
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION March 12, 2020 Central Community College, Kearney Center, Room 210 1215 30th Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska

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.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON MARCH 12, 2020. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:15 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. DEBORAH FRISON, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Acting Chair Scott Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He requested a roll call to determine a quorum and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Dr. Ron Hunter
Tim Daniels	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Dr. Deborah Frison (via Zoom)	W. Scott Wilson

Commissioners Absent

Gwenn Aspen	Charles Garman
Dr. John Bernthal	Mary Lauritzen

Commission Staff Present

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

*Dr. Kelly Christensen, Central
Community College – Kearney*

WELCOME

Dr. Kelly Christensen, Dean of Training and Kearney Center Administrator, welcomed the Commissioners and provided handouts featuring facts on the college's state-of-the-art teaching and training facility. He noted that the Kearney Center is designed to be environmentally conscious, energy efficient and includes many sustainability features. Currently CCC-Kearney has around 900 students studying various health, business, skilled and technical sciences, along with general education and video conferencing classes.

*Minutes of February 5, 2020 to be
approved at April Commission meeting*

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2020, COMMISSION MEETING

Acting Chair Wilson recommended that with several Commissioners absent from the meeting, the February 5, 2020, minutes be brought up for approval at the April 30 Commission meeting.

Chair's report

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Acting Chair Wilson thanked Dr. Christensen and Dr. Matt Gotschall, Central Community College President, for leading an informative tour of the CCC Kearney Center before the Commission meeting.

Executive Director's report

*Dr. Baumgartner gave a legislative
update*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Baumgartner provided a handout and gave an update on legislative bills of interest to the Coordinating Commission. He noted many bills were combined into other bills that are moving. Committee hearings are over and bills coming out of committee are going to be few or none. Dr. Baumgartner stated that LB 1168 was incorporated into LB 920, the lottery funding bill. LB 1168 is Sen. Kolowski's bill that would transfer the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program and the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Programs from the Department of Education to the CCPE. LB 1131 was moved into LB 950. This bill would change eligibility requirements for the Access College Early Scholarship Program. If the amended bill passes, it would allow the CCPE to inquire of Nebraska Department of Education on the status of certain students eligible for free or reduced lunches.

Other bills LBs 894, 1026, and 1050 have been incorporated into LB 1008, which would provide funding for the Nebraska Career Scholarship to the University and community and state colleges. Dr. Baumgartner discussed several other bills including LB 1008, LB 1131, LB 1160, and answered Commissioners' questions.

*Dr. Baumgartner noted updates on
Commission meeting calendar*

Dr. Baumgartner called attention to the 2020 Commission meeting calendar, noting that in June the Commission will meet at Union College in Lincoln, and in September at the UNL East Campus Union.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed Covid-19 guidance for state agencies and CCPE policies and procedures

Dr. Baumgartner reported that all state agencies have received guidance on leave procedures from the state in case we have Covid-19 affected staff members. He noted our commission policies and procedures that were raised in the report already are in place. Currently, all staff members' computers are being set up with the capacity to work remotely.

Dr. Baumgartner reported meeting with MHEC representatives

Susan Heegard and Rob Trembath from the Midwest Higher Education Compact visited Nebraska last month for a dinner discussion and meetings with legislators and others, including Commission staff. The MHEC Executive Committee meeting will be held in Omaha in June.

Dr. Baumgartner and Jill Heese met with representatives at Kawasaki

Recently Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, and Dr. Baumgartner met with Mike Boyle, Jason Hellbusch, and Jim Townsend at Kawasaki. Ms. Heese and Dr. Baumgartner were also given a tour of the plant. The meeting included going over Commission data products, including the Progress Report and the enrollment and degrees dashboards. Mr. Townsend stated they have an extensive training program and would like to have data so they can keep workers at their facility.

Dr. Baumgartner met with group to discuss setting a state attainment goal

Dr. Baumgartner noted that he has met several times with Heath Mello, Dr. Paul Turman, Greg Adams, the community college presidents, and Cheryl Wolff from the Governor's office to discuss the next steps in setting a state attainment goal. A general agreement on a goal has come from these meetings, and Dr. Baumgartner stated he would like it to be announced this spring and be added to the Comprehensive Statewide Plan in April or June if possible.

Jill Heese participated in a meeting on Brain Drain

Recent staff events included Ms. Heese participating in a Department of Economic Development meeting on Brain Drain, which was timely with this month's approval of the Progress Report.

J. Ritchie Morrow recently joined the NASSGAP executive board

Dr. Baumgartner announced that J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, is back on the executive board of the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs after a brief hiatus.

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

Acting 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.

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

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Hunter, Academic Programs Committee

Commissioner Hunter, Committee Chair, acknowledged the APC Committee members on the recent Committee call and introduced Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer to present the agenda items

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Organizational Unit - Nebraska Governance and Technology Center

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that the proposed center will bring the development of technology, commercialization, and regulation together into one unit. The three partnering entities are the Colleges of Law, Business, and Engineering. The center would be housed in the College of Law, with faculty coming from the College of Business and Engineering. She stated that a \$5.5 million private grant would fund the creation of the center. Dr. David Jackson, UNL Vice Provost, stated the two grants would come from the Koch and Menards Foundations and answered Commissioners' questions.

