer two certificates and a degree. The theater program offers a certificate of achievement. MCC has collaborated with the Omaha Community Playhouse so students enrolled in the theater program are eligible to earn a U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship certificate after completing 1,500 hours.

Commissioner Bernthal stated the committee recommendation is to approve continuation of the Metropolitan Community College Theater program.

*Metropolitan Community College
Follow-up Report from Existing
Program Review – Theater approved*

Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Metropolitan Community College’s Follow-up Report from Existing Program Review – Theater. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Annual Reports for Institutions Holding a Recurrent Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the report

Program Name Change

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

Rebecca Kollar, University of Nebraska

Commissioner Probyn acknowledged conference call attendees

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Mike Wemhoff presented the proposal

Ken Hansen, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Annual Reports for Institutions Holding a Recurrent Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the report with the focus on Bryan College of Health Sciences, National American University, and the University of Missouri.

Information Item: Program Name Change

Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the following information item:

A. Program Name Change

1. MCC – Industrial and Commercial Trades to *Electrical/Mechanical Maintenance Technology*

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

Rebecca Koller, Assistant Vice President for Business and Finance and Director of Facilities Planning and Management from the University of Nebraska Central Administration, came forward to state that Ken Hansen, Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities, and Jennifer Bartholomew, Executive Director of Facilities Planning, Construction, and Operations, were present to discuss and answer questions on the two University of Nebraska Medical Center Capital Construction Project Proposals.

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

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Probyn, Committee Chair, acknowledged Commissioners and staff that participated in the recent Committee conference call.

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Williams Science Hall Renovation

Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, presented the proposal stating the Williams Science Hall Renovation project is the former College of Pharmacy building. The facility has been primarily vacant since 2015, when a new pharmacy building was constructed. Research laboratories that were left behind would be renovated and remain in use and UNMC would relocate student service functions at this facility. This project would also make a permanent home for the UNMC High School Alliance program, which is a collaboration between UNMC and Omaha high schools that introduces the medical field to high school students. The renovation would remodel vacant space and restore aging mechanical, electrical/lighting systems, and needed exterior work. The cost of the project is estimated at \$10,000,000 funded by a facilities bond issue with state appropriations and student tuition. Mr. Hansen spoke briefly on the renovation project, noting emergency power will be added to the building, stairwells brought up to code, and restrooms updated to meet ADA

*Jennifer Bartholomew, University of
Nebraska Medical Center*

requirements. Ms. Bartholomew answered questions on the high school alliance program, stating the program is a career academy and will keep the high school students centralized in one building.

Commissioner Probyn stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the UNMC Williams Science Hall Renovation project.

*University of Nebraska Medical Center
Capital Construction Project – William
Science Hall Renovation approved*

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Capital Construction Project – Williams Science Hall Renovation. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*University of Nebraska Medical Center
Mr. Wemhoff presented the proposal*

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Wittson Hall Renovation

Mr. Wemhoff presented the proposal reporting that Wittson Hall has undergone several renovations since it was constructed in 1971. Currently the building houses research labs, support facilities, College of Medicine and Allied Health Professions education space, the McGoogan Library of Medicine, and administrative offices. The proposed renovation would address building code issues and accessibility, along with replacement of one air-handling unit, remediation of an asbestos ceiling in the amphitheater, and restoration of exterior concrete panels. Locker rooms would be enlarged and class laboratories updated. The cost of the renovation would be \$18,000,000 and would also be funded by bond proceeds.

Commissioner Probyn stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the UNMC Wittson Hall Renovation project.

*University of Nebraska Medical Center
Capital Construction Project – Wittson
Hall Renovation approved*

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Capital Construction Project – Wittson Hall Renovation. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Wilson called for a break at 10:15 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:27 a.m.

*Statewide Funding Issues and
Initiatives for the 2019-21 Biennial
Budget Process*

Mr. Timm presented the report

Approval of the Statewide Funding Issues and Initiatives for the 2019-2021 Biennial Budget Process

Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, presented a review of statewide funding issues and initiatives, formerly areas of emphasis. Institutional priorities are now identified as institutional budget priorities, and Commission priorities are identified as statewide funding issues and initiatives. If approved, these issues and initiatives will be communicated to the public institutions through the operating and state aid budget request outline procedures. Two statewide funding issues have been identified, making postsecondary education more affordable, and increasing enrollment in identified workforce shortage areas. Mr. Timm’s report included a list of Commission Statewide Funding Issues and Initiatives from 1995-1997 through 2017-2019, and the Department of Labor’s H3 Demand Job Report.

