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# MINUTES

## COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION September 11, 2018 The Apothecary Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, North Loft 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;"><b>NOTICE OF MEETING</b></p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2018. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:15 P.M.</p> <p>AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 8:33 a.m.*

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair W. Scott Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and asked for introductions.

#### **Commissioners Present**

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

#### **Commissioners Absent**

Dr. Deborah Frison

#### **Commission Staff Present**

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	J. Ritchie Morrow
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Helen Pope
Jill Heese	Gary Timm
Kadi Lukesh	Mike Wemhoff

*2019-21 Biennial Budget Requests*

### **FY 2019-2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

Chair Wilson stated that President Hank Bounds from the University of Nebraska was unable to attend the Commission meeting, but submitted a letter requesting state funding increases of 3 percent in 2019-20 and 3.7

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percent in 2020-21. Dr. Bounds stated in the letter that this funding represents a reasonable request to meet core obligations and help support projected cost increases for health insurance, utilities, and general operations.

*Dr. Randy Schmailzl, Metropolitan  
Community College*

### **Metropolitan Community College**

Dr. Randy Schmailzl, President, Metropolitan Community College, provided an overview of Nebraska Community College state aid noting that Metro's portion of the state aid has been flat since 2008. He mentioned that this year forty-seven percent of the general budget is made up of local property taxes from the four county area. Twenty-five percent is from state appropriations, twenty-six percent from tuition, and one percent from other sources such as private donations and federal grants. Dr. Schmailzl stated that MCC is requesting a 3.5 percent increase each year for the 2019-21 biennium. With this funding, MCC would continue to enhance student services, increase emphasis on education in trades, provide deferred technology upgrades, construct new buildings, support community-based operations to improve access, and afford normal operating expense increases such as payroll and utilities.

*Mr. Greg Adams, Nebraska Community  
College Association, and Dr. Paul Illich,  
Southeast Community College*

### **Nebraska Community College Association**

Mr. Greg Adams, Executive Director of the Nebraska Community College Association, along with Dr. Paul Illich, President of Southeast Community College, presented the 2019-21 Nebraska Community College Association biennial budget request. The community colleges are requesting 3.5 percent in state aid for each year in the 2019-21 biennium. Mr. Adams said there are waiting lists of students trying to get in to the community colleges, but the need for faculty and having the facilities to accommodate additional students is a constant issue. Dr. Illich stated that Nebraska has to be looking at creative ways to bring more people into the state. He commented that ninety-two percent of students attending Nebraska community colleges remain in Nebraska. Dr. Illich and Mr. Adams answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Mr. Stan Carpenter, Nebraska State  
College System*

### **Nebraska State College System**

Mr. Stan Carpenter, Chancellor, Nebraska State College System, addressed the Commission and presented the State College's biennial budget request. Mr. Carpenter gave a brief update on the three State Colleges, noting they are all financially sound, and this year they are seeing stable enrollments across the system. They continue to focus on recruiting and retaining in-state and out-state students. While focusing on teaching, learning, and service to the students, facilities are also important. There have been several major facility improvements over the last few years at all three campuses. Mr. Carpenter commented that their budget request is broken down into two categories, the first being core needs, such as salaries and health benefits, utility rate increases, and DAS rate changes. The second category is a strategic initiative that focuses on developing a qualified workforce for high-need occupations, expanding student access to higher education, and increasing affordability and decreasing debt. Mr. Carpenter noted they are requesting a 5 percent increase for this initiative for each year of the biennium.

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*Minutes of June 14, 2018 Commission Meeting approved*

**MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2018, COMMISSION MEETING**

**Commissioner Probyn moved that the June 14, 2018, minutes be approved. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all eight Commissioners present voting yes. The motion carried.**

*Chair Wilson announced Commissioner Simmons resignation*

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Wilson announced that Dr. Joyce Simmons is relocating to South Dakota and has resigned from the Commission. Chair Wilson read a resolution conferring the title of Honorable Commissioner Emeritus to Dr. Simmons. Several Commissioners expressed their appreciation for her commitment to the Commission, noting she was always a voice for the students, praising her many years of dedicated service, and echoed that she will be greatly missed.

