
MINUTES

**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
Southeast Community College - Continuing Education Center
301 S. 68th Street Place
Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, September 8, 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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2022. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 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	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Dr. Deborah Frison	W. Scott Wilson
Dr. Dennis Headrick	

Commissioners Participating in a Non-Voting Capacity via Zoom

Mary Lauritzen	Molly O'Holleran
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Commissioners Absent

Tim Daniels

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	Helen Pope
Jeremy Chancellor	Gary Timm
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Joe Velasquez (Zoom Moderator)
J. Ritchie Morrow	

Dr. Paul Illich, Southeast Community College

GREETING

Dr. Paul Illich, Southeast Community College President, welcomed the Commissioners and thanked the Commission for their partnership with the college. He stated that after the meeting he will give a tour of the new Health Sciences building on the SCC main campus.

Public Institutions Biennial Budget Presentations

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS BIENNIAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director, welcomed and introduced representatives from the public institutions to present their biennial budget requests.

Chris Kabourek, University of Nebraska

University of Nebraska

Chris Kabourek, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the University of Nebraska, addressed the Commissioners and presented the University of Nebraska's biennial budget request. The University is requesting a funding increase of 3% for each year of the biennium to cover core needs. The University is also asking the Legislature to endorse \$14.5 million for the new rural health complex on the University of Nebraska Kearney campus and a \$2 million increase for the Career Scholarship program.

Chancellor Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System

Nebraska State College System

Chancellor Paul Turman joined the meeting via Zoom with a PowerPoint presentation of the Nebraska State Colleges Biennium Budget Priorities. The NSCS is requesting 5% increase for operating costs and continued funding of the Career Scholarship Program, the Rural Health Opportunities Program, and the Public Health Early Admission Student Track Scholarship Program. Dr. Turman stated \$1.5 million is being requested for establishing a risk loss trust in response to dramatic increases of liability and property insurance premiums.

Dr. Leah Barrett, Northeast Community College representing Nebraska Community College Association

Nebraska Community College Association

Dr. Leah Barrett, President of Northeast Community College, came forward representing the six community colleges. The community colleges are requesting a 4.5% increase each year with 3.5% going to inflationary increases and the remaining 1% toward reducing dual enrollment tuition costs.

Minutes of July 21, 2022, approved

MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2022, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Headrick made a motion to approve the July 21, 2022, minutes as written. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Frison, Headrick, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Chair's Report

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Aspen stated that she along with Commissioner O'Holleran have been reappointed by the Governor to the Commission with their terms continuing until January 1, 2028.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following out-of-service area application requests were approved by the executive director:

- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Interactive two-way video, from UNO to McCook Sr. High School, McCook, NE
 - English 1010 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose - 3 credits
Fall 2022 - Dual Enrollment
 - English 1020 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama & Film - 3 credits
Spring 2023 - Dual Enrollment

- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Interactive two-way video, from UNO to Lincoln East High School, Lincoln, NE
 - English 1010 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose - 3 credits
Fall 2022 - Dual Enrollment
 - English 1020 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama & Film - 3 credits
Spring 2023 - Dual Enrollment

- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Interactive two-way video, from UNO to Crete High School, Crete, NE
 - Spanish 2120 - Intermediate Spanish II - 3 credits
Fall 2022, Spring 2023 - Dual Enrollment

- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE, to Sargent High School, Sargent, NE
 - BIOS 1250 - Structure & Function of Human Body I - 2 credits
August 15, 2022, to December 16, 2022

- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE, to Sargent High School, Sargent, NE
 - HLTH 1060 - Comprehensive Medical Terminology - 3 credits
August 15, 2022, to May 4, 2023

- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Central Community College, Columbus, NE, to Elgin High School, Elgin, NE
 - ENGL 1010 - English Composition - 3 credits
August 15, 2022, to December 8, 2022

Out-of-service area application requests approved, continued

- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Central City High School, Central City, NE, to Elgin Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Elgin, NE
 - MATH 1600 - Analytic Geometry and Calc I - 5 credits
August 15, 2022, to May 4, 2023
- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Central Community College, Grand Island, NE, to Elgin Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Elgin, NE
 - MATH 1150 - College Algebra - 3 credits
August 15, 2022, to December 9, 2022
- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE, to Elgin Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Elgin, NE
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Dr. Baumgartner reported American Recovery Plan funds

Dr. Baumgartner discussed the American Recovery Plan funds, noting a grant agreement has been signed with Metropolitan Community College for their Career Forward project, and Northeast Community College's request for \$5 million for a Fabrication Lab in Norfolk is pending more information before signing the grant agreement.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed changes to the Comprehensive Statewide Plan

Dr. Baumgartner noted he will present recent changes to the Comprehensive Statewide Plan to the Education Committee later this month and plans to speak at the Nebraska Chamber's Education Council regarding LR 355 at its October meeting.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke on Multistate Collaborative on Military Credit.

