
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION June 15, 2017 Apothecary Building Lincoln, Nebraska

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Public notice of meeting

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON JUNE 15, 2017. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.

AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. 8TH STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

CAROL ZINK, CHAIR

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

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Mary Lauritzen
Gwenn Aspen	Dwayne Probyn
Dr. John Bernthal	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Dr. Deborah Frison	W. Scott Wilson
Dr. Ron Hunter	Carol Zink

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	Jason Keese
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Helen Pope
Jill Heese	Mike Wernhoff

*Minutes of April 27, 2017,
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2017, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Bernthal made a motion to approve the April 27, 2017, minutes. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Frison, Hunter, and Simmons abstained. All other Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Zink recognized Committees and staff

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Zink stated that since this was her last meeting as Chair of the Commission she would like to recognize and thank the 2016-2017 Executive Committee for its service. Along with herself, the current Executive Committee consists of Commissioners W. Scott Wilson, Dwayne Probyn, and Dr. John Bernthal. She also expressed her gratitude to Executive Director Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Commission staff, and the committee chairs: Dr. Deborah Frison, Academic Programs Committee; Mary Lauritzen, Planning and Consumer Information Committee; and Colleen Adam, Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee.

Commissioner Lauritzen announced nominations for 2017-2018 Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee members

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen reported that she along with Commissioners Adam and Bernthal made up the nominating committee for Commission officers for 2017-2018. She presented the Committee's slate of nominations for Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and two other members of the 2017-2018 Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee proposed approval of Commissioner Wilson to serve as Commission Chair and Commissioner Frison to serve as Vice Chair from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. The Nominating Committee proposed Commissioners Probyn and Zink serve on the Executive Committee along with the chair and vice chair, from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

2017-2018 slate of officers approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve the proposed slate of officers to serve from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018: Commissioner Wilson to serve as Commission Chair, Commissioner Frison to serve as Vice Chair, and Commissioners Probyn and Zink to serve on the Executive Committee along with the chair and vice chair. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

Jason Keese provided legislative update

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Michael Baumgartner introduced Jason Keese, Public Information & Special Projects Coordinator, to present a legislative update on bills of interest to the Commission. Mr. Keese presented a handout and discussed two bills of interest that were incorporated into other bills that passed: LB 123, a bill that provides reimbursement when certain postsecondary institutions terminate operations, and LB 242, appropriating funds for the recruitment of students who study to become behavioral health professionals. He also reported on several legislative resolutions for interim studies that were introduced at the end of the Legislative session. Mr. Keese answered questions from the Commissioners.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed LB 512 and LB 123

Dr. Baumgartner discussed LB 512, which incorporated LB 123, noting that the Commission is beginning to work on administrative rules for implementation. The requirement states for-profit colleges and universities

under our oversight contribute to the tuition guaranty fund. The rules should be ready for public hearing in August or September.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke about tuition rate increases

Dr. Baumgartner presented the Commissioners with a handout on tuition rate information that lists the increases that have been established by the State's community colleges and the University of Nebraska. The State College System will approve its rates on June 16. He noted that fees were not included as they differ by program, campus, and institution.

Dr. Baumgartner reported on community college state funding distribution

The master course list for the community college state funding distribution is being prepared. Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, and Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, met with the colleges' chief academic officers last month in Scottsbluff to review the courses and master course list. Final inventories were due this week and Dr. Fimple, Mr. Timm, and Dr. Duncan Hsu, Database Manager/Special Projects, are working to distribute those to the colleges, which will turn them over to their auditors.

Dr. Baumgartner mentioned Education Commission of the States meeting he will be attending

Dr. Baumgartner noted he will be attending the Education Commission of the States meeting in San Diego the last week of June. He will be on a plenary panel with the former president of the Californian State Board of Education, Michael Kirst, and Oklahoma Secretary of Education and Workforce Development Natalie Shirley.

Dr. Baumgartner stated he will be on Grapevine Commentary advisory committee

Dr. Baumgartner has been asked to join the advisory committee for *Grapevine Commentary*, a new series from the Grapevine survey at Illinois State University, which has collected and reported state appropriations since 1961 and is the foundation of the State Higher Education Finance study.

Dr. Baumgartner read letters of appreciation from recipients of the 2017 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

Dr. Baumgartner read three letters of appreciation from recipients of the *2017 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*, produced by the Coordinating Commission. He noted these letters reflect well on the work done by the staff.