*Chair Wilson presented new committee assignments*

Chair Wilson announced the new committees and distributed the 2018-2019 committee roster. A chair for each committee was decided upon at each recent committee meeting. With the loss of Commissioner Simmons, according to the Bylaws, each committee can only have four members. Commissioner Adam volunteered to step down from the Budget committee.

**Executive Committee**

W. Scott Wilson (Chair)  
Dr. Deborah Frison (Vice Chair)  
Dr. John Bernthal  
Dr. Ron Hunter

**Academic Programs Committee**

Dr. John Bernthal (Chair)  
Colleen Adam  
Dr. Deborah Frison  
Mary Lauritzen

**Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee**

Dr. Paul Von Behren (Chair)  
Gwenn Aspen  
Dr. Ron Hunter  
Dwayne Probyn

**Planning and Consumer Information Committee**

Gwenn Aspen (Chair)  
Mary Lauritzen  
Dr. Paul Von Behren  
W. Scott Wilson

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*Dr. Baumgartner reported out-of-service area applications*

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

1. 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.)  
8/21/18-12/14/18
2. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated at Humphrey High School in Humphrey, NE  
Delivered to Elgin High School in Elgin, NE
  - ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)  
8/20/18-12/14/18
3. 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.)  
8/20/18-12/14/18
4. 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.)  
8/20/18-12/14/18
5. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC  
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
  - PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)  
8/20/18-12/14/18
6. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC  
Delivered to Ainsworth High School in Ainsworth, NE
  - MATH 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.)  
8/20/18-12/14/18
7. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC  
Delivered to Burwell High School in Burwell, NE
  - MATH 2450 Calculus III (5 cr.)  
8/20/18-12/13/18

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*Out-of-service area authorizations  
continued*

8. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Traditional delivery at Lincoln East High School in Lincoln, NE
  - ENGL 1010 Intro to Genre Studies: Prose (3cr.)  
Fall 2018
9. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Traditional delivery at Lincoln East High School in Lincoln, NE
  - ENGL 1020 Intro to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama,  
Film (3 cr.)  
Spring 2019
10. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Traditional delivery at McCook Senior High School in  
McCook, NE
  - ENGL 1010 Intro to Genre Studies: Prose (3cr.)  
Fall 2018
11. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Traditional delivery at McCook Senior High School in  
McCook, NE
  - ENGL 1020 Intro to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama,  
Film (3cr.)  
Spring 2019
12. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Traditional delivery at Crete High School in Crete, NE
  - SPAN 2120 Intermediate Spanish II (3 cr.)  
Fall 2018 & Spring 2019
13. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC  
Delivered to Wheeler Central High School in Bartlett, NE
  - MATH 1150 College Algebra  
8/20/18-12/14/18

*Out-of-service area offering  
disapproved*

Dr. Baumgartner noted the following out-of-service area offering was disapproved:

1. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Traditional delivery at Lincoln East High School in Lincoln, NE
  - Geography 1020 Introduction to Human Geography  
Fall 2018 & Spring 2019  
(this course is available through SCC)

*Kadi Lukesh presented the fourth  
quarter budget report*

Dr. Baumgartner called on Kadi Lukesh, Office Manager/Budget Coordinator, to present the fourth quarter budget report. Ms. Lukesh stated June 30 is the end of the fiscal year, but the fourth quarter is being reported now since there was not a July Commission meeting. She noted the remaining balance carryover in the cash fund and federal funds will

remain in interest-bearing accounts. Remaining balance in personal services was due to not replacing the communications coordinator. In operating expenses, the decision was made to pay the SHEEO dues early. Ms. Lukesh gave an overview of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program noting that carryover dollars have been distributed to the institutions. Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, is working with the sub-recipients to close out the Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) Grant as it will end December 31. The Community College GAP Assistance Program is allocated to the sub-recipients and for some administrative funds to pay staff hours specifically dedicated to the program. The Access College Early Scholarship (ACE) program will be carried over into this year to be distributed.