Dr. Baumgartner stated he has been working with Sen. Walz's office to bring in participants for presentations and discussions to meet later this month at the Education Committee interim study hearing for Legislative Resolution 373. This is a continuation of the Multistate Collaborative on Military Credit.

Dr. Baumgartner reported on recent meetings and activities

Other staff items of interests included Dr. Baumgartner attending the Governor's Ag and Economic Development Summit in Kearney, and Dr. Baumgartner and Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, recently attending the Governor's WGU announcement and signing. Dr. Fimple attended the SHEEO Policy Conference last month in Indianapolis. She will be attending the NC-SARA National Meeting later this month. J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, is traveling around the state doing his annual ACE, NOG, and Community College Gap audits.

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Treva Haugaard, Council of Independent Nebraska Colleges Foundation

Treva Haugaard, Executive Director from the Council of Independent Nebraska Colleges Foundation came forward noting the council represents all 13 of Nebraska's private colleges and universities. These schools educate nearly 35,000 students per year and award 30 percent of the state's bachelor degrees, 45 percent of the business degrees, and 30 percent of the education degrees. The independent colleges bring in around 13,000 out-of-state students per year, with 51 percent remaining in Nebraska.

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

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Tom McDonnell and Scott Broady, Metropolitan Community College

Dr. Tom McDonnell, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Scott Broady, Associate Dean for Industrial Technology, at Metropolitan Community College, came forward in support of the Powersports and Outdoor Power Technology, AAS, New Instructional Program on the agenda.

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

Academic Programs Committee

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Dennis Headrick

Commissioner Headrick, Committee Chair, stated the committee was appreciative of the information given to them for the upcoming proposals.

Metropolitan Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Powersports and Outdoor Power Technology, AAS

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Dr. Kathleen Fimple

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. McDonnell and Mr. Broady offered detailed information about the proposal and answered Commissioners' questions.

Academic Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: Approve the Metropolitan Community College New Instructional Program - Powersports and Outdoor Power Technology, AAS.

Metropolitan Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Powersports and Outdoor Power Technology, AAS approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Metropolitan Community College's New Instructional Program - Powersports and Outdoor Power Technology,

AAS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Frison, Headrick, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

*Annual Reports from Institutions
Holding a Recurrent Authorization to
Operate*

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Dr. Fimple briefly discussed the two institutions on the annual report.

- CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology
- Mission College of Health Sciences

Existing Program Review

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Dr. Fimple presented the Existing Program Review, noting justifications if the program is under the Commission's performance standards.

Information Items

Central Community College

- Welding Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate
- Advanced Manufacturing Design Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Metropolitan Community College

- Welding Technology, AAS, Certificate

Mid Plains Community College

- Welding Technology, AAS, Diploma

Northeast Community College

- Welding Technology, Diploma
- Electromechanical Technology, AAS
- Machining & Manufacturing Automation, Diploma, Certificate

Southeast Community College

- Welding Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate
- Precision Machining & Automation Technology, AAS, Diploma
- Electrical & Electromechanical Technology, AAS
- Electronic Systems Technology, AAS

Western Nebraska Community College

- Welding Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate, Basic Certificate, Advanced Certificate

Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs

Discontinued Program

Discontinued Program

- Southeast Community College - Mopar Career Automotive Program, AAS

*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*

Commission Scott Wilson

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson, Committee Chair, acknowledged the staff and Commissioners on the recent Committee call and introduced J. Ritchie Morrow to provide the reports.

*2022 Tuition, Fees, and College
Affordability Report*

J. Ritchie Morrow presented the report

2022 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report

Mr. Morrow presented the report and stated that this report is required by statute and due to the Governor and Appropriations Committee by October 1 of each even-numbered year. Mr. Morrow gave a brief overview of tuition and fees, cost of attendance, net price of attendance, student payment share, and the state's investment in higher education. The report provides graphs showing state and local appropriations per FTE and includes policy and budgetary recommendations to maintain Nebraska's competitive position on tuition and fees and to improve affordability for all students. The report concludes with a review a Nebraska's public postsecondary institutions and how they compare to their peer institutions. The full report is available online at ccpe.nebraska.gov

Budget Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: Approve the *2022 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report*.

*2022 Tuition, Fees, and College
Affordability Report approved*

Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the *2022 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report*. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Frison, Headrick, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

*Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship
AY 2021-22 Year-End Report*

Mr. Morrow presented the report

Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship AY 2021-22 Year-End Report

Mr. Morrow presented the report stating the ACE scholarships pay tuition and mandatory fees for qualified, low-income high school students to enroll in college courses from Nebraska universities or colleges. For 2021-2022, the ACE program was funded with \$1,250,000 General funds appropriated by the Legislature. There were 2,683 students from 222 high schools that received 5,152 scholarships. The average award per scholarship was \$206.03. Mr. Morrow reviewed graphs on scholarships awarded, credit hours taken, eligibility, and gender and race/ethnicity of recipients. He spoke on college continuation rates, noting ACE students are doing very well going on to college. The ACE report includes each college, the amount awarded, number of students, scholarships, and average amount of each scholarship per college, along with the number of scholarships awarded by high school.