Dr. Baumgartner thanked Chair Zink for service

Dr. Baumgartner thanked Chair Zink for serving as Chair of the Commission and noted he is looking forward to working with Commissioner Wilson as the new chair for 2017-2018.

Public Comment on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

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

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost at the University of Nebraska, came forward to state that representatives were present from the UNL Department of Journalism and NCTA to discuss the program proposals. Dr. Jackson stated he was available to discuss and answer any questions on the UNK program proposal.

Robert Morgan, Southeast
Community College – Beatrice
Campus

Robert Morgan, Vice President of Program Development and Beatrice
Campus Director of Southeast Community College, offered to discuss and
answer Commissioners’ questions on behalf of the Southeast Community
College Falls City Learning Center proposal.

Dr. Deborah Brennan, Central
Community College

Dr. Deborah Brennan, Executive Vice President of Central Community
College, spoke in support of Central Community College’s Pharmacy
Technician program.

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

Commissioner Frison acknowledged
APC committee members and staff

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Frison, Committee Chair, recognized and thanked committee
members and staff for their participation in the recent Academic Programs
Committee conference call.

University of Nebraska

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Proposal for a New Instructional
Program – Sports Media and Communication (Bachelor of Journalism)**

Dr. Fimple presented the program

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting this is a sub-field of journalism,
with no other program like it in the state. The program would be housed in
the renovated Andersen Hall. Dr. Maria Marron, Dean, and Dr. Frauke
Hachtmann, Associate Dean & Professor, at the UNL College of Journalism
discussed the program and answered Commissioners’ questions.

Drs. Maria Marron and Frauke
Hachtmann, UNL College of
Journalism

Commissioner Frison stated the Committee recommendation is to approve
the program with the first program review due on June 30, 2020.

University of Nebraska New
Instructional Program – Sports
Media and Communication
(Bachelor of Journalism) approved

**Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs
Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska’s Proposal
for a New Instructional Program – Sports Media and Communication
(Bachelor of Journalism). A roll call vote was taken. All 10
Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

University of Nebraska at Kearney

**University of Nebraska at Kearney – Proposal for a New Instructional
Program – Health Sciences (BS)**

Dr. Fimple presented the program

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, commenting the most impressive part of
the proposal is regarding the demand for the program. With an ongoing
need for healthcare workers, this program would accommodate students
pursuing careers in clinical healthcare that require a bachelor’s degree. The
program would also attract students interested in pursuing careers in non-
clinical healthcare-related areas, such as healthcare management and
nutrition, and students pursuing clinical programs that do not require a
bachelor’s degree for program entry, such as nursing and radiography.

Dr. David Jackson, University of
Nebraska

Dr. Jackson added the program offers an opportunity or pathway for
students that want to go into medical or dental school with healthcare-
related concentration coursework.

Commissioner Frison stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the program with its first program review due on June 30, 2019.

*University of Nebraska at Kearney
New Instructional Program – Health
Sciences (BS) approved*

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Health Sciences (BS). A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*Nebraska College of Technical
Agriculture*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Agriculture (Undergraduate Certificate)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting this is a 16 credit hour program, with the target population being high school students enrolled in dual credit programs. Since it is designed to be online, it would be available for students at other institutions as well as working professionals. Dr. Brennan stated that Central Community College offers a similar certificate, but it is offered onsite through the high schools. Dr. Fimple commented the proposed undergraduate certificate would apply toward the 30 credit hour program at NCTA if the student wanted to go on and it would also apply to associate degrees. Commissioner Frison asked Dr. Ron Rosati, Dean at NCTA, what high schools in its area offer dual enrollment programs. They are Cozad, Cambridge, Elm Creek, and York. Dr. Rosati noted that NCTA is currently in discussions with North Platte High School, the Omaha school district, and the University of Nebraska Worldwide program to offer the program.

Dr. Ron Rosati, NCTA

Commissioner Frison read the committee comment: NCTA has statewide authority for programs relating to food and agriculture at less than the baccalaureate degree, with concentration on the applied associate degree. The Committee recommendation is to approve the program with its first program review due on June 30, 2021.

*Nebraska College of Technical
Agriculture New Instructional
Program – Agriculture
(Undergraduate Certificate)
approved*

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Agriculture (Undergraduate Certificate). A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Central Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Central Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Pharmacy Technician (AAS)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that previously pharmacy technicians