Dr. Baumgartner stated that he attended the Education Commission of the States meeting in Washington D.C. at the end of June, and the State Higher Education Executive Officers annual meeting in Park City, Utah in July. He noted he brings back new ideas. He was interested in the presentations on demographic changes coming to the U.S., particularly the Midwest and the Northeast that will be hit hard by falling birth rates. Much of our work is directed at closing achievement gaps, and that work only becomes more important as underrepresented students become ever-larger proportions of our high school graduates.

Dr. Fimple attended the SHEEO State Policy Conference and M-SARA. She will give an update on SARA issues at the October Commission meeting after she attends the NC-SARA meeting next week in Salt Lake City.

Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, represented the CCPE at the Governor's Economic Development Summit in July.

Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, presented on a panel entitled "Migration Data and Brain Drain Trends and Impacts" with Jennifer Zarek from the Greater Omaha Chamber and David Drozd of UNO at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Data Users Conference on August 15.

J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, is beginning his annual audit visits next week, covering the state in a two-week period.

The Lottery Beneficiary briefing is this Thursday. Dr. Baumgartner invited the Commissioners to attend if they are available.

Dr. Baumgartner commented that he is continuing to meet with legislators. On September 10, he met with Sen. Burke Harr on education and workforce development issues, and next week he will meet with Sen. Adam Morefeld to discuss affordability.

Monday, September 17, Dr. Baumgartner will attend the ACT College and Career Readiness Workshop in LaVista, where he will be making a brief presentation on the Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report. In conjunction with that, he will be at the State ACT Council, with around 60

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*Executive Director's report continued*

high school guidance counselors in attendance. He is hoping to gain some insight on their perceptions about affordability.

Dr. Baumgartner noted he will be traveling to Chadron State College at the end of the month to meet with President Rhine and to Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff to meet with President Holcomb. He has made an effort to visit every campus in conjunction with one of our meetings or on his own, at least once every three years. He plans to meet with President Hanson at Peru State College in October.

Dr. Baumgartner announced that Purdue University Global has informed the Commission that they will be closing their Omaha campus in May of 2019 and consolidating their programs at the Lincoln location.

*Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern*

*Ean Mikale, The Drone School*

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

Ean Mikale, Founder and Chief Innovation Officer of Infinite 8 Aeronautics: The Drone School, came forward to present information to the Commission on two new apprenticeship programs recently approved by the US Department of Labor. He stated they are a licensed postsecondary career school located in Omaha, with locations also in Kansas City and in Washington D.C. They are currently negotiating a second Nebraska location in Fremont. He spoke briefly about the four apprenticeship tracks, details on the courses offered, and the commercial Drone Software Developer occupation opportunities. Mr. Mikale answered questions from the Commissioners.

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

Chair Wilson called for a break at 10:39 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:48 a.m.

*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 from the University of Nebraska, came forward to state that representatives for the five proposed programs from the University of Nebraska were available to answer Commissioners' questions.

*Dr. Mark Shriver, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

Dr. Mark Shriver, Director of the Applied Behavior Analysis graduate program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, spoke on the Applied Behavior Analysis Master of Arts proposal to address some of the questions the Academic Programs Committee had regarding the program.

*Terri Newton, Child Autism Services and Nebraska Association for Behavior Analysis*

Terri Newton, CEO of Childhood Autism Services in Omaha and president of the Nebraska Association for Behavior Analysis, came forward to testify in support of the UNO/UNMC Applied Behavior Analysis proposal. She stated that those with a master's degree in behavior analysis are typically considered for positions before those with master degrees in a related field since they consistently demonstrate a more comprehensive

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knowledge, competence, and application of behavioral analysis. She noted she is available to answer questions Commissioners may have.

