
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION December 6, 2018 Nebraska State Capitol Lincoln, 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 DECEMBER 6, 2018. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 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 10:32 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair W. Scott Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Dr. Ron Hunter

Commission Staff Present

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

*Minutes of October 11, 2018
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2018, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Probyn moved that the October 11, 2018, minutes be approved. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Bernthal abstained. The remaining seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Wilson's Report

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wilson reported Commissioners and staff met with the Nebraska State Board of Education this morning for a breakfast meeting.

Chair Wilson asked Commissioner Frison to discuss the Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) meeting she recently attended. Dr. Frison noted this was her first MHEC meeting, and first time to Fargo, ND. She stated that she was very impressed with the organization of the meeting and the topics presented.

On October 19, Chair Wilson and Executive Director Dr. Michael Baumgartner met with Dr. Dan Hansen, President of Peru State College. They enjoyed lunch with some of the students and were able to tour recent campus projects that had been approved by the Commission. He noted they were very impressed with the new theater, the Oak Bowl, and the new dorms.

Chair Wilson commented that the 2019 Commission meeting calendar has been revised to include meetings at UNO, Metropolitan Community College, and Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte.

Executive Director's Report

Out-of-service area application authorized

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Baumgartner reported the following out-of-service area application has been authorized:

1. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)
1/14/19 – 5/9/19

Dr. Baumgartner reported on recent SHEEO conference call

Dr. Baumgartner stated he participated in a conference call with SHEEO and Craig Chandler, the Director of Total Force Integration Division at Army University, concerning new efforts to match up military training to occupational specialties and coursework at colleges and universities, particularly community colleges. Dr. Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, assisted with follow-up calls with the Kansas Board of Regents and Mr. Chandler, and she has spoken to Dr. Jody Tomanek from Mid-Plains Community College about setting up a meeting between the community college Chief Academic Officers and Mr. Chandler. Dr. Baumgartner noted that Kansas has done very well with matching up military training with college credit hours.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed attending NCCA meeting

Dr. Baumgartner attended the Nebraska Community College Association Annual meeting in Norfolk on November 5. The program focused on college promise programs and other national trends in student success. There were several presenters who spoke on how the association can move forward with promise programs.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke on his attendance and topics at HLC meetings

Dr. Baumgartner recently attended two meetings with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). On October 26, he and Dr. Fimple were at UNO. The topic was substantive change, including new programs, new locations, distance education, and ownership. On November 8 and 9, he attended the annual state agencies meeting in Chicago. Topics included negotiated rulemaking and state authorization at the federal level; change processes that require accreditors and state authorization; HLC's strategic plan over the next five years; and veteran program authorization which is a function that involves the Nebraska Board of Education.

Dr. Baumgartner attended MHEC meeting

The MHEC meeting was bittersweet saying goodbye to long-time President Larry Isaac and welcoming the new President Susan Heegaard.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed ESUCC Purchasing Consortium

The Nebraska Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) Purchasing Consortium is a consortium that is used by almost half of the colleges and universities in Nebraska. All the public and private colleges and universities have been contacted to introduce them to the purchasing consortium and Craig Peterson who heads it up.

Dr. Baumgartner reported his participation in Blueprint Nebraska subcommittee

Dr. Baumgartner is participating on a postsecondary and career subcommittee for Blueprint Nebraska, with UNL Provost Susan Fritz, Greg Adams, Jodi Kupper, and several others. Currently they are honing research questions and gathering data.

Dr. Baumgartner will attend the NCTA annual advisory committee meeting in January

Dr. Baumgartner will be attending the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture's annual advisory committee meeting on January 4, 2019.

The Legislature convenes January 9, 2019

The Legislative session convenes on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, and the Governor's budget address is coming up soon after that, which has to be on or before January 15. Dr. Baumgartner met with Cheryl Wolf and Gary Bush to go over the Commission's budget request and recommendations.

