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# MINUTES

**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**  
**Apothecary Building, 5 Floor, North Loft**  
**140 No. 8<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**  
**Thursday, December 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 DECEMBER 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. 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

GWENN ASPEN, CHAIR

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice-Chair Von Behren called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked for introductions.

**Commissioners Present**

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| Tim Daniels         | Molly O'Holleran    |
| Dr. Deborah Frison  | Dr. Paul Von Behren |
| Dr. Dennis Headrick | W. Scott Wilson     |

**Commissioners Participating in a Non-Voting Capacity via Zoom**

Mary Lauritzen

**Commissioners Absent**

Gwenn Aspen

**Commission Staff Present**

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| Dr. Michael Baumgartner | J. Ritchie Morrow |
| Dr. Kathleen Fimple     | Helen Pope        |
| Jill Heese              | Gary Timm         |

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*Minutes of October 13, 2022, approved*

*Commissioner O'Holleran joined the meeting at 8:36 a.m.*

*Chair's Report*

*Executive Director's Report*

*Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern*

*Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items*

*Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska*

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2022, COMMISSION MEETING**  
Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the October 13, 2022, minutes as written. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

In Chair Aspen's absence, Vice Chair Von Behren stated there was no report.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Baumgartner reported he and Commissioner Frison attended the Midwestern Higher Education Compact's annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, last month. He also recently attended the Education Commission of the States winter meeting in San Diego. He is an appointed Commissioner by Governor Ricketts.

Dr. Baumgartner stated that staff members have been busy attending meetings. Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, attended the Higher Learning Commission's annual meeting for state agencies last month. Gary Timm, Chief Finance Officer, discussed the Gap Assistance Program and ARPA funding for the colleges at the Nebraska Community College Association annual meeting. Jill Heese, Research Director, along with Dr. Baumgartner, will meet via Zoom with the Nebraska Manufacturing Alliance, and Ms. Heese will be presenting *Factual Look* enrollment information to the community colleges later this month. J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, attended the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs conference in DC in October and participated in the annual Federal Student Aid conference via Zoom.

Dr. Baumgartner noted the Nebraska Legislature reconvenes on January 4, 2023, and he looks forward to meeting with new members.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

**Vice Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Matters of General Concern.**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost at the University of Nebraska, came forward to state that representatives from the University were available to discuss and answer questions on the in-depth review/monitoring reports agenda items. He noted there are several programs being discontinued that were no longer relevant as they modernize the curricula.

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**Vice Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items.**

*Academic Programs Committee*

*Commissioner Dennis Headrick*

*Monitoring Report for a Program  
Previously Reviewed - University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln - Music, PhD*

*Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the  
report*

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

*Academic Committee recommendation*

*Monitoring Report for a Program  
Previously Reviewed - University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln - Music, PhD  
approved*

*Monitoring Report for a Program  
Previously Reviewed - University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln - Art History, MA*

*Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the  
report*

*Dr. Katie Anania, University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln*

*Academic Committee recommendation*

*Monitoring Report for a Program  
Previously Reviewed - University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln - Art History, MA  
approved*

*Monitoring Report for a Program  
Previously Reviewed - University of  
Nebraska at Kearney - English  
Literature, MA*

*Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the  
report*

*Dr. Megan Adkins, University of  
Nebraska at Kearney*

*Academic Committee recommendation*

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Headrick, Committee Chair, introduced Dr. Fimple to present the in-depth reports from the University of Nebraska.

**Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Music, PhD**

Dr. Fimple presented the monitoring report for the PhD in Music program at UNL. Dr. Chris Marks, Associate Dean at UNL, provided information on the program and answered Commissioners' questions.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission continue the PhD in Music program at UNL.

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the PhD in Music program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Art History, MA**

Dr. Fimple presented the monitoring report for the MA in Art History at UNL. Dr. Katie Anania, Assistant Professor of Art History, offered information on the program.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission continue the MA in Art History at UNL.

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the MA in Art History Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska at Kearney - English Literature, MA**

Dr. Fimple presented the monitoring report for the MA in English with a Literature Emphasis program at UNK. Dr. Megan Adkins, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at UNK, was present to discuss the program.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission acknowledge the restructuring of the English graduate programs and continue the MA in English.