Dr. Baumgartner comments

Dr. Baumgartner clarified that Commissioners were voting on and approving pages one and two of the Statewide Funding Issues and Initiatives document, specifically the sections that make postsecondary education more affordable and initiatives that respond to educational and workforce development needs in Nebraska.

Commissioner Probyn stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Statewide Funding Issues and Initiatives for the 2019-2021 Biennial Budget Process.

Statewide Funding Issues and Initiatives for the 2019-21 Biennial Budget Process approved

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Statewide Funding Issues and Initiatives for the 2019-2021 Biennial Budget Process. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Prioritization Process for Capital Construction Budget Requests 2019-21 Biennium

Approval of the Prioritization Process for Capital Construction Budget Requests 2019-2021 Biennium

Mr. Wemhoff presented the process

Mr. Wemhoff presented the process for the upcoming biennium for the Commission to make recommendations on the prioritization of capital construction budget requests. Statute requires the Commission to provide a combined prioritization list for the University and State Colleges that have requested state appropriations for their facilities. Each of those governing boards presents its own prioritization list to the Legislature and the Governor for consideration. The Commission document prioritizes the order in which projects should be funded. Mr. Wemhoff summarized the institutions' comments regarding the process.

Commissioner Probyn stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the *Prioritization Process for Capital Construction Budget Requests 2019-2021 Biennium*.

Prioritization Process for Capital Construction Budget Requests 2019-21 Biennium approved

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the *Prioritization Process for Capital Construction Budget Requests 2019-2021 Biennium*. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Key Deadlines Related to the Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Construction Budget Request Processes

Key Deadlines Related to the Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Construction Budget Request Processes

Mr. Wemhoff presented the key deadlines

Mr. Wemhoff presented the Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Construction Budget Request key deadlines. There was discussion regarding institutions' recommendations, the Nebraska statutes for capital construction projects, and approval by the Commission.

Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony on Planning and Consumer Information Items.

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

Commissioner Lauritzen acknowledged attendees of the recent Committee conference call

2018 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

Ms. Heese presented the report

Amendment to 2018 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report approved

Amendment to 2018 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report approved

2018 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report approved as amended

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, Committee Chair, thanked the Committee and staff that attended the recent conference call. She introduced Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, to present the *2018 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*.

2018 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

Ms. Heese gave a PowerPoint presentation on the *2018 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*. There are three key priorities the Commission is required to evaluate in the report: increase the number of students who enter postsecondary education in Nebraska; increase the percentage of students who persist and successfully complete a degree; and reduce, eliminate, and reverse the net out-migration of Nebraskans with high levels of educational attainment. New additions to the report include an itemized list of changes institutions have made over the years, replacing the overall college graduation rate with overall graduation rates for public two-year and four-year institutions, and graduation rate data for Pell Grant recipients and Subsidized Stafford Loan recipients. Ms. Heese concluded the report with suggestions for improvement at the high school, postsecondary, and state government levels. Ms. Heese noted the full report is provided to the Governor, Legislature, the state's higher education institutions, and the media, and is available on the Commission website at ccpe.nebraska.gov/reports.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to amend the *2018 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report* by adding a line in the table of contents which points directly to recommendations in the Executive Summary, and secondly, to add ACT information to the Key Takeaways summary. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Commissioner Frison made a motion to amend the *2018 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report* Section 2.2, IPEDS graduation rates, to clarify the data references 150% graduation rates. Commissioner Hunter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lauritzen made a motion to approve the *2018 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report* as amended. Commissioner Aspen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Wilson moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Wilson moved to enter into closed session as authorized by the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 84-1410, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all 10 Commissioners present voting yes.

Chair Wilson requested that staff and guests leave the room. Dr. Baumgartner was asked to remain in the room.

Chair Wilson stated that the Commission is going into closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Closed session began at 12:39 p.m.

The Commission entered into closed session at 12:39 p.m.

Closed session ended at 12:58 p.m.

The Commission ended the closed session at 12:57 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Next Commission meeting is April 26, 2018

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, April 26, 2018, at Northeast Community College, Norfolk, Nebraska.

Commission Lauritzen thanked Commissioners and staff

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lauritzen thanked the Commissioners and staff for outpouring of loving support during a difficult time for their family.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.