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Mr. Bill Hitesman, Central Community College, Hastings Campus

Mr. Bill Hitesman, Vice President of Skills and Technical Sciences and Hastings Campus President for Central Community College, came forward to support Central Community College's Energy Technology proposal. He gave background history and spoke on current energy resources at the campus and offered to answer any questions the Commissioners may have regarding the proposal.

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 chaired the Academic Programs Committee

Central Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Mr. Hitesman and Dr. Nate Allen, Central Community College, Hastings Campus

APC recommendation

Central Community College Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Energy Technology (AAS, Diploma, Certificate) approved

Southeast Community College

Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Bob Morgan, Southeast Community College

Shawna Herwick, Southeast Community College

APC recommendation

Southeast Community College's Request to Establish Off-Campus Centers in Plattsmouth and Wahoo approved

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Bernthal, Committee Chair, opened the Academic Programs segment and asked Dr. Kathleen Fimple to present the first agenda item.

Central Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Energy Technology (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting a survey was provided by Central Community College that was helpful in determining the need and demand for the program. The program targets students who want to design, install, and service energy systems. Dr. Fimple commented that facilities are in place on the Hastings campus and the courses would be offered via web and lab/lecture format. Mr. Hitesman and Dr. Nate Allen, Dean of Instruction over Skills and Technical Sciences at the CCC Hastings Campus, answered questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bernthal stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Central Community College proposal for a New Instructional Program – Energy Technology (AAS, Diploma, Certificate), with the first program review date June 30, 2021.

Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Central Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Energy Technology (AAS, Diploma, Certificate). A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Southeast Community College – Request to Establish Off-Campus Centers – Plattsmouth and Wahoo

Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Bob Morgan, Vice Provost of Program Planning at Southeast Community College, provided information on Plattsmouth being within SCC's fifteen county area and being a strong supporter of SCC. Dr. Fimple explained that Commission Rule 10 states that an institution can provide an off-campus center within their service area unless there are similar courses and/or programs offered by another public institution within a 30-mile radius. As that is the case with this proposal, then they must seek Commission approval and notify the institution that is within that radius. Mr. Morgan noted that the Higher Learning Commission requires them to have their approval if they offer 50% or more of a degree program at an off-campus center. Shawna Herwick, SCC Administrative Director of Planning and Accreditation, stated the majority of the course deliveries are broadcast to the off-campus centers from one of their branch campuses.

Commissioner Bernthal stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Southeast Community College Request to Establish Off-Campus Centers in Plattsmouth and Wahoo.

Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Southeast Community College's

Request to Establish Off-Campus Centers in Plattsmouth and Wahoo. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

2017-2018 Existing Program Review

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Dr. Fimple and Commissioner Bernthal discussed the existing program table and stated these community college programs have met the Commission's threshold and have been approved by the Executive Director for continuation.

Central Community College

Early Childhood Education – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Metropolitan Community College

Design, Interactivity and Media Arts – AAS, Certificate

Early Childhood Education – AAS, Certificate

Fashion Design – AAS, Certificate

Interior Design – AAS, Certificate

Photography – AAS, Certificate

Video/Audio Communication Arts – AAS, Certificate

Mid-Plains Community College

Early Childhood Education – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Graphic Design – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Northeast Community College

Early Childhood Education – AAS, AA, Diploma

Graphic Design – AAS, AA/AS

Southeast Community College

Early Childhood Education – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Graphic Design/Media Arts – AAS

Western Nebraska Community College

Early Childhood Education – AAS, AA, Diploma, Certificate

*Off-Campus and Distance Education at
Nebraska Public Institutions Report*

*Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple
presented the report*

**Off-Campus and Distance Education at Nebraska Public Institutions
Report**

Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the report. Dr. Fimple noted that the Commission decided to report only on the courses that are offered to high school students. The Commission is concerned about accessibility and many of the courses are delivered by traditional delivery (face-to-face, students and instructor at an off-site location). Up until now, this data has not been collected in Nebraska by anyone else. Dr. Fimple commented that it is important for high school students to have access to college courses, and the studies show that those students are more likely to graduate high school and go on to attend college. Dr. Fimple stated that the report shows Metropolitan Community College made significant growth in college courses offered to high school students. That can partially be attributed to early college courses offered at Millard South High School,

and an increase in developmental math offerings. Central Community College also showed significant growth. Dr. Fimple discussed several maps and graphs in the report and answered Commissioners' questions.