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*Monitoring Report for a Program  
Previously Reviewed - University of  
Nebraska at Kearney - English  
Literature, MA approved*

*Monitoring Report for a Program  
Previously Reviewed - University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln - Natural Resource  
and Environmental Economics, BS*

*Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the  
report*

*Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln*

*Academic Committee recommendation*

*Monitoring Report for a Program  
Previously Reviewed - University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln - Natural Resource  
and Environmental Economics, BS  
approved*

*Monitoring Report for a Program  
Previously Reviewed - University of  
Nebraska Medical Center -  
Biostatistics, PhD*

*Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the  
report*

*Dr. David Jackson, Dr. Chris Wichman,  
Dr. Jeffrey Gold, University of Nebraska*

*Academic Committee recommendation*

*Monitoring Report for a Program  
Previously Reviewed - University of  
Nebraska Medical Center -  
Biostatistics, PhD*

*2020-2021 Existing Program Review*

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the MA in English Program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Natural Resource and Environmental Economics, BS**

Dr. Fimple presented the monitoring report for the BS in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics at UNL. Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, Dean, and Dr. Larry Van Tassel, Department Chair, came forward and discussed the program and answered Commissioners' questions.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission continue the BS in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics at UNL.

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the BS in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska Medical Center- Biostatistics, PhD**

Dr. Fimple presented the monitoring report for the PhD in Biostatistics at UNMC. Dr. David Jackson, Dr. Chris Wichman, Director of the Biostatistics graduate program, and Dr. Jeffrey Gold (via Zoom) all spoke in support of continuing the program and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission continue the PhD in Biostatistics at UNMC.

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the PhD in Biostatistics Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**2020-2021 Existing Program Review**

The following University, State, and Community College programs were approved by the Executive Director for continuation.

Chadron State College

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- Education, BSE
  - Curriculum and Instruction, ME
- Special Education, BSE

Peru State College

- Education, BA, BS
  - Curriculum and Instruction, MEd

Wayne State College

- Education, BS
  - Curriculum and Instruction, MSE
- Early Childhood & Family Studies, BS
- Special Education, BA, BS, MSE
- School Administration, MSE, EdS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education, BS-Ele, BS-Sec, MEd, MA
  - Early Literacy, Graduate Certificate
  - K-3 Mathematics Specialist, Graduate Certificate
  - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Graduate Certificate,
  - Response to Intervention: Reading, Graduate Certificate
  - World Language Teaching: German, Graduate Certificate
  - World Language Teaching: Spanish Graduate Certificate,
  - Mathematics Education, Graduate Certificate
  - Social Justice & Diversity Education, Graduate Certificate
- Educational Studies, EdD, PhD
- Special Education, BSEH, MA, MEd, EdS
  - Autism Spectrum Disorders & Severe Disabilities, Graduate Certificate (inactivated 2021)
  - Early Childhood Special Education, Graduate Certificate
  - Sensory Disabilities, Graduate Certificate
- Educational Administration, MA, MEd, EdD
  - Community College Leadership, Graduate Certificate
  - Educational Administration and Supervision, Graduate Certificate
- Human Sciences, PhD
- Educational Psychology, MA, PhD, EdS
  - Mixed Methods Research, Graduate Certificate

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Teacher Education
  - Elementary Education/Special Education, BS
  - Elementary Education, BS, MS
  - Library Science, BMS, BS
  - Secondary Education/Special Education, BS
  - Secondary Education, BS, MS
  - Literacy, MS
  - Instruction in Urban Schools, Graduate Certificate
- Special Education & Communication Disorders
  - Communication Disorders, BS
  - Early Childhood Inclusive, BS
  - Special Education, MS
  - Speech-Language Pathology, MS
- Educational Leadership, MS
  - Educational Administration, EdD
  - Educational Administration & Supervision, EdS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Elementary Education
  - Early Childhood Inclusive, BAE
  - Elementary Education K-6, BAE
  - Middle Level 5-9 Subject, BAE, BSE
  - Business Education, BAE
  - Reading PK-12, MAE
  - Science/Math Education, MSE
  - Instructional Technology, MSE
  - Curriculum and Instruction, MAE
- Special Education, BAE, MAE
- Educational Administration, MAE, EdS
  - School Superintendent

Discontinued Programs:

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Human Sciences, EdD
- Food Technology for Companion Animals, BS
- Veterinary Science, MS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Art History, BA

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*Dr. Fimple and Dr. Baumgartner presented the revisions*

Dr. Fimple and Dr. Baumgartner discussed the proposed revisions to the guidelines for submitting proposals.

