
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Metropolitan Community College - South Omaha Campus
2909 Edward Babe Gomez Avenue, Omaha, NE
Center for Advanced Manufacturing, Room 120, and virtually via Zoom
Friday, March 10, 2023, 8:30 a.m. (CT)

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. A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted beside the table containing the meeting's documents.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON MARCH 10, 2023. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 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 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Aspen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

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

Mary Lauritzen (via Zoom)
Dr. Paul Von Behren
Tami Weber (non-voting)

Commissioners Absent

Molly O'Holleran

W. Scott Wilson

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner
Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Jill Heese
J. Ritchie Morrow

Helen Pope
Matthew Roque
Gary Timm
Joe Velasquez (Zoom Moderator)

*President Randy Schmailzl,
Metropolitan Community College*

WELCOME

President Randy Schmailzl welcomed Commissioners to the Metropolitan Community College South Omaha Campus and noted his appreciation and the importance of the relationship with the Coordinating Commission. He, along with Mr. Scott Broady, provided a tour of the Automotive Technology Center before the meeting.

Minutes of January 20, 2023, approved

MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2023, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Frison made a motion to approve the January 20, 2023, minutes as written. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

Chair's Report

CHAIR'S REPORT

*Introduction of new Commissioner
Weber*

Chair Aspen asked new Commissioner Tami Weber to introduce herself and give a little information about her background.

*Possible December meeting date
change*

Chair Aspen stated the December Commission meeting may be changed from the 8th to the 1st in order to plan a breakfast meeting with the State Board of Education.

Nominating Committee appointed

Chair Aspen appointed Commissioner Lauritzen to chair the Nominating Committee, along with Commissioners Daniels, Frison, and Headrick. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers to be voted upon at the May Commission meeting.

Executive Director's Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislative Report

Dr. Baumgartner reported that the Legislature is halfway through the session and provided a Legislative update, focusing on bills of interest to the Commission.

ARPA funds update

Dr. Baumgartner distributed a handout summarizing approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants that will be distributed to the community colleges for workforce development projects targeted at unemployed or underemployed residents in the college's area. Gary Timm, Chief Finance Officer, has prepared and distributed grant agreements for \$15 million in ARPA funds to reduce dual enrollment tuition over three years, with the first \$5 million distribution starting in July.

MHEC dinner

Dr. Baumgartner, along with Commissioner Frison and Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, attended the recent Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) dinner. Dr. Baumgartner met with MHEC earlier and spoke to them about initiatives in Nebraska. He noted that Commissioner Frison has been reappointed by Governor Pillen as a member of MHEC.

Staff activities

Dr. Baumgartner stated that Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer will be attending the annual meeting with the Nebraska Association of Student

Financial Aid Administrators (NeASFAA) next month, noting NEASFAA has been helpful on Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) and lottery fund issues.

Gary Timm and Dr. Baumgartner will be joining Matt Hastings and his NSWERS colleagues in Denver in April for a SHEEO Communities of Practice meeting on using longitudinal data to meet state attainment and equity goals.

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

Dr. John Kalu Osiri, Osiri University

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Dr. John Kalu Osiri, from Osiri University, came forward to testify in support of their proposal for a recurrent authorization to operate in Nebraska.

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

Public Hearing on Academic Program Committee Items

Dr. Joel Michaelis and Toren Schultz, Southeast Community College

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Joel Michaelis, Vice President of Instruction, along with SCC student Toren Schultz, testified in favor of SCC's proposal for a new instructional program, Associate of Arts in Psychology.

Dr. Rob Oberstein, Life Chiropractic College West

Dr. Rob Oberstein, President of Life Chiropractic College West, came forward in support of the college's proposal for a recurrent authorization to operate.

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

Academic Programs Committee

Commissioner Dennis Headrick

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Headrick, Committee Chair, introduced Dr. Fimple to discuss the academic items on the agenda.

Life Chiropractic College West - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

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Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting Life West's application is for authorization to establish a location in Nebraska offering the Doctor of Chiropractic degree. Once an agreement is finalized, Life West Chiropractic plans to be located at Bellevue University.

Academic Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the recurrent authorization to operate for:

Institution: Life Chiropractic College West
Owner: Life Chiropractic College West, Incorporated
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer the Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through March 15, 2028)

Life Chiropractic College West - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Life Chiropractic College West's Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate.