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

*Commissioner Bernthal, Chair,  
Academic Programs Committee*

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Bernthal, Committee Chair, announced the first Academic Programs Committee agenda item and introduced Dr. Fimple to discuss the proposal.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Biomechanics (MS)**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting the Commission approved a Bachelor of Science program in Biomechanics at UNO in 2015. There were letters of support from local employers stating there is a shortage of individuals trained at the master's level. Dr. Fimple stated UNO reported in 2016 that 13 students were enrolled in the BS program, but faculty have received over 200 inquiries from potential students, showing a demand for the proposed program. Dr. Jorge Zungia, Assistant Professor in Biomechanics at UNO, and Dr. Nick Stergiou, Professor and Director at the Biomechanics Research Building at UNO, were present and answered Commissioners' questions.

*Dr. Jorge Zungia, and Dr. Nick Stergiou,  
University of Nebraska at Omaha*

*Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Bernthal stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the MS in Biomechanics at UNO, with the first program review due June 30, 2022.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha –  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program –Biomechanics (MS)  
approved*

**Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Biomechanics (MS). A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*University of Nebraska at  
Omaha/University of Nebraska  
Medical Center*

*Dr. Fimple and Commissioner Bernthal  
presented the proposal*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha/University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Applied Behavior Analysis (MA)**

Dr. Fimple and Commissioner Bernthal presented the proposal. Dr. Fimple stated there is not an Applied Behavior Analysis program in Nebraska, and local students are accessing online courses from other states. Commissioner Bernthal commented that the committee is very much in favor of behavior analysis but they had several questions regarding the appropriateness of a full degree for what appears to be one strategy to address behavior, and the difference between the proposed degree and the MA in psychology with a concentration in applied behavior analysis. The committee recommended UNO/UNMC's proposal be forwarded to the full Commission without a recommendation for consideration. There was

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*Dr. Jackson and Dr. Shriver provide information on proposal*

discussion with Dr. Shriver and Dr. Jackson providing information and answering questions.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha/University of Nebraska Medical Center Proposal for a New Instructional Program –Applied Behavior Analysis (MA) approved with suggestion to rename program*

**Commissioner Bernthal moved to approve the Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis as a joint UNO/UNMC program, and acknowledge the transition of the existing UNO graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis to a joint UNO/UNMC program. The Commission suggests that the degree be named MA in Behavior Analysis. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Emerging Media Arts (BFA)**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting this program would prepare students for jobs of the future in the media industry. New facilities and faculty along with other expenses will be funded by a \$20 million grant from the Johnny Carson Foundation. Dr. Fimple noted that each year they have around 50 students applying for 15 slots, so this would greatly increase capacity.

*Dr. Chris Marks, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Dr. Chris Marks, Associate Dean at Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, spoke on the type of faculty they will be hiring and answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Bernthal stated the committee recommendation is to approve the BFA in Emerging Media Arts at UNL.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Emerging Media Arts (BF) approved*

**Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Emerging Media Arts (BFA). A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

**University of Nebraska at Kearney – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Long-Term Care Management (MS)**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, commenting that this program has all the courses in place, would be offered entirely online, and UNK intends to seek accreditation from the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB). NAB is identified by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Rule 106 as a method for students to become licensed as a nursing home administrator. Someone with this degree could also work in medical and health services.

*Dr. Theresa Wadkins and Ms. Peggy Abels, University of Nebraska at Kearney*

Dr. Theresa Wadkins, Chair & Professor of Psychology, and Ms. Peggy Abels, Director of Health Sciences, at the University of Nebraska at

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Kearney discussed the curriculum and stated that students with this degree could be employed in areas such as assisted living, hospice, home health, veteran's homes, and respite care, where more specialized training is required.

*Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Bernthal stated the committee recommendation is to approve the Master of Science in Long-Term Care Management at UNK, with the first program review due June 30, 2019.

*University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program – Long-Term Care  
Management (MS) approved*

**Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Long-Term Care Management (MS). A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*University of Nebraska Medical Center*

**University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Center of Excellence in Pancreatic Cancer**

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that Dr. Julie Vose, Chief of Hematology and Oncology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center has been conferenced in via phone. Dr. Fimple noted that this center would bring together people from a variety of disciplines to collaborate in improving the health of patients with pancreatic cancer. Funds for the center will come from Nebraska Medicine, the University of Nebraska Foundation, and the Buffet Cancer Center. Dr. Vose reported that unfortunately this is one of the cancers that is growing in incidence and currently without good treatment options. Pancreatic cancer is a high target area for clinical trials and medical research. Dr. Vose answered Commissioners' questions.

