
MINUTES

**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Truhlsen Campus Events Center in the
Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education Building
42nd & Emile Street
Omaha, Nebraska
Thursday, July 21, 2022**

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 JULY 21, 2022. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10:15 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.

GWENN ASPEN, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Aspen called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Gwenn Aspen
Tim Daniels
Dr. Deborah Frison

Dr. Dennis Headrick
Molly O'Holleran
Dr. Paul Von Behren

Commissioners Absent

Mary Lauritzen

W. Scott Wilson

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner
Jeremy Chancellor
Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Jill Heese

J. Ritchie Morrow
Helen Pope
Gary Timm

MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2022, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner O’Holleran made a motion to approve the May 20, 2022, minutes as written. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O’Holleran, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

Dr. Matt Hastings, Nebraska Statewide Workforce & Educational Reporting System

PRESENTATION

Dr. Matt Hastings, Executive Director of the Nebraska Statewide Workforce & Educational Reporting System (NSWERS), provided a PowerPoint presentation showing outcomes within Nebraska’s education and workforce training systems.

Chair’s Report

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Aspen reported that before the Commission meeting, Chancellor Jeffrey Gold and Associate Vice Chancellor Dr. Pamela Boyers provided an amazing tour of the Davis Global Center on the UNMC campus for the Commissioners and staff.

Chair Aspen announced the new committee assignments, and the 2022-2023 committee roster was distributed. She requested that a chair for each committee be decided upon at each upcoming committee meeting and thanked everyone for their willingness to serve on those committees.

New Committee assignments

Executive Committee

Gwenn Aspen (Chair)
Dr. Paul Von Behren (Vice Chair)
Dr. Deborah Frison
Tim Daniels

Academic Programs Committee

Dr. Deborah Frison
Dr. Dennis Headrick
Molly O’Holleran
Dr. Paul Von Behren

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

Tim Daniels
Dr. Dennis Headrick
Mary Lauritzen
W. Scott Wilson

Planning and Consumer Information Committee

Tim Daniels
Mary Lauritzen
Molly O’Holleran
W. Scott Wilson

Charles Garman Resolution

Chair Aspen read Resolution 22-3 in appreciation of Commissioner Charles Garman's service on the Commission.

Chair Aspen noted that depending on Commissioners' schedules, the Thursday, October 6, 2022, Commission meeting may be moved to Thursday, October 13, 2022. The meeting will be held via ZOOM.

Executive Director's Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following out-of-service area application request was approved by the executive director:

Out-of-Service area application approved

- Offered by Metropolitan Community College
Interactive two-way video from MCC to Ashland Greenwood High School, Ashland, NE
 - MATH 0910, 0930, 0931, 1220, 1240, 1315
(Math Readiness Project)
2022-2023 Academic year

Gary Timm presented the Fourth Quarter Budget Report

Dr. Baumgartner asked Gary Timm, Chief Finance Officer, to provide the Fourth Quarter Budget Report. Mr. Timm discussed several points of interest on the administrative funds report and spoke briefly on the status of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), the Community College Gap Assistance Program, the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE), Guaranty Recovery Program, and the Community College ARPA Grants.

Dr. Baumgartner reported on recent meetings and activities

Dr. Baumgartner stated that Commissioner Frison and he attended the MHEC Executive Committee meeting in Omaha in June. Last week he attended the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) meeting in Boston and the Education Commission of the States National Policy Forum on Education in DC.

Dr. Baumgartner commented that as required by LB 1014, the guidelines for the two ARPA-funded community college programs administered by the Commission were posted on the Commission's website and reports on the eligibility of the two programs to use ARPA funds were provided to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke on staff meetings and activities

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, recently attended the Midwest State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) meeting in Chicago and will attend the SHEEO Policy Conference in Indianapolis in August. J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, is working with EducationQuest and Education Commissioner Blomstedt on FAFSA completion opportunities. Jill Heese, Research Director, and Mr. Morrow have made presentations on the Progress Report to Doane University graduate counseling students.

