
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION August 11, 2017 Nebraska State Capitol Lincoln, Nebraska

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.

Public notice of meeting

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE OF MEETING</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON AUGUST 11, 2017. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.</p> <p>AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. 8TH STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W. SCOTT WILSON, CHAIR</p>
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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

Dr. John Bernthal	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Dr. Deborah Frison	W. Scott Wilson
Mary Lauritzen	Carol Zink
Dwayne Probyn	

Commissioners Absent

Colleen Adam	Dr. Ron Hunter
Gwenn Aspen	

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	Helen Pope
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Gary Timm
Jason Keese	Mike Wemhoff
Kadi Lukesh	

*Minutes of June 15, 2017,
Commission Meeting approved*

MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2017, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Probyn moved that the June 15, 2017, minutes be approved. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wilson announces committee assignments for 2017-2018

Chair Wilson thanked the Commissioners for contacting him with their preferences for the new committees. He distributed the 2017-2018 committee roster and announced the assignments.

Executive Committee

W. Scott Wilson (Chair)
Dr. Deborah Frison (Vice Chair)
Dwayne Probyn
Carol Zink

Academic Programs Committee

Dr. Joyce Simmons
Colleen Adam
Dr. Deborah Frison
Dr. John Bernthal
Mary Lauritzen

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

Dr. Ron Hunter
Colleen Adam
Dwayne Probyn
Gwenn Aspen
Dr. John Bernthal

Planning and Consumer Information Committee

Mary Lauritzen
Gwenn Aspen
Carol Zink
Dr. Joyce Simmons
W. Scott Wilson

A chair for each committee will be decided upon at the next committee meetings.

*Chair Wilson presented outgoing
Chair Zink with plaque*

Chair Wilson presented outgoing Commission Chair Carol Zink with a plaque from the Commissioners and staff in sincere appreciation of her dedicated service as Chair of the Coordinating Commission from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2017.

Chair Wilson discussed formal executive director evaluation

Chair Wilson reported that the Commissioners would like to create a more formal evaluation of the executive director's position. This issue will be brought to and discussed at the next executive committee meeting.

Chair Wilson thanked Dr. Baumgartner for meeting with him

Chair Wilson thanked Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director, for meeting with him to assist with expectations of his new position as Chair of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Baumgartner reported on out-of-service area authorizations

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

1. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at Crete High School in Crete, NE
 - Spanish 2120, Intermediate Spanish II (3 cr.)
Continuous authorization
2. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at Raymond Central High School in Raymond, NE
 - Sociology 1010, Intro to Sociology (3 cr.)
Continuous authorization
3. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at Lincoln East High School in Lincoln, NE
 - Geography 1020, Intro to Human Geography (3 cr.)
Continuous authorization
4. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at McCook Senior High School in McCook, NE
 - English 1010, Intro to Genre Studies: Prose (3 cr.)
Continuous authorization
5. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at McCook Senior High School in McCook, NE
 - English 1020, Intro to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama & Film (3 cr.)
Continuous authorization
6. Offered by Western Nebraska Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Banner County High School in Harrisburg, NE
Delivered to Elba High School in Elba, NE
 - ENGL 1010, English Composition I (3 cr.)
First Semester

*Out-of-service area authorizations
continued*

7. Offered by Western Nebraska Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Banner County High School in Harrisburg, NE
Delivered to Elba High School in Elba, NE
 - ENGL 1550, English Composition II (3 cr.)
Second Semester

8. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Central City High School in Central City, NE
Delivered to Exeter-Milligan High School in Exeter, NE
 - MATH 1600 Analytic Geometry/Calculus I (5 cr.)
8/22/17-5/4/18

9. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC
Delivered to Deshler High School in Deshler, NE
 - MATH 1600 Calculus I (5 cr.)
8/22/17-12/15/17

10. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC
Delivered to Elgin High School in Elgin, NE
 - PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)
8/23/17-12/15/17

11. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Humphrey High School in Humphrey, NE
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)
8/23/17-12/15/17

12. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Humphrey High School in Humphrey, NE
Delivered to Madison High School in Madison, NE
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)
8/23/17-12/15/17

*Kadi Lukesh presented fourth
quarter budget report*

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Kadi Lukesh, Budget Coordinator & Office Manager, to present the fourth quarter budget report. Ms. Lukesh noted the remaining balances will be used to pay bills from last year from the general fund. The cash and federal funds will remain and are interest-bearing accounts. Ms. Lukesh expressed her appreciation to CCPE staff for becoming more efficient and curbing spending. For example, instead of buying new computers we purchased new hard drives, and also the rarely used fax machine line was eliminated. Ms. Lukesh noted this will be the last report on the Oral Health Training Program. She gave updates on the

Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), and the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE). Ms. Lukesh and Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, answered questions from the Commissioners.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed meetings he recently attended

Dr. Baumgartner reported that he attended the Education Commission of the States (ECS) meeting in San Diego in June and the SHEEO meeting in July, noting that the ECS conference is paid for through the State of Nebraska's annual ESC dues. Attending the SHEEO meeting next year is going to be difficult due to the budget, however. Dr. Baumgartner noted that Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, and Jason Keese, Public Information & Special Projects Coordinator returned yesterday from the SHEEO Policy Conference.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke about local presentations he has given

Dr. Baumgartner stated that in addition to a presentation at the ECS meeting, he has been giving local presentations. He was asked by Sen. Sue Crawford, chairwoman of the Legislature's Economic Development Task Force, to speak at the committee's July 14 meeting to give an overview of postsecondary issues pertaining to economic development and to give examples of how Nebraska could address the issues based on what other states are doing. He shared a handout of the potential state programs that his presentation covered. At the task force meeting Rich Katt, from the Nebraska Department of Education, gave a presentation on career education and career readiness standards, and a panel consisting of Dr. Tawana Grover, Superintendent of Grand Island Public Schools; Dr. Steve Elliott, Wayne State College; Chuck Schroeder, Executive Director of the Rural Futures Institute at UNL; Dr. Tom Pensabene, Metropolitan Community College; and Dr. James Linder from the University of Nebraska offered their perspectives on economic development and educational issues the state is facing.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed EducationQuest

Dr. Baumgartner stated this week he was invited to present to the EducationQuest Board of Directors focusing on what the Commission does, some of the key issues facing postsecondary education in Nebraska, the progress of the ACE, NOG, and Gap programs, and the FAFSA completion project, which EducationQuest promotes throughout the state. He noted Nebraska students are lucky to have EducationQuest working with them to complete the FAFSA and prepare for college.

Upcoming meetings Dr. Baumgartner will be attending

Dr. Baumgartner noted he has several meetings coming up with legislative staff and will be meeting with Sen. Kate Bolz to talk about the Gap Assistance Program. Also, he will meet with Cheryl Wolff from the Governor's Policy Office.

Dr. Baumgartner met with new chair Wilson

Dr. Baumgartner stated that he met with newly appointed chair W. Scott Wilson and thanked him for hosting him last week in his home so they could discuss the upcoming year.

PUBLIC COMMENT 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*

*Dr. David Jackson, University of
Nebraska*

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost at the University of Nebraska, came forward to report that representatives were present to discuss and answer questions on the proposed Athletic Training program and the Nebraska Food for Health Center proposal. Dr. Jackson stated he would like to show his appreciation to the Commissioners and staff for sending a reminder letter about out-of-area authorizations related to NCTA.

Dr. Scott Moats, Crown College

Dr. Scott Moats, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs at Crown College, noted he is originally from Nebraska and appreciates the opportunity to come back in support of and to answer questions regarding Crown College's recurrent authorization to operate in Nebraska. He noted Crown College is a Christian liberal arts school offering majors in business, nursing, humanities for liberal arts, as well as their primary function to educate clergy. Currently Crown College is in partnership with Christ Community Church in Omaha. The proposal is to offer four courses of the master's degree program with face-to-face classes at the church. The students who would enroll already have a degree, making this graduate education, where they intern at the church and take additional online courses from Crown College in pastoral ministry.

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

*Commissioner Frison acknowledged
APC committee members and staff*

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Frison, Committee Chair, acknowledged committee members and staff that participated in the recent Academic Programs Committee conference call.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Dr. Fimple presented the program

University of Nebraska at Kearney – Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Athletic Training (master's)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, giving background information and stating that the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) recently determined that athletic training programs should be moved to the graduate level by 2022. The proposed degree would give students two options: a traditional two-year master's program or a five-year professional program, both leading to the Master of Athletic Training degree. The proposed five-year program could incorporate a degree in another field including education, that could meet the need for athletic trainers with a teaching degree in Nebraska schools. Dr. Fimple noted the university reported a high placement rate for graduates of the athletic training program, and other institutions that currently offer athletic

training programs will likely be seeking accreditation for a master's program before 2022.