*Dr. Julie Vose, University of Nebraska  
Medical Center*

*Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Bernthal stated the committee recommendation is to approve the Center of Excellence in Pancreatic Cancer at UNMC, noting approval does not constitute approval of any new programs now or in the future.

*University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Proposal for a New Organizational  
Unit – Center of Excellence in  
Pancreatic Cancer approved*

**Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Center of Excellence in Pancreatic Center. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried**

*2017-2018 Existing Program Review*

**2017-2018 Existing Program Review**

The following Community College Programs were approved by the Executive Director for continuation:

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Existing Program Review continued

Central Community College

Dental Hygiene (AAS)  
Dental Assisting (AAS, Diploma)  
Heating, Ventilation, AC (HVAC) (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)

Metropolitan Community College

Heating, Ventilation, AC (HVAC) (AAS, Certificate)  
Respiratory Care (AAS)

Mid-Plains Community College

Dental Assisting (AAS, Diploma)  
Heating, Ventilation, AC (HVAC) (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)

Northeast Community College

Heating, Ventilation, AC (HVAC) (AAS)  
Plumbing Technology (Diploma)

Southeast Community College

Dental Assisting (Diploma)  
Heating, Ventilation, AC (HVAC) (AAS)  
Respiratory Care (AAS)  
Polysomnographic Technology (Certificate)

**Report on Name Changes, Deletions, Reasonable and Moderate Extensions, and Other Institutional Activities Relating to Existing Programs**

*Reasonable and Moderate Extensions*

A. Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. UNO – Kodály\* (Graduate Certificate)
2. UNO – Business in Health Administration (Graduate Certificate)

*New Department*

B. New Department

1. UNK – Department of Cyber Systems

*Department Dissolution*

C. Department Dissolution

1. UNK – Department of Computer Science and Information Technology

*Department Name Change*

D. Department Name Change

1. UNK – Department of Family Studies and Interior Design to *Department of Family Studies*

*College Merger*

E. College Merger

1. UNK – College of Fine Arts and Humanities and College of Natural and Social Sciences to form the *College of Arts and Sciences*

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*Program Name Change*

- F. Program Name Change  
1. UNO – Biotechnology to  
*Molecular and Biomedical Biology*

*Degree Merger*

- G. Degree Merger  
1. UNO – Counseling MA & MS into  
*Counseling MS with thesis and non-thesis options*

*Discontinued Program*

- H. Discontinued Program  
1. UNL – Fire Protection Technology (AA)

\*Specialized pedagogical system for music

Chair Wilson called for lunch break at 11:50 a.m. The meeting resumed at 12:22 p.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 Wilson closed the public hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.**

*Commissioner Von Behren, BCF  
Committee Chair*

**BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Von Behren, new Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Chair, stated the Committee recently met and reviewed the 2018 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report.

*2018 Tuition, Fees, and College  
Affordability Report*

**2018 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report**

*Mr. Morrow presented the report*

Mr. Morrow presented the report, noting the name has been changed to college affordability rather than financial aid. Along with the new name, the report has been completely revamped. The report is compiled with information from Nebraska's public postsecondary institutions and their respective peers as required by statute. Mr. Morrow discussed how Nebraska's postsecondary institution tuition and fees compare to other states. Nebraska ranks eight lowest in the country in tuition and fees for in-district tuition and fees for community colleges. Among four-year institutions, Nebraska's in-state tuition and fees is the 14<sup>th</sup> lowest. Mr. Morrow noted that Nebraska supports its public colleges and universities well when it comes to tax support. In the report, each Nebraska postsecondary institution has charts, graphs, and tables illustrating how each institution compares to its peer group median in enrollment, financial aid, tuition and fees, student expenses and net price of attendance. Mr. Morrow stated once the *2018 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report* is approved by the Commission, it will be available on the CCPE website.