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on the Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern.

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

*Public Hearing on Academic Programs
Committee Items*

*Dr. Joel Michaelis, Southeast
Community College*

*Dr. David Jackson, University of
Nebraska*

Mr. Dan Diercks, Crown College

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Joel Michaelis, Vice President of Instruction at Southeast Community College, came forward to state his excitement for the SCC Healthcare Management and Welding Technology Center proposals on the agenda and expressed his appreciation of the Commission's consideration.

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost at the University of Nebraska, stated there were representatives from the University to discuss and answer questions on the degree proposal for Data Science at UNL.

Mr. Dan Diercks testified that he is the new Director of Crown College in Omaha and briefly discussed their plans to enhance and grow the program.

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

Academic Programs Committee

*Southeast Community College -
Proposal for a New Instructional
Program - Healthcare Management,
AAS*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

*Ms. Jill Sand, Southeast Community
College*

*Academic Programs Committee
recommendation*

*Southeast Community College -
Proposal for a New Instructional
Program - Healthcare Management,
AAS approved*

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln -
Proposal for a New Instructional
Program - Data Science, BA, BS*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

*Dr. Lance Perez and Dr. Mark Button,
University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Southeast Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Healthcare Management, AAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that the program will be online with students doing practicum in their home community. This health management degree is the only one of its kind in Nebraska. Ms. Jill Sand, Dean of Health Sciences Division at Southeast Community College, added that this program would assist graduates to move on into entry-level management positions.

Commissioner O'Holleran stated the Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the Associate of Applied Science degree in Healthcare Management at Southeast Community College.

Commissioner O'Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the Associate of Applied Science degree in Healthcare Management at Southeast Community College. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Data Science, BA, BS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating this program is interdisciplinary, pulling courses from three colleges at UNL, and designed to assist students to create a specific focus area to reach their employment goals. Dr. Lance Perez, Dean, College of Engineering, and Dr. Mark Button, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln answered questions from Commissioners.

Academic Programs Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Data Science, BA, BS

Crown College, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota - Renewal of Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Academic Programs Committee recommendation

Commissioner O’Holleran stated the Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees in Data Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Commissioner O’Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees in Data Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O’Holleran, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

Crown College, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota - Renewal of Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, commenting that Crown College is associated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, offering associate, baccalaureate, and master’s degrees. Enrollments are growing, the college is financially sound, and it was recently accredited with the Higher Learning Commission for an additional 10 years.

Commissioner O’Holleran stated the Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the renewal of the recurrent authorization to operate for Crown College:

Institution: Crown College
Owner: Christian and Missionary Alliance
Level of Authorization: Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate, baccalaureate, and master’s levels, limited to the programs listed below.
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through August 15, 2027)

Crown College Programs:
AS Christian Ministry
BS Biblical Studies
BS Christian Ministry
BS Psych/Counseling
MA Christian Studies
MA Counseling
MA Ministry Leadership
MA Global Leadership

Crown College, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota - Renewal of Authorization to Operate approved

Commissioner O’Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the renewal of the recurrent authorization to operate for Crown College. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O’Holleran, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

Fees for Private Postsecondary Institution Applications

Commissioner O'Holleran presented the fee schedule

Fees for Private Postsecondary Institution Applications approved

Annual Reports from Institutions Holding a Recurrent Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

Report on College Course Offerings for High School Students by Nebraska Public Institutions, 2020-2021

Dr. Fimple discussed the report

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

Name Changes

Fees for Private Postsecondary Institution Applications

Commissioner O'Holleran presented the fee schedule and stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the fees for private postsecondary institution applications to become effective July 22, 2022.

