
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION Meeting held virtually via Zoom Thursday, January 20, 2022, 8:30 a.m. (Central)

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 JANUARY 20, 2022. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 A.M.

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

GWENN ASPEN, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Aspen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Gwenn Aspen	Mary Lauritzen
Tim Daniels	Molly O'Holleran
Dr. Deborah Frison	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Charles Garman	W. Scott Wilson
Dr. Dennis Headrick (non-voting)	

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	J. Ritchie Morrow
Jeremy Chancellor	Helen Pope
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Gary Timm
Kadi Lukesh	Joe Velaquez (Zoom moderator)

Minutes of December 2, 2021, Joint NDE and CCPE Meeting approved

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2021, JOINT NDE AND CCPE MEETING

Commissioner O'Holleran made a motion to approve the December 2, 2021, Joint NDE and CCPE meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Garman and Von Behren abstained. The remaining six Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*Minutes of December 2, 2021,
Commission Meeting approved*

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2021, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the December 2, 2021, Commission meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Von Behren seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Garman, O’Holleran, and Von Behren abstained. The remaining five Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair’s Report

*Welcome of new Commissioner Dr.
Dennis Headrick*

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Aspen reported that Commissioner Gene Kelly resigned from the Commission effective December 23, 2021, as he is moving out of state. The Commission wishes him well in his next adventure. Chair Aspen introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Dr. Dennis Headrick. Dr. Headrick has been appointed but not confirmed. Commissioner Headrick stated he recently retired from Southeast Community College after serving as vice president of academic affairs for many years. Chair Aspen appointed Commissioner Headrick to the Academic Programs Committee.

*Appointment and Ratification of
Commissioner Daniels to serve on the
Executive Committee*

Appointment and Ratification of Executive Committee Member

Chair Aspen made a motion to appoint Commissioner Daniels to the Executive Committee, replacing former Commissioner Adam. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion to approve the appointment and ratification of Commissioner Daniels. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Daniels abstained. The remaining seven Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

Executive Director’s Report

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The following out-of-service area authorizations were approved by the Executive Director:

Out-of-service area authorizations

1. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video from CCC, Columbus NE
to Elgin Pope John XXIII High School, Elgin, NE
 - SPCH 1110 - Public Speaking - 3 credits
January 10, 2022 - May 5, 2022
2. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video from CCC, Columbus NE
to Deshler High School, Deshler, NE
 - MATH 2070 - Calculus II - 5 credits
January 10, 2022 - May 5, 2022
3. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE
to Sargent High School, Sargent, NE
 - BIOS 1260 - Structure & Function of Human Body II - 2 credits
January 10, 2022 - May 5, 2022

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4. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Distance Learning from MPCC to Elgin Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Elgin, NE
 - SOCI 1010 - Introduction to Sociology - 3 credits
January 17, 2022 - May 12, 2022
 5. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Distance Learning from MPCC through St. Patrick's High School in North Platte, NE to Ravenna High School, Ravenna, NE
 - HUMS 1100 - Introduction to Humanities - 3 credits
January 10, 2022 - May 24, 2022

Kadi Lukesh presented the Second Quarter Budget Report

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Kadi Lukesh, Budget Coordinator, to present the Second Quarter Budget Report. Ms. Lukesh stated that in the Administrative Funds with half of the year over, and not including the MHEC dues, we stand at 48.2 percent spent. Ms. Lukesh gave brief overviews of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), the Community College Gap Assistance Program, and the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE).

Dr. Baumgartner presented a Legislative update

Dr. Baumgartner presented a Legislative update. Today is the last day bills can be introduced, and it is a short session, so this time there are only a few bills that would affect the Commission in some way. He briefly described each of those bills.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke on recent meetings, staff activities, state personnel rules, and reviewing the CCPE bylaws

Dr. Baumgartner stated that as a follow-up to the breakfast meeting with the State Board of Education last month, he and J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, met with Matt Blomstedt and Kristin Yates of NDE and Liz Koop and Daphne Hall from EducationQuest to discuss next steps in FAFSA completion efforts. Mr. Morrow also participated in a meeting with EducationQuest and high school counselors to encourage their participation in the FAFSA Completion software that we host.

Mr. Morrow and Jill Heese, Research Director, will be presenting the Progress Report and the financial aid programs to Doane University graduate students.

Dr. Baumgartner is working with the Nebraska Tech Collaborative and invited President Jona Van Deun to give a presentation at the March Commission meeting in Grand Island.