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement Update

Dr. Fimple presented the update

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Update

Dr. Fimple provided an update on SARA, indicating that as of this past October, 49 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands were members of SARA, and almost 1,900 institutions were participating in SARA. As of now, California is the only state that has not joined SARA, most likely due to the fact that California does not have an organization equivalent to CCPE. Dr. Fimple provided information on Nebraska institution enrollments and the states where students are coming from. In spring of 2019 institutions participating in SARA must report their in-state distance education enrollments in addition to out-of-state enrollments. The national NC-SARA is redesigning their website and they are creating a searchable database of academic programs available through distance education. Dr. Fimple reported that former CCPE executive director Marshall Hill will be retiring as NC-SARA's executive director.

Report on Off-Campus Centers, Discontinued Programs, Program Name Changes, and Single and Dual Degrees

Off-Campus Centers

Off-Campus Centers

1. SCC – York
2. SCC – Nebraska City

Discontinued Programs

Discontinued Programs

1. UNO – Recreation and Leisure Studies (BS)
2. UNK – Theatre Education K-12 (BAEd)
3. UNK – Speech Communication (BA, BS, BAEd)

Program Name Changes

Program Name Changes

1. UNK – Organizational Communication Comprehensive (BS) to *Organizational and Relational Communication Comprehensive (BS)*
2. UNK – Musical Theatre (BM) to *Musical Theatre Comprehensive (BM)*

Dual Degree

Dual Degree

1. UNMC and UNO – Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Business Administration

Single Degree

Single Degree

1. Joint UNK and UNO Master of Fine Arts in Writing will become the sole academic responsibility of UNO

*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 chaired the
BCF Committee report*

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Von Behren, Committee Chair, acknowledged Committee members who recently met to review Metropolitan Community College's proposal to construct an automotive facility on their South Omaha Campus. He introduced Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, to provide details of the proposal.

*Metropolitan Community College /
South Omaha Campus*

**Metropolitan Community College / South Omaha Campus –
Automotive Facility**

Mr. Wemhoff presented the proposal

Mr. Wemhoff presented the proposal, noting that Metropolitan Community College plans to build a 93,563 square foot automotive facility on the South Omaha Campus. It will combine the auto collision and auto technology programs that are currently in two different locations. When they do consolidate, the new facility would expand both the size and number of auto lab bays that would allow more students and improved safety around the vehicles. They are looking at starting a Toyota Technician Training and Education Network (T-Ten) program. The new facility would also include specialized labs, a showroom entry, industry training and meeting room, advisor space, and five classrooms. The cost of the project is \$32.5 million with \$16.26 million in private donations, \$14.31 million in capital improvement property tax levy funds, and \$1.95 million in student facility fees. General Operating Funds will cover the facility operating and maintenance cost, which is estimated at \$587,000 per year. Mr. Wemhoff commented that this would be the last major project from the 2010 master plan.

*Stan Horell, Metropolitan Community
College*

Stan Horell, Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability at Metropolitan Community College, answered Commissioners' questions and spoke briefly about Metro's relationship with manufacturers such as Toyota with training their technicians. He noted Metro's average student age is 28, and those students require specialized training and certification for the changing automotive industry.

BCF Committee recommendation

Commissioner Von Behren stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Metropolitan Community College / South Omaha Campus – Automotive Facility.

*Metropolitan Community College /
South Omaha Campus – Automotive
Facility approved*

Commissioner Von Behren, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Metropolitan Community College's / South Omaha Campus Automotive Facility. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Probyn abstained. The

remaining seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Wilson called for a break at 12:19 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:31 p.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.