Scott Unruh, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Scott Unruh, Professor, Kinesiology and Sports Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, answered questions from the Commissioners, noting there are a significant number of women in the athletic training program at UNK. Dr. Unruh and Dr. Jackson discussed the projected costs and anticipated revenues of the program, the competencies and efficiencies, and the number of graduates anticipated in the coming years.

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Frison stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the program, with the first program review due June 30, 2022.

University of Nebraska at Kearney Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Athletic Training (master's) approved

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Athletic Training (master's). A roll call vote was taken. All seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Child Health Research Institute

Dr. Fimble presented the proposal

Dr. Fimble presented the proposal, stating this institute comes out of the UNMC relationship with Children's Hospital, creating pediatric cutting-edge research teams that could focus on cancer, rare, cardiovascular, and infectious diseases. UNMC would collaborate with UNL and UNO, along with other participating entities, including the Fred & Pamela Buffet Cancer Center and Munroe-Meyer Institute for Genetics and Rehabilitation. Dr. Fimble noted the budget is a large undertaking due to adding around 100 doctors and 25 scientists over the next five years. There are endowments and other external funding sources that will support the proposal, and existing facilities at UNMC are sufficient for establishing the institute.

Dr. John Sparks, UNMC

Dr. John Sparks, Associate Dean for Pediatric Affairs; Chair, Department of Pediatrics; and Professor, Pediatric Administration at UNMC, answered Commissioners' questions, noting this institute will expand opportunities for graduate and post-doctoral students. He said approximately 20 doctors have been coming to UNMC every year, so adding 100 over the next five years is a reachable goal and will bring talent and experience to the medical community.

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Frison stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the program. Approval of the Center does not constitute approval of any new programs now nor in the future.

University of Nebraska Medical Center Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Child Health Research Institute approved

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Child Health Research Institute. A roll call vote was taken. All seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Chris Kratochvil, UNMC

APC Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska Medical Center Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Global Center for Health Security approved

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Global Center for Health Security

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that UNMC has received national attention because of its involvement in addressing the Ebola outbreak in 2014. The University’s biodefense and health security capabilities were fortunately in place at the time, and the center that is being proposed would build on those existing capabilities and partnerships. This proposed center would bring together scientists and researchers from across campuses to work on biopreparedness collaboratively. Dr. Fimple discussed the projected costs and the list of grants and other funding sources for the center, reporting that no new or additional state funds would be needed.

Dr. Chris Kratochvil, Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical Research from UNMC, answered Commissioner Lauritzens’ question regarding the connection between Nebraska Medicine and UNMC. He stated there has always been an academic affiliation agreement between The Nebraska Medical Center, Bellevue Medical Center and UNMC Physicians – once three separate but interconnected organizations – who are now one operating under one name: Nebraska Medicine. UNMC/UNO Chancellor Jeffery D. Gold is also the President of the Board of Directors for Nebraska Medicine Clinical Enterprise. The newly integrated organization, allows Nebraska Medicine to strengthen its services by expanding collaboration among its partners and providing patients with increased access to physicians and licensed hospital beds as well as ambulatory clinics in Omaha and the surrounding area.

Nebraska Medicine will continue to serve as the primary clinical teaching partner for the University of Nebraska Medical Center and its health sciences programs. UNMC will remain a separate entity from Nebraska Medicine, but share a logo to more closely align the two organizations

Additionally, when Nebraska Medicine was formed, Dr. Kratochvil became its Vice President for Research, so he can bridge the clinical research piece with the University and Nebraska Medicine.

Commissioner Frison stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the center. Approval of the Center does not constitute approval of any new programs now nor in the future.

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Global Center for Health Security. A roll call vote was taken. All seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Nebraska Food for Health Center

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that the University of Nebraska has several existing programs that would participate in the new center, including agriculture and natural resources, arts and sciences, natural social sciences, biology/kinesiology and sports sciences. The purpose of the center would be to integrate all of these areas of study into a focused study of the linkage between food and health. The first five years would be established and operated in existing facilities and by existing faculty.

Dr. Andrew Benson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dr. Andrew Benson, W. W. Marshall Distinguished Professor of Biotechnology and Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology at UNL, addressed Commissioners' questions regarding the coordination and role that the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources will have in the center, the future integration of the UNL Department of Nutrition department into the center, and how the University is looking at not only creating the food but working with commercialization of the food and how it relates to culture.