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*Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Von Behren stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the *2018 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report*.

*2018 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report approved*

**Commissioner Von Behren, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the *2018 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report*. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*Nebraska Opportunity Grant Allocations Report for 2018-19*

**Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Allocations Report for 2018-19**

*Mr. Morrow presented the report*

Mr. Morrow presented the report, commenting that every year the CCPE is appropriated funds from the legislature for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant, and those funds are combined with the Nebraska Lottery Funds that we receive to award each year. An allocation formula is used and institutions are notified how much is available to award to their students. For 2018-19 there is a total of \$18 million dollars available for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant, which is slightly higher than last year due to increased lottery funds. Mr. Morrow noted the allocation funds are listed for each participating institution from 2007-08 through 2018-19.

*Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information 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 Aspen, Planning and Consumer Information Committee Chair*

**PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Aspen, new Committee Chair, introduced Ms. Heese to present the *2018 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Enrollment* report.

*2018 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Enrollment*

**2018 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Enrollment**

*Ms. Heese presented the report*

Ms. Heese presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Enrollment section of the *2018 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*. The report is primarily an online publication used by legislative staff, institutional researchers, and Commission staff looking at 10-year trends from fall 2007 through fall 2017. Ms. Heese stated fall enrollment is down 0.2 percent over the last year and up 6.3 percent over the 10-year period. Ms. Heese provided graphs showing enrollment for undergraduate and graduate students by sector, student level, full-time/part-time classification, gender, race/ethnicity, and distance education status. Ms. Heese answered questions from the Commissioners.

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Biennial Budget Requests for 2019-2021*

*Ms. Lukesh presented the Biennial Budget Request*

### **Biennial Budget Request for 2019-2021**

Ms. Lukesh presented the CCPE Biennial Budget Request, which must be submitted to the DAS-Budget Division by September 15. Ms. Lukesh stated the CCPE is requesting additional spending authority of cash funds of \$1 million for each year of the biennium for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG). For the Access College Early Scholarship Program (ACE), we are requesting a \$54,400 increase in the first year and \$154,400 the second year of the biennium. In the GAP Assistance Program, we are only requesting salary and benefits increase, as recommended by the State Budget Office. The Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund is new and the CCPE is requesting spending authority of \$6,000 in 2019-20, and \$8,000 in 2020-21, which represents the estimated balance in the fund from fees collected from for-profit institutions. Ms. Lukesh reviewed the Administrative Funds request, noting additional General Fund appropriations are being requested for staff salaries, health plan costs, operating expenses related to internal state services, and an increase of \$17,000 each year for the online ACE application program hosted by the state.

*Biennial Budget Request for 2019-2021 approved*

**Chair Wilson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the 2019-2021 CCPE Biennial Budget Request, and allow the Executive Director to make minor modifications as a result of legislative, fiscal office, and Governor's budget office review. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*Next Commission Meeting will be October 11, 2018*

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, October 11, 2018, at the Apothecary Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor north loft, Lincoln, Nebraska

*Chair Wilson comments*

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Wilson expressed his appreciation for the hospitality of the CCPE staff who work to ensure the Commission meetings run smoothly.

*Commissioner Lauritzen comments*

Commissioner Lauritzen recently attended college night in West Point, and reported that it was well attended, with many vendors offering informational materials. She noted that the Nebraska Indian Community College in Macy is offering a CNA class for high school students, which gives them an opportunity to obtain further education in nursing. They currently have fifty students taking the class. She noted long lines at several of the college booths, and mentioned that EducationQuest was offering twenty-minute financial aid sessions during the event.

*Commissioner Probyn comments*

Commissioner Probyn reported the September 6, 2018, *Wall Street Journal* contains higher education ranking of U.S. colleges.

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*Commissioner Adam comments*

Commissioner Adam reported that two young men who were graduates of Central Community College went to and won a national competition in manufacturing technology. They developed a way for people without thumbs to play games and utilize a joystick. One has a good job in Grand Island and the other is moving on to UNL to finish his degree. Commissioner Probyn added that they used a 3-D printer in their product development.

*Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.