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

APC recommendation

Commissioner Hunter stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Nebraska Governance and Technology Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Nebraska Governance and Technology Center approved

Commissioner Hunter moved to approve the New Organizational Unit at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Nebraska Governance and Technology Center. A roll call vote was taken. All six Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Report on Reasonable and Moderate Extensions, Renaming of Programs and Departments and Creation of New Departments Related to Existing Programs

Dr. Fimple presented the report on changes related to existing programs.

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

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SCC – Early Childhood Education: AA
NECC – Paramedic: Diploma

Renaming of Programs

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UNL – Bachelor of Science in Grazing Livestock Systems to *Bachelor of Science in Grassland Systems*
WSC – Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Speech Communications to *Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies*

SCC – Associate of Applied Science and Diploma in Motorcycle, ATV, and Personal Watercraft Technology to *Associate of Applied Science and Diploma in Powersports Technology*

Renaming of a Department

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UNMC – Department of Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences to *Department of Clinical, Diagnostic, and Therapeutic Sciences*

Creation of New Departments

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(all in the College of Allied Health Professions)

UNMC – Department of Medical Sciences

UNMC – Department of Health Sciences and Rehabilitation

UNMC – Department of Health Professions Education, Research, and Practice

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.

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

Commissioner Adam, Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Adam, Committee Chair, acknowledged Committee members that attended the recent committee conference call.

Key Deadlines Concerning Commission Recommendations on Public Postsecondary Education Operating and Capital Construction Budget Requests for the 2021-23 Biennium

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Commissioner Adam presented the key deadlines and stated that they will be referred to in the coming months as a guideline for the budget requests.

Statewide Budget Priorities for the 2021-23 Biennial Budget Process

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Gary Timm presented the priorities

Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, presented the two statewide budget priorities identified for the upcoming biennium: initiatives that make postsecondary education more affordable, and initiatives that respond to identified educational and workforce development needs in Nebraska. Mr. Timm’s report included background information on the budget process and listed the Commission’s Statewide Budget Priorities History from 1995-1997 through 2020-2021. If approved, these issues and initiatives will be communicated to the public institutions through the operating and state aid budget request outline procedures.



BCF Committee recommendation

Commissioner Adam stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Statewide Budget Priorities for the 2021-23 Biennial Budget Process.

Statewide Budget Priorities for the 2021-23 Biennial Budget Process approved

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Statewide Budget Priorities for the 2021-23 Biennial Budget Process. A roll call vote was taken. All six Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Prioritization Process for Capital Construction Budget Requests for the 2021-23 Biennium

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Mike Wemhoff presented the Prioritization 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. A process has been created that includes 10 criteria to be used for each of the requests that are brought to the Commission. Mr. Wemhoff noted one proposed revision is to consider governing board priorities as part of the Sector Initiatives criteria to better align the governing boards requests with the Commission’s recommendation for prioritization. The Commission’s document prioritizes the order in which projects should be funded. Mr. Wemhoff’s presentation included documents indicating how the point system worked in the 2019-21 Biennium, and how the current system would have worked for the same period.

BCF Committee recommendation

Commissioner Adam read the Committee Recommendation: The Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee recommends approval of the revised *Prioritization Process for Capital Construction Budget Requests 2021-23 Biennium* for use in developing from a statewide perspective a unified prioritization of individual capital construction budget requests for which it has recommended approval and funding.

Prioritization Process for Capital Construction Budget Requests for the 2021-23 Biennium approved

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the revised *Prioritization Process for Capital Construction Budget Requests for the 2021-23 Biennium*. A roll call vote was taken. All six Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Acting Chair Wilson called for a break at 10:55 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:17 a.m.

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.



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

Commissioner Wilson, Planning and Consumer Information Committee

2020 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

Jill Heese presented the report

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson chaired the Planning and Consumer Information Committee in Commissioner Lauritzen’s absence. During the recent Committee conference call, Commissioner Lauritzen was appointed chair for the Committee.

2020 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Progress Report. She stated 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. Ms. Heese stated that beginning with the 2020 Progress Report, the independent sector and the for-profit/career school sector have been combined into a new sector (“nonpublic colleges and universities”). In addition, Section 1.3 of the report, which covers the in-migration of non-Nebraskan first-time freshmen, now includes more information on the residency of students (U.S. and outlying areas versus foreign countries).

Ms. Heese concluded the report by stating that given the findings of the report, more work needs to be done in order for Nebraskans to enroll in college and complete degrees. Suggestions for improvement at the high school, postsecondary, and state government levels were listed in the report. Ms. Heese answered Commissioners’ questions and noted that the full report is provided to the Governor, Legislature, the state’s higher education institutions, the media, and is available on the Commission website at ccpe.nebraska.gov/reports.

PCI Committee recommendation

Commissioner Wilson stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the *2020 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*.

2020 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report approved

Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the *2020 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*. A roll call vote was taken. All six Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Next Commission meeting is Thursday, April 30, 2020

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, April 30, 2020, at Peru State College, Peru, Nebraska.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.