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# MINUTES

**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**  
**Apothecary Building, 140 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE**  
**Friday, January 20, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m. (CT) and Via Zoom**

*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, 2023. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 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**

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

**Commissioners Present**

Gwenn Aspen  
Tim Daniels  
Dr. Deborah Frison  
Dr. Dennis Headrick

Mary Lauritzen  
Dr. Paul Von Behren  
W. Scott Wilson

**Commissioners Absent**

Molly O'Holleran

**Commission Staff Present**

Dr. Michael Baumgartner  
Dr. Kathleen Fimple  
Kadi Lukesh  
J. Ritchie Morrow

Helen Pope  
Matthew Roque  
Joe Velasquez (Zoom Moderator)

*Minutes of December 8, 2022,  
approved*

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2022, COMMISSION MEETING**

**Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the December 8, 2022, minutes as written. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll**

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call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, Von Behren, and Wilson. Abstaining: Aspen. The motion carried.

*Commissioner O'Holleran joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.*

*Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony on Academic Programs Committee Items.

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

*Academic Programs Committee*

*Commissioner Headrick*

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Headrick, Committee Chair, reported that the Academic Programs Committee met to discuss items on the agenda.

*University of Nebraska at Kearney - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Public History, MA*

*Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the proposal*

*Dr. Will Stoutamire, University of Nebraska at Kearney*

*Academic Committee recommendation*

**University of Nebraska at Kearney - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Public History, MA**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal noting the need and demand for a master's degree in Public History. Dr. Will Stoutamire, Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, provided information on the program and answered Commissioners' questions.

Committee recommendation: That the Committee approve the Master of Arts in Public History at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

*University of Nebraska at Kearney - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Public History, MA, approved*

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Master of Arts in Public History. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*Southeast Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Psychology, AA*

*Commissioner Headrick and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

**Southeast Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Psychology, AA**

Commissioner Headrick and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. All six of the community colleges participate in the Nebraska Transfer Initiative, with all the public four-year institutions and most of the private four-year institutions, providing students that complete an AA or AS in Academic Transfer be accepted into the four-year institution as juniors and have their general education requirements of 30-34 credit hours (out of 60 credit hours) considered complete. A concern was brought up that this degree may not be needed or appropriate, and that students who transfer into a psychology program other than that at UNL will have met fewer of the requirements for the major than they would at UNL.

*Dr. Joel Michaelis and Dr. Carolee Ritter, Southeast Community College*

Dr. Joel Michaelis, Vice President of Instruction, along with Dr. Carolee Ritter, Dean of Arts and Sciences, from Southeast Community College were present and discussed program details.

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*Southeast Community College -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Psychology, AA, postponed  
until March 10, 2023, Commission  
meeting*

*Commissioner Frison left the meeting  
at 9:26 a.m.*

*2020-2021 Existing Program Review*

Committee Chair Headrick stated the Committee decided to forward to the full Commission the proposal for the Associate of Arts degree in Psychology at Southeast Community College without a recommendation. Commissioner Headrick stated that due to the extensive discussion regarding the proposal, he recommends Southeast Community College meet with the other community colleges to review their proposal.

**Commissioner Headrick made a motion to postpone Southeast Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Associate of Arts in Psychology, until the March 10, 2023, Commission meeting. Commissioner O'Holleran seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren. Voting nay: Wilson. The motion carried.**

### **2020-2021 Existing Program Review**

The following community college programs were approved by the Executive Director for continuation.

#### Central Community College

- Auto Body Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate
- Automotive Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate

#### Metropolitan Community College

- Automotive Technology, AAS, Certificate
- Auto Collision Technology, AAS, Certificate
- Diesel Technology, AAS, Certificate

#### Mid-Plains Community College

- Auto Body Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate
- Automotive Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate

#### Northeast Community College

- Auto Body Repair Technology, AAS
- Automotive Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate

#### Southeast Community College

- Auto Collision Repair Technology, AAS
- Automotive Technology, AAS
- Ford Automotive Student Service Educational Training, AAS
- GM Automotive Service Educational Program, AAS

#### Western Nebraska Community College

- Collision Repair, AOS, Diploma, Certificate, Auto Paint Certificate, Non-Structural Certificate, Structural Certificate
- Automotive Technology, AOS, AAS, Certificate, Powertrain Certificate, Drivetrain Certificate