Commissioner O'Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the fees for private postsecondary institution applications to become effective July 22, 2022. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

Annual Reports from Institutions Holding a Recurrent Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

- North Park Theological Seminary
- Purdue University Global
- University of South Dakota

Report on College Course Offerings for High School Students by Nebraska Public Institutions, 2020-2021

Dr. Fimple discussed the highlights of the report, which compiles courses offered at distance by public institutions for Nebraska high school students. The report includes college courses offered by institution, by delivery method, subject area, discipline, student level, and a table indicating the school location and number of courses by sector.

Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

- SCC - Business - Bookkeeping Option, Diploma
- SCC - Early Childhood Education - Infant/Toddler Option, Certificate
- SCC - Early Childhood Education - Preschool Option, Certificate
- SCC - Early Childhood Education, Diploma
- SCC - Culinary/Hospitality - Hospitality Management Focus, Diploma
- SCC - Associate Degree Nursing - LPN-ADN Option, AAS
- UNO - Dyslexia Specialist, Graduate Certificate
- WNCC - Early Childhood Education, Certificate

Name Changes

- UNL - Bachelor of Science in Mechanized Systems Management to the *Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Systems Technology*
- UNO - Bachelor of Science in Education in Kinesiology to the *Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology*

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- UNO - Department of Mathematics to the *Department of Mathematical and Statistical Science*

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

Dr. Joel Michaelis, Southeast Community College

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

Dr. Joel Michaelis, Vice President of Instruction from Southeast Community College, came forward to discuss the need and demand for educational space for the welding programs at SCC.

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

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

Commissioner Daniels spoke

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Daniels, Committee Chair, acknowledged Committee members that recently met to discuss the projects on the agenda. He introduced Jeremy Chancellor, Facilities Officer, to present the proposals.

Peru State College - Capital Construction Project - Indoor Recreational Complex

Jeremy Chancellor presented the project proposal

Peru State College - Capital Construction Project - Indoor Recreational Complex

Mr. Chancellor stated the project at Peru State College would expand the existing Baseball and Softball Complex, and a new indoor recreational facility would be constructed to serve multiple activities and team types. The existing Al Wheeler Activity Center is currently at its capacity.

Dr. Jodi Kupper, Nebraska State College System

Dr. Jodi Kupper, Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Partnerships from the Nebraska State College System, spoke on economic development in Peru and how they are working to offer student-friendly shops and services.

Commissioner Daniels read the Committee recommendation

Commissioner Daniels stated that pursuant to the Nebr. Rev. Stat. § 85-1414, the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education recommends approval of Peru State College's proposal to utilize State appropriations for the Indoor Recreational Complex project, including providing additional operating and maintenance funding for the new facility, as outlined in the governing board's approved program statement of January 2022.

Peru State College - Capital Construction Project - Indoor Recreational Complex

Commissioner Daniels, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Peru State College's Capital Construction Project - Indoor Recreation Complex. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

Southeast Community College - Capital Construction Project - Welding Technology Center

Mr. Chancellor presented the project proposal

Southeast Community College - Capital Construction Project - Welding Technology Center

Mr. Chancellor presented the proposal, noting that SCC is proposing to construct a stand-alone Welding Technology Center at the 8800 O Street location to meet student, program, industry, and community demand.

*Ms. Bev Cummins, Southeast
Community College*

Ms. Bev Cummins, Vice President of Program Development at Southeast Community College, stated that with high demand for skilled welders in many industries and current cramped space at SCC, the new center would allow for safer areas, additional faculty, better equipment, and meet the industry demand for skilled welders.

*Commissioner Daniels read the
Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Daniels stated that pursuant to the Nebr. Rev. Stat. § 85-1414, the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education recommends approval of Southeast Community College's proposal to use \$43,560,000 in capital improvement property taxes to construct the Welding Technology Center on the Lincoln Campus as outlined in the amended program statement approved by the SCC Board of Governors on May 3, 2022.