Dr. Baumgartner stated that the Department of Administrative Services recently made changes to state personnel rules. Those changes do not apply to the Commission, but a few updates to our employee handbook are needed. The changes would include updating the Catastrophic Illness Donation Program and the addition of a Maternity Leave Donation Program. Those changes will be discussed with the Executive Committee before the March Commission meeting.

Dr. Baumgartner commented that in reviewing our selection processes in our bylaws there are minor inconsistencies and those will be addressed by the Executive Committee.

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

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

Public Hearing on Academic Program Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost at the University of Nebraska, came forward to discuss the information items listed on the agenda and to state there were representatives available to talk about and answer questions on the new program proposal from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

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

Academic Programs Committee

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner O'Holleran, Committee Chair, asked Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, to discuss the new program proposal from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Commissioner O'Holleran spoke

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Educational Neuroscience, Graduate Certificate

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Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting this is a graduate certificate in educational neuroscience that centers on the neurological processes underlying learning and education. This program will focus on emotional and cognitive development, speech and language development, and literacy. Dr. Fimple provided additional information with examples of the way in which school districts use educational neuroscience research. She reported that the Commission received letters in support of the program, there are no graduate certificate programs in this field, and no new resources would be needed at UNL to proceed with the program. Commissioner Lauritzen stated vision and learning are closely related and asked that a developmental vision segment be included in this proposal. Dr. David Jackson, Dr. Carrie Clark, Assistant Professor, Developmental and Learning Sciences at UNL, and Dr. Soo-Young Hong, Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Alan T. Seagren Associate Professor in Education at UNL, discussed the program proposal and answered Commissioners questions.

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

Dr. Carrie Clark, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dr. Soo-Young Hong, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

APC recommendation

Commissioner O'Holleran stated the AP Committee recommendation is to approve the graduate certificate in Educational Neuroscience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Educational Neuroscience, Graduate Certificate approved

Commissioner O'Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's proposal for a New Instructional Program - Educational Neuroscience, Graduate Certificate. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

2020-2021 Existing Program Review

Dr. Fimple reported on the following programs that were approved for continuation by the Executive Director:

Chadron State College

- History (BA, BSE)

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- History (BA, BAE, MA)
- Social Science (BS, BAE)
- Public History (Graduate Certificate)
- Sociology (BA, BS, BSE)

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- History (BA, BS, MA, PhD)
- Sociology (BA, BS, MA, PhD)

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- History (BA, BS, MA)
- Sociology (BA, BS, MA)

Wayne State College

- History (BA, BS)
- Sociology (BA, BS)

Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

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- NECC - Health Information Management Systems, Diploma
- NECC - Health Information Management Systems, Certificate
- UNL - Bioanalytical Chemistry, Graduate Certificate
- UNL - Chromatography and Analytical Separations, Graduate Certificate
- UNL - Financial Analytics, Graduate Certificate
- UNL - Sales Excellence, Graduate Certificate
- UNL - Additive Manufacturing, Graduate Certificate

Discontinued Programs

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- UNL - MS, PhD, and Graduate Certificate in Survey Research and Methodology
- UNL - Bachelor of Science in Grassland Ecology and Management (will become an option within the Grassland Systems major)
- UNL - Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication

Renaming Programs

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- UNL - Financial and Housing Counseling, Graduate Certificate to *Financial Counseling Graduate Certificate*
- UNL - Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Law and Business to *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Business and Law*
- UNL - Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education to *Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication*

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

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Daniels, Committee Chair, stated the committee recently met to review the following action item.

Commissioner Daniels spoke

Facility Operating and Maintenance Costs Inflationary Adjustment - January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023

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Jeremy Chancellor, Facilities Officer, presented the O&M report, noting that the Commission reviews all capital construction projects submitted by public postsecondary institutions. On December 16, 2021, the Commission staff submitted its methodology and recommendation to representatives of the University of Nebraska, Nebraska State Colleges, and Nebraska Community Colleges, requesting comments or modifications. No objection or suggested revisions were received.

Jeremy Chancellor presented the report

BCF Committee recommendation

Commissioner Daniels stated the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee recommends that the facility O&M costs threshold for review remain an incremental increase in tax funds of \$95,000/year for the biennial period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023.

Facility Operating and Maintenance Costs Inflationary Adjustment - January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023, approved

Commissioner Daniels, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Facility Operating and Maintenance Costs Inflationary Adjustment - January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Next Commission meeting is March 10, 2022

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 2022, 8:30 a.m. at Central Community College, Grand Island Campus, Grand Island, Nebraska.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.