## **Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs**

### **Reasonable and Moderate Extensions**

- NECC - Information Technology, AAS, System Administration Concentration
- SCC - General Business, Certificate
- SCC - Client Relations, Certificate
- SCC - Entrepreneurship, Certificate
- SCC - Event Venue Operations Management, Certificate
- SCC - General Technician, Certificate
- SCC - Application Development, Diploma
- SCC - Networking, Diploma
- SCC - Customer Support, Diploma
- SCC - Geographic Information Systems, Diploma
- SCC - Architectural Design, AAS
- SCC - Computer Aided Design Drafting, AAS
- SCC - Automation & Robotics, AAS
- SCC - AVD & Low Voltage, AAS
- SCC - Electronics Systems Technician, AAS
- SCC - Electromechanical Industrial Maintenance, Certificate, AAS
- SCC - Electrical Technology, Certificate, AAS
- SCC - General Machinist, Certificate
- SCC - Advanced CNC & Automation, AAS
- SCC - Tool Maker Mold & Die, AAS

### **Name Changes**

- UNK - Early Childhood Unified, BA Ed, to *Early Childhood Inclusive, BA Ed*
- UNK - Community Counseling, MS Ed, to *Clinical Mental Health Counseling, MS Ed*
- UNK - Sports Administration/Sports Administration Comprehensive, BS, to *Sports Management/Sports Management Comprehensive, BS*

- UNK - Information Networking and Telecommunications Comprehensive, BS, to *Information Technology and Networking Comprehensive, BS*
- UNK - Aviation Systems Management Comprehensive, BS, to *Aviation Comprehensive, BS*
- UNK - K-6 School Principalship, MA Ed, to *School Principalship, PreK-8, MA Ed.*
- SCC - Deere Construction and Forestry Equipment to *John Deere Construction and Forestry Equipment*

Discontinued Programs

- UNK - Public Administration, BS (minor will be continued)
- UNL - Latin American Studies, BA, BS (transitioning to option in Ethnic Studies major)
- UNMC - Emergency Preparedness, MS (emphasis available in MPH and Dr.PH programs)
- SCC - Early Childhood Entrepreneurship, Certificate (low/no enrollments)

*Chair's Report*

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Aspen discussed the ChatGPT software search engine tool for use in the academic field. Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost from the University of Nebraska, stated this is on everyone's radar and the University of Nebraska is aware of its impact.

*Executive Director's Report*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

*Out-of-Service area applications  
approved*

- Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video, from Central Community College, Columbus, NE, to Elgin Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Elgin, NE
  - SPCH 1110 - Public Speaking - 3 credits  
January 9, 2023 - May 4, 2023
- 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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*Out-of-Service area applications  
approved continued*

- BIOS 1260 - Structure & Function of Human Body II -  
2 credits  
January 9, 2023 - 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 2100 - Intro to Literature - 3 credits  
January 9, 2023 - May 4, 2023
- 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 9, 2023 - May 4, 2023

*Kadi Lukesh presented the Second  
Quarter Budget*

Kadi Lukesh presented the Second Quarter Budget Report and gave updates on the status of Administrative Funds, the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), Community College Gap Assistance Program, Access College Early Scholarship (ACE), and Guaranty Recovery Program.

*Legislative Report*

Dr. Baumgartner stated the Legislature is in session and January 18<sup>th</sup> was the last day for introduction of bills. He presented an update on several bills of interest to the Commission. He noted that Governor Pillen's state of the state address and budget presentation are next week.

*Dr. Baumgartner discussed  
Chamberlain University*

Dr. Baumgartner reported that Chamberlain University was removed from the December 8, 2022, agenda at the request of the Board of Nursing. Based on regulations, Chamberlain must be approved for their precicensure program. The Commission will not be considering Chamberlain's request for recurrent authorization until they receive approval from the Board of Nursing.

*New staff member Matthew Roque  
introduced*

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Matthew Roque who recently joined the staff as Capital Project and Financial Analyst.

*ARPA funds update*

Dr. Baumgartner gave an update on ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds that will be used for community college projects. Some project agreements have been signed and others are pending more information. He noted that by the March Commission meeting all requests from the community colleges that have been received will be approved.

Dr. Baumgartner noted that J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Director, made a presentation to the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs on our ACE scholarships. Several other states are interested in creating similar scholarship programs for dual credit students.

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*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.**

*Next meeting will be held Friday, March 10, 2023*

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be Friday, March 10, 2023, 8:30 a.m. at Metropolitan Community College, South Omaha Campus, Omaha, Nebraska.

*Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.