A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

Osiri University - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Academic Committee recommendation

Osiri University - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that Osiri University is proposing to establish an administrative office in Nebraska and provide online instruction. She noted Osiri University has begun the accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission to become accredited.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the recurrent authorization to operate for:

Institution: Osiri University
Owner: Dr. John Kalu Osiri
Level of authorization: Authorized to establish in the state an administrative office

Length of authorization: Three years (valid through March 15, 2026)

Conditions of authorization:

- 1) Osiri University continues to submit documentation to HLC and becomes accredited following HLC procedures,
- 2) financial statements are included with the required annual reports, and
- 3) Osiri University complies with the assessment and surety bond requirement of Neb. Stat. §85-2423 through §85-2427, with a bond of \$50,000 for FY24, \$75,00 for FY25, and \$100,000 for FY26 (future years to be determined).

Osiri University - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Osiri University's Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

South Dakota State University - Application to Renew A Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Academic Committee recommendation

South Dakota State University - Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that South Dakota State University is up for their 5-year renewal of authorization to operate.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the renewal of the authorization to operate for:

Institution: University of South Dakota
Owner: State of South Dakota (Public Institution)
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer one or more courses, limited to those associated with the Reading Recovery® program

Length of authorization: Five years (valid through May 1, 2028)

South Dakota State University - Application to Renew A Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve South Dakota State University's Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

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

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

Dr. Fimple presented the previous action on this proposal.

Previous Action

Previous Action:

- At the January 20, 2023, Commission meeting, the Committee Chair explained that there was considerable discussion about the proposal within the committee, and he suggested that SCC meet with the other community colleges to review the proposal.
- The Commission discussed the proposal extensively and determined that additional information would be beneficial. They voted to hold the proposal over to be considered at the Commission's March 10, 2023, meeting. This date falls within the 90-day timeline allowed by statute since it was submitted on December 14, 2022.
- At its February 24, 2023, meeting, the Academic Programs Committee failed to reach consensus on a recommendation to the Commission.

Action Needed

Action Needed: At its March 10, 2023, meeting, the Commission must take action to approve or disapprove the proposal or it will stand approved as noted in Nebraska Statutes.

Commissioner Headrick and Dr. Michaelis spoke

Commissioner Headrick spoke about the Nebraska Transfer Initiative and several Commissioners had comments or questions. Dr. Michaelis spoke briefly in response to the discussion.

*Southeast Community College -
Proposal for a New Instructional
Program - Psychology, AA, motion to
disapprove proposal failed*

Commissioner Headrick made a motion to disapprove Southeast Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Psychology, AA. Commissioner Von Behren seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Headrick, and Von Behren. Those voting no: Aspen, Daniels, Frison and Lauritzen. The motion failed.

*Southeast Community College -
Proposal for a New Instructional
Program - Psychology, AA, motion to
approve proposal failed, program will
stand approved*

Commissioner Aspen made a motion to approve Southeast Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Psychology, AA. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting nay: Headrick, and Von Behren. Those voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison and Lauritzen. The motion failed because it did not receive at least five votes, five being a majority of the members, and according to Nebraska statutes the program will stand approved.

Existing Program Review

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The following community colleges, state colleges and University of Nebraska programs were approved by the Executive Director for continuation.

Central Community College

- Human Services, AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Metropolitan Community College

- Human Services, AAS, Certificate

Northeast Community College

- Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Certificate

Southeast Community College

- Human Services, AAS, Certificate
- Long Term Care Administration, AAS, Certificate

Western Nebraska Community College

- Human Services, AA, AAS, Certificate

Chadron State College

- School Counseling, MAE
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling, MAE
- Health and Physical Education, BSE
- Sports and Recreation Management, BA

Peru State College

- HPER, BA, BS

Wayne State College

- Counseling, MSE
- Human Services Counseling, BA, BS
- Health and Physical Education, BA, BS
- Sport Management, BS
- Exercise Science, BA, BS
- Applied Human and Sport Physiology, BA, BS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Counseling and School Psychology, EDS
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling, MSE
- School Counseling, Elementary, Secondary or Student Affairs, MSE
- Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Graduate Certificate
- Sports Management, BS
- Athletic Training, BS
- Exercise Science, BS
- Recreation Management, BS
- Physical Education, BAE, BS, MAE
- Speech/Language Pathology, MSE
- Communication Disorders, BSE

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Counseling, MA, MS
- Athletic Training, BS, MA
- Physical Education, BS
- Public Health, BS

- Recreation, Leisure Studies, BS, BMS
- Biomechanics and Kinesiology, PhD
- Health and Kinesiology, MA, MS
- Biomechanics, BS

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- Physical Therapy, DPT
- Pharmacy, PHRMD
- Pharmaceutical Sciences, MS, PhD
- Occupational Therapy, OTD
- Dentistry, DDS
 - Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Certificate
- Dental Hygiene, BSDH

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Food Science and Technology, BS, MS, PhD
 - Food Safety and Defense, Graduate Certificate
- Speech Language Pathology, MS
- Communication Sciences and Disorders, BA, BSEH
- Audiology and Hearing Science, AuD

Report on Institutional Activities Relating to Existing Programs

Dr. Fimple discussed activities relating to existing programs.