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

Commissioner Aspen chaired the Planning and Consumer Information Committee

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Aspen, Committee Chair, introduced Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, to present the *2018 Measuring Accomplishments* report.

2018 Measuring Accomplishments, Companion Piece to Chapter One of the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education

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Ms. Heese presented a PowerPoint presentation, noting that this is the third edition of *Measuring Accomplishments*, which is a companion piece to Chapter One of the *Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education*. The report includes national and peer comparisons as well as non-comparative measures and is updated on an annual basis. Ms. Heese stated Nebraska is ranked in the top 25 for educational attainment by age group, degree level, enrollment rates, and six-year completion rates. Nebraska also is in the top 10 for high school graduation rates and ACT college readiness. Ms. Heese gave an update on national comparisons, peer comparisons, and non-comparative measures, and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Jill Heese presented a PowerPoint presentation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Wilson reported that the Executive Committee met via teleconference recently and has two items on the agenda.

Executive Committee

Chair Wilson stated the Committee met recently

Ratification of the 2018 Biennial Report

Dr. Baumgartner commented that the *2018 Biennial Report* provides an overview of the Coordinating Commission's accomplishments during 2017-2018. It is due every other year by December 1 to the legislature. Because there are no issues with the report and its due date was prior to the December Commission meeting, he asked the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Commission and approve it, and request ratification by the full Commission.

Ratification of the 2018 Biennial Report

Dr. Baumgartner presented the report

Chair Wilson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the Ratification of the 2018 Biennial Report. A roll call vote was taken, with all eight Commissioners present voting yes. The motion carried.

Ratification of the 2018 Biennial Report approved

Approval of the 2018-2019 Executive Director Salary

Chair Wilson made a motion to go into closed session

Motion to go into closed session approved

Commissioners go into closed session to discuss the executive director salary

Closed session began at 1:30 p.m.

Closed session ended at 1:47 p.m.

2018-2019 executive director salary approved

Motion made for the Executive Committee to examine parameters of doing an evaluation of the executive director and report to the full Commission

Motion approved

Next Commission meeting is Thursday, January 24, 2019

Commissioner Probyn comments

Dr. Baumgartner comments

Approval of the 2018-2019 Executive Director Salary

Chair Wilson moved to enter into closed session as authorized by the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 84-1410, for the protection of the public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of Dr. Michael Baumgartner, who has not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of discussing the Executive Director's salary. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all eight Commissioners present voting yes. The motion carried.

Chair Wilson requested that staff and guests leave the room and stated that the Commission is going into closed session to discuss the proposed salary of the Executive Director recommended by the Executive Committee.

The Commission entered into closed session at 1:30 p.m.

The Commission ended the closed session at 1:47 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Chair Wilson stated that formal action must be taken in open session on Dr. Baumgartner's salary recommendation.

Commissioner Probyn made a motion to approve a 1.5% salary increase for 2018-2019 for Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director, as proposed. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all eight Commissioners present voting yes. The motion carried.

Commissioner Adam made a motion that the Executive Committee examine the parameters of doing an evaluation of the Executive Director and report back to the full Commission by the March 2019 Commission meeting. Commissioner Aspen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all eight Commissioners present voting yes. The motion carried.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, January 24, 2019, at the Apothecary Building, 5th floor loft, Lincoln, Nebraska.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Probyn thanked Dr. Baumgartner for establishing several institutional site visits for the 2019 meeting calendar. He also proposed the possibility of a tour of The Drone School in Omaha before or after the July 2019 Commission meeting. Dr. Baumgartner replied that he would look into arranging a tour. He also commented that there is a possibility of a tour of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) in Curtis

before the Mid-Plains Community College North Platte Commission meeting in July.

Chair Wilson comments

Chair Wilson wished fellow Commissioners and staff Happy Holidays.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.