Budget Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: Approve the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship AY 2021-22 Year-End Report.

Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship AY 2021-22 Year-End Report approved

Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship AY 2021-22 Year-End Report. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Frison, Headrick, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Approval of Amendments to Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 281 Chapter 6 (ACE)

Mr. Morrow discussed the amendments

Approval of Amendments to Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 281 Chapter 6 (ACE)

Mr. Morrow stated a public hearing was held on August 29, 2022, regarding the proposed amendments to ensure the ACE funds go only to students who meet the intended criteria. Commission staff have proposed to change the ACE program's administrative rules to require that all Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school students demonstrate individual eligibility through completion of the Free or Reduced Lunch Program (FLR) application or a district specific application that collects equivalent information. The staff also is proposing to clarify the processes a college or university may employ to refund scholarships to the Commission if a recipient withdraws during the refund period after the funds have been disbursed to the college

Budget Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: Approve the amendments to Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 281 Chapter 6 (ACE)

Approval of Amendments to Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 281 Chapter 6 (ACE) approved

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

Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) AY 2021-22 Year-End Report

Mr. Morrow presented the report

Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) AY 2021-22 Year-End Report

Mr. Morrow presented the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program report. He commented that every year the CCPE is appropriated funds from the Legislature, and those funds are combined with the Nebraska Lottery money that we receive to award each year. For the 2021-22 NOG program award year, \$22,691,467 was awarded to 13,188 students with the average grant award being \$1,720.61. Mr. Morrow discussed the portion of the report that includes a breakdown of allocated dollars for each participating institution from 2011-12 through 2021-2022.

Community College GAP Assistance Program 2021-22 Annual Year-End Report

Gary Timm presented the report

Community College GAP Assistance Program 2021-22 Annual Year-End Report

Mr. Timm presented the report, stating the program was established to identify skilled workforce shortages and an identified affordability and workforce preparation "gap." The program is designed to provide financial aid to low-income community college students enrolled in credit or non-credit programs that do not qualify for federal Pell grants. The report provides the number of applicants and approved participants with

cumulative statistics from 2016-17 through 2021-22. The report also lists all the programs of study at each of the community colleges.

Chair Aspen called for a break at 10:45 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:55 a.m.

Executive Committee

CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2023-25

Mr. Timm discussed the Budget Request

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2023-25

Mr. Timm reported that the CCPE agency budget is due to the DAS-Budget Division on September 15. The request is broken down into two categories: Financial Aid and Operating Funds. He stated the CCPE is requesting an increase in General Funds of \$2 million for the first year of the biennium and an additional \$1 million the following year for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG). Mr. Timm reviewed the Administrative Funds request for a 5 percent annual increase for staff salaries and a 4 percent increase in employee health plan costs each year of the biennium, along with increases for increase in travel and certain operating expenses.

Executive Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: Approve the July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, Agency Budget Request. The Committee also recommends authorizing the Executive Director to make minor revisions to the budget request.

CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2023-25 approved

Commissioner Aspen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2023-25 and authorize the Executive Director to make minor revisions to the budget request. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Frison, Headrick, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Approval of Changes to Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 281 Chapter 12

Dr. Baumgartner spoke on the changes to the NAC

Approval of Changes to Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 281 Chapter 12

Dr. Baumgartner stated a recent staff review of existing rules indicated there were a number of statutes that had been repealed or renumbered since Rule 12 was adopted in 1994. The purpose of these changes is to amend our administrative procedures to replace those elements that no longer exist. The Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Commission recommended that the Commission use the DAS rules of practice as a model, which staff has done. A public hearing was held on August 29, 2022. There were no opponents, proponents, or people testifying in a neutral position, nor were any comments received prior to the hearing.

Executive Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: Approve the amendments to Nebraska Administrative Code Title 281 Chapter 12.

Approval of Changes to Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 281 Chapter 12 approved

Commissioner Aspen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the Changes to Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC)

Approval of 2023 CCPE Meeting Calendar

Chair Aspen presented the 2023 meeting calendar

Executive Committee recommendation

2023 CCPE Meeting Calendar approved

Next Commission meeting will be Thursday, October 13, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Title 281 Chapter 12. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Frison, Headrick, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Approval of 2023 CCPE Meeting Calendar

Chair Aspen presented the 2023 CCPE Meeting Calendar, noting all meetings will be held on Fridays in 2023.

Committee recommendation: Approve the 2023 CCPE Meeting Calendar.

Commissioner Aspen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the 2023 CCPE Meeting Calendar. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Frison, Headrick, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, October 13, 2022, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.