*Southeast Community College - Capital
Construction Project - Welding
Technology Center*

Commissioner Daniels, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Southeast Community College's Capital Construction Project - Welding Technology Center. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

*Changes to Nebraska Administrative
Code (NAC) Title 281 Chapter 6 (ACE)*

Changes to Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 281 Chapter 6 (ACE)

J. Ritchie Morrow presented the change

J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, presented the changes to the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship program. Students qualify for ACE by being approved for a need-based government program. CCPE staff has proposed to change the ACE program's administrative rules to require that all CEP-school (Community Eligibility Provision) students demonstrate individual eligibility through completion of the Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRL) or a district-specific application that collects equivalent information. The second change clarifies that an institution must notify the Commission if a student withdraws from a course and may either refund the scholarship money to the Commission or reduce the requested amount in the next distribution.

*Budget, Construction, and Financial
Aid Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Daniels stated that the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee recommends approval of the amendments to Nebraska Administrative Code Title 281 Chapter 6.

*Changes to Nebraska Administrative
Code (NAC) Title 281 Chapter 6 (ACE)*

Commissioner Daniels, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Amendments to Nebraska Administrative Code Title 281 Chapter 6. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

*2022-23 Nebraska Opportunity Grant
(NOG) Annual Allocation Report*

2022-23 Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Annual Allocation Report

Mr. Morrow presented the report

Mr. Morrow presented the report on the allocations of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant. He noted that every year the Coordinating Commission is appropriated funds from the legislature, and those funds

are combined with the Nebraska Lottery money that we receive to award each year. After an allocation formula is applied, institutions are notified how much is available to award to their students. Mr. Morrow discussed the portion of the report that includes a breakdown of allocated dollars for each participating institution, and reviewed the graphs indicating NOG funding by source, and the Nebraska Lottery proceeds for NOG.

*FAFSA Submission and Completion
Report for Academic Year 2021-2022*

Mr. Morrow presented the report

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Submission and Completion Report for Academic Year 2021-2022

Mr. Morrow presented the report. The FAFSA Completion Initiative is a program authorized by the US Department of Education and administered by the Coordinating Commission. Mr. Morrow stated that this report reflects completion rates that he was able to track from all Nebraska public and a few private high schools. The report included graphs indicating the number of submitted and completed FAFSA's.

Chair Aspen called for a break at 12:53 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:03 p.m.

*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 Aspen closed the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

*Planning and consumer Information
Committee*

*Commissioner Daniels chairs the
Committee report*

*2022 Factual Look at Higher Education
in Nebraska - Degrees and Other
Award Conferred*

Jill Heese presented the report

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Daniels chaired the Committee report in Commissioner Lauritzen's absence.

2022 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska - Degrees and Other Awards Conferred

Jill Heese, Research Director, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the *2022 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Degrees and Other Awards Conferred*. The report focused on the latest 10-year trends for five sections: sector, award level, gender, race/ethnicity, and discipline cluster. Ms. Heese stated awards were up 8.9% over the last year. The full report is available online at

<https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/factual-look-higher-education-nebraska-2022>.

*Updates to the Comprehensive
Statewide Plan for Postsecondary
Education*

Dr. Baumgartner presented the report

Updates to the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education

Dr. Baumgartner presented the report, noting since 2000 the Commission has updated the *Plan* several times. The current changes include Peru State College's role and mission and the state educational attainment goal set by the 107th Legislature's second session. Taking the opportunity to go through the *Plan*, and with some recommendations from the institutions, revisions have been made to obsolete items, best practices, and several guidelines in the report. Mr. Baumgartner noted that once

*Updates to the Comprehensive
Statewide Plan for Postsecondary
Education approved*

*Next meeting will be Thursday,
September 8, 2022*

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

the changes are approved and made, it is required by statute to report those to the Education Committee. Commissioners will receive updated copies of the report.

Commissioner Daniels, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the updates to the *Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education*. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, September 8, 2022, 8:30 a.m. at Southeast Community College, 301 South 68th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.