*Academic Committee recommendation*

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the revisions to Guidelines for Submitting Proposals for New Instructional Programs and New Organizational Units: Appendix A: Definitions of Programs.

*Revisions to Guidelines for Submitting Proposals for New Instructional Programs and New Organizational Units: Appendix A: Definitions of Programs approved*

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the revisions to Guidelines for Submitting Proposals for New Instructional Programs and New Organizational Units: Appendix A: Definitions of Programs. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

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

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*Dr. Kathleen Fimple discussed the report*

Dr. Fimple presented the recurrent authorization to operate report for Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, (at Union College), and Pillar Seminary, Omaha, NE., for the Administrative Office only.

*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.

**Vice Chair Von Behren 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 W. Scott Wilson*

Commissioner Wilson, Committee Chair, stated the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee recently met to discuss the two action items on the agenda.

*Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations 2022-23 Deficit Request*

**Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations 2022-23 Deficit Request**

*Gary Timm presented the budget recommendations*

Gary Timm, Chief Finance Officer, presented the budget recommendations, stating that the Commission is directed to review the budget requests of the governing boards and make recommendations for approval or modification of the budget requests, together with the rationale for its recommendations. Dr. Monte Kramer, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at the Nebraska State College System, was present and discussed the market-driven reasoning for an increase in adjunct pay.

*Dr. Monte Kramer, Nebraska State College System*

*Budget Committee recommendation*

Committee recommendation: Approval of the Operating Budget Recommendation for the 2022-23 Deficit Requests.

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*Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations 2022-23 Deficit Request*

**Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Operating Budget Recommendation for the 2022-23 Deficit Requests. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*Southeast Community College - Milford Campus - Construction Technologies Center*

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*Mr. Timm presented the proposal*

Mr. Timm presented the proposal. Southeast Community College is proposing to construct a 94,735 square foot construction technologies center on their Milford Campus that would meet the evolving needs for classrooms, labs, and student/faculty spaces. The new facility would bring together faculty and students from six construction technologies programs that are currently located in three aging facilities. The estimated cost of the project is \$40,640,000 coming from private fundraising, institutional cash funds, and Capital Improvement Funds. Ed Koster, Southeast Community College Milford Campus Director, provided information on the project and answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Ed Koster, Southeast Community College*

*Budget Committee recommendation*

Committee recommendation: Approval of Southeast Community College's proposal to use \$36,576,000 in capital improvement property taxes to construct the Construction Technology Center on the Milford Campus as outlined in the amended program statement approved by the SCC Board of Governors on August 17, 2022.

*Southeast Community College - Milford Campus - Construction Technologies Center approved*

**Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Southeast Community College - Milford Campus - Construction Technologies Center. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*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.

**Vice Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.**

Vice Chair Von Behren requested a break at 9:41 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:51 a.m.

*Planning and Consumer Information Committee*

**PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Lauritzen*

Commissioner Lauritzen acknowledged Committee members who recently met to review the *Measuring Accomplishments* report.

*2022 Measuring Accomplishments, companion piece to Chapter One of the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education*

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*Jill Heese presented the report*

Ms. Heese gave a presentation on the *2022 Measuring Accomplishments* report. The report includes national comparisons, peer comparisons for Nebraska's public institutions, and non-comparative measures. The 2022 report now includes information on the 70 percent attainment goal. Ms. Heese discussed the report and noted that Nebraska's rankings varied depending on the metrics and institutions analyzed. Ms. Heese noted the corresponding Data Dictionary describes each of the variables in detail, including the data source, calculations, and goals measured.

*Executive Committee*

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*2022 Biennial Report*

### **2022 Biennial Report**

*Dr. Baumgartner presented the report*

Dr. Baumgartner presented the 2022 Biennial Report, stating the report is required every two years by statute and is due on December 1 to the Governor and the Legislature. The biennial report summarized Commission activities for years 2021 and 2022.

*Executive Committee recommendation*

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the 2022 Biennial Report to the Legislature and Governor.

*2022 Biennial Report approved*

**Vice Chair Von Behren, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the 2022 Biennial Report. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*Next Commission meeting will be Friday, January 20, 2023*

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom on Friday, January 20, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

*Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Von Behren adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.