APC Committee comment

The Committee comment: While the budget is quite large, much of the revenue to support the center comes from grants. The proposal states that growth would be dependent on philanthropic and grant support. Commissioner Frison stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Nebraska Food for Health Center. Approval of the Center does not constitute approval of any new programs or construction projects requiring Commission review now nor in the future.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Nebraska Food for Health Center approved*

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Nebraska Food for Health Center. A roll call vote was taken. All seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Crown College

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Crown College – St. Bonifacius, MN – Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that Crown College was previously approved but when statutes were rewritten in 2011, institutions had to reapply. Crown College did not re-apply because there was no demand for its program at that time.

Dr. Moats, Crown College

Dr. Moats added this is a program for graduate students who are looking to move into a ministry profession. The students can graduate without debt by interning and working with Christ Community Church through grants and private funding.

Dr. Moats complimented Dr. Fimple for her extraordinary level of detail and acute memory during the application process.

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Frison read the Committee recommendation: Approve the recurrent authorization to operate, with the stipulation that Crown

College submits to the Commission its 2016-17 financial statements and the 2015-16 U.S. Department of Education review when available.

Institution: Crown College
Owner: Christian and Missionary Alliance
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer courses at the graduate level, limited to:
MIN 6210: Spiritual Formation for Ministry
MIN 5512: Facilitating Spiritual Formation
CST 6210: Theology of Leadership, Vocation and Work
MIN 6698: Special Topics in Ministry Leadership
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through August 15, 2022)

Reporting requirements: Annual reporting is required, with the first report due August 15, 2018. Forms are emailed to the institution prior to the due date and are available on the Commission's website.

Crown College Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate approved

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Crown College's Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. All seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Sioux Falls Seminary

Sioux Falls Seminary – Application for Renewal of a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that Sioux Falls Seminary was unable to have a representative at the Commission meeting. Dr. Fimple noted various actions that have been taken in previous years due to the seminary's financial instability. Sioux Falls Seminary was put on probation in 2014 by the Higher Learning Commission, with the probation being removed in 2016. She noted fluctuating composite financial scores since 2006-07 that show improvement in 2015-16. In the most recent audit, it was noted that the financial health of the institution is improving, but there are still concerns with the amount of debt it is carrying. Several Commissioners expressed their concerns about the financial stability of the institution. Gary Timm noted that in the past three years there has been a financial improvement, with this last year's income exceeding expenses by \$800,000. Dr. Baumgartner clarified that since Sioux Falls Seminary provided an irrevocable letter of credit, required by the U.S. Department of Education, they are allowed to participate in federal Title IV programs.

Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Frison read the Committee recommendation: Approve the renewal of the recurrent authorization to operate with the conditions listed below:

Institution: Sioux Falls Seminary
Owner: Board of Trustees, North American Baptist Seminary, d/b/a Sioux Falls Seminary (a non-profit organization)
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the master's and doctoral level, limited to the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through August 31, 2022)
Conditions: Sioux Falls Seminary shall:
1) submit its annual audited financial statements and DOE reviews when they become available, and
2) notify the Commission of any actions taken by the U.S. Department of Education, the Higher Learning Commission, or the institution's primary lender.

Other reporting requirements: Annual reports from all institutions are required. The next report is due August 15, 2018.

Sioux Falls Seminary Application for Renewal of a Recurrent Authorization to Operate approved

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Sioux Falls Seminary's Application for Renewal of a Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Probyn abstained, Commissioner Simmons voted no, and the remaining five Commissioners voted yes. It was verified that a majority of the quorum was needed for the motion to pass. Having such, the motion carried.

Mid-Plains Community College

Mid-Plains Community College – Follow-up Report on an Existing Instructional Program – Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

Dr. Fimple presented the report

Dr. Fimple presented the follow-up report, stating that this program has a history of low productivity. Since it is the only program available in the western part of the state, in 2014 the Commission encouraged the college to enhance its recruiting efforts and reach out to the community to meet the strong need for HVAC graduates. As a result, an advisory committee was established, the curriculum was modified, and a scholarship program was put into place.

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Frison stated that Committee recommends to continue the program, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2018.