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

- CCC – Civil Drafting, Certificate
- CCC – Manufacturing Drafting, Certificate
- NECC – Welding, Certificate
- NECC – Medical Billing, Diploma
- NECC – History pathway under Academic Transfer, AA
- UNO – Conducting, Graduate Certificate (School of Music)

Name Change

- UNL – Environmental Studies, BA and BS to *Environmental and Sustainability Studies*, BA and BS
- UNO and UNL (joint) – Information Technology, PhD to *Computing and Information Science*, PhD, only at UNO (no UNL affiliation)
- SCC – Electrical & Electromechanical Technology – Electromechanical Industrial Maintenance, AAS, Certificate to *Electrical & Electromechanical Technology – Electromechanical Maintenance Technician*, AAS, Certificate
- SCC – Electrical Construction, certificate to *Electrical Technician*, certificate
- SCC – Electrical Technology, AAS to *Electrical Technician*, AAS

Discontinued Programs

- UNL – Plant Biology, BA (BS will remain)

Existing Program Review, continued

- UNO and UNMC – Dual Degree Option for BS in Information Technology Innovation and MPA in Public Health (separate degrees will remain)

Out-of-State Institution

Purdue University Global, West Lafayette, Indiana, holds a recurrent authorization to operate in Nebraska that will expire on April 27, 2023. Purdue has notified the Commission that their sole office in Nebraska will be moving to Iowa on March 22, 2023, so they will let their recurrent authorization to operate in Nebraska expire.

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

Commissioner Daniels

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Daniels stood in as chair for the committee in Commissioner Wilson's absence.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - City Campus - Capital Construction Project - Westbrook Music Building

Matthew Roque presented the project proposal

Dr. Chris Marks, University of Nebraska

Budget Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - City Campus - Capital Construction Project - Westbrook Music Building approved

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - City Campus - Capital Construction Project - Westbrook Music Building

Matthew Roque, Capital Project & Financial Analyst, presented the proposal, noting the University of Nebraska is proposing to demolish a portion of the existing Westbrook Music Building and construct a new building. The project will be funded from facilities bond proceeds for a total of \$75 million dollars. Mr. Roque and Dr. Chris Marks, Associate Dean of the Hixon-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, answered questions from the Commissioners.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's proposal to utilize State appropriations to construct and equip the Westbrook Music Building project as outlined in the governing board's program statement approved on December 3, 2021, along with supplemental information provided.

Commissioner Daniels, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's City Campus Capital Construction Project - Westbrook Music Building. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, and Von Behren. 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.

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

*Planning and Consumer Information
Committee*

Commissioner Lauritzen

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, Committee Chair, acknowledged committee members who recently met to discuss the Progress Report and introduced Jill Heese, Research Director, to present the report.

*2023 Nebraska Higher Education
Progress Report*

Jill Heese presented the report

2023 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

Ms. Heese presented PowerPoint slides of the Progress Report. She stated there are three key priorities the Commission is required to evaluate in the report: increase the number of students who enter postsecondary education in Nebraska; increase the percentage of students who persist and successfully complete a degree; and reduce, eliminate, and reverse the net out-migration of Nebraskans with high levels of educational attainment.

Ms. Heese noted what is new in the 2023 report and provided details on the three priorities. Given the findings of the report, more work needs to be done for Nebraskans to enroll in college and complete degrees. Dr. Baumgartner discussed the recommendations for improvement at the high school, postsecondary, and state government levels listed in the report.

*Dr. Baumgartner discussed
recommendations*

Ms. Heese and Dr. Baumgartner answered Commissioners' questions, and it was noted that the full report is provided to the Governor, Legislature, the state's higher education institutions, and the media, and is available on the Commission website at ccpe.nebraska.gov/reports.

Planning Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the *2023 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*.

*2023 Nebraska Higher Education
Progress Report approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the 2023 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, and Von Behren. The motion carried.

*Next meeting will be held Friday, May
19, 2023*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Friday, May 19, 2023, 8:30 a.m. at Central Community College, Grand Island, Nebraska.

*Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at
12:54 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.