Mid-Plains Community College Follow-up Report on an Existing Instructional Program approved

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Mid-Plains Community College's Follow-up Report on an Existing Instructional Program – Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning. A roll call vote was taken. All seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Report on Reasonable and Moderate Extensions, Discontinued Programs, Program Degree Change, and Program Name Change

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

A. Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. UNO – Biomedical Science (graduate certificate)
2. UNMC – Dual/Primary Care/Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (graduate certificate)
3. UNL & UNK – Educational Administration Joint Doctorate (EdD)

Discontinued Programs

B. Discontinued Programs

1. MPCC – Occupational Studies (AOS, diploma, certificate)
2. UNL – Great Plains Studies (BA, BS)

Program Degree Change

C. Program Degree Change

1. UNO – Black Studies (delete BA, new degree BS)

Program Name Change

D. Program Name Change

1. UNO – American Government (graduate certificate) to *Government (graduate certificate)*

Chair Wilson called for a break at 10:38 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:53 a.m.

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

Bill Hitesman, Central Community College – Hastings

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

Bill Hitesman, Campus President of CCC in Hastings, stated that he along with Joel King, Vice President of Administrative Services; Craig Boroff, College Facilities and Construction Manager; and Dr. Nate Allen, Dean of Skilled and Technical Sciences, were present to seek the support and approval of the Commission for the Hamilton Building Advanced Manufacturing and Welding Addition and Renovation on the CCC Hastings campus.

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

Commissioner Simmons acknowledged BCF committee and staff

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Simmons, in Commissioner Adam's absence, acted as chair for the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee. She thanked the Commissioners on the committee for their participation at the recent committee meeting.

Central Community College –
Hastings Campus

Mr. Wemhoff presented the project proposal

Central Community College / Hastings Campus – Capital Construction Project - Hamilton Building Advanced Manufacturing and Welding Addition and Renovation

Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, presented the project proposal, noting that the CCC Hastings campus is proposing to add to and renovate the eastern portion of the Hamilton Building. The project would relocate most of the Advanced Manufacturing and Design Technology (AMDT) program into the Hamilton Building addition. The Welding Technology program would then expand into vacated AMDT space. The Hamilton building is a solid structure built in 1943. The proposed addition would provide expanded space for both the AMDT and Welding Technology programs. Mr. Wemhoff stated the cost of the project would be around \$10.3 million with the majority of funds coming from the capital improvement property tax levy and \$3 million in private donations. CCC Hastings Campus has seen an increase in enrollment in the two programs involved in the project. Future enrollment appears promising since several area high schools focus on meeting the needs of business and industry through Career Pathways programs.

Craig Boroff, Central Community College

Dr. Nate Allen, Central Community College

Mr. Bill Hitesman, Central Community College

Mr. Joel King, Central Community College

Mr. Boroff answered Commissioners' questions related to square-foot costs and the age and durability of the Hamilton building requiring special building materials for the renovation and addition. Dr. Allen noted there are many students in a very small space, which is becoming a safety issue. With the success of Career Pathways, they are evaluating how they can accommodate working with more students and more equipment than ever before. Mr. Hitesman and Mr. King discussed the enthusiasm of the community regarding the project, the increased number of females in the field, and the costs and funding of the project. Upon graduating from the AMDT welding technology, construction technology, and drafting and design technology programs, students have many job options available to them.

Commissioner Simmons commented

Commissioner Simmons noted that Commissioner Adam from Hastings could not be at the meeting but wanted the Commission to know that she has seen much community enthusiasm for the college and this project. Commissioner Simmons thanked representatives from CCC who took the time to attend the meeting and answer Commissioners' questions.

BCF Committee recommendation

Commissioner Simmons stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the capital construction project proposal.

Central Community College /
Hastings Campus – Hamilton
Building Advanced Manufacturing
and Welding Addition and
Renovation approved

Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approved the Central Community College / Hastings Campus' Capital Construction Project – Hamilton Building Advanced Manufacturing and Welding Addition and Renovation. A roll call vote was taken. All seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*Nebraska Opportunity Grant
Allocations Report for 2017-2018*

Mr. Timm presented the report

**Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Allocations Report for
2017-2018**

Gary Timm, filling in for J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, presented the 2017-2018 Nebraska Opportunity Grant Allocations Report. The Legislature has provided additional spending authority of \$500,000 in funds from the Nebraska Lottery this year and next year. These additional funds will provide approximately 400 scholarships per year. Mr. Timm spoke on the 2017-2018 allocations for each sector, noting each institution provides the Commission with an FTE count of eligible Nebraska students. A formula dictates how much each institution is allocated. The report provided comparison charts from previous years. Mr. Timm answered Commissioners' questions.

*Next Commission meeting is
October 12, 2017*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 2017, at Central Community College, Hastings Campus, Hastings, Nebraska.

*Commissioners Lauritzen and
Probyn commented*

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners Lauritzen and Probyn commented on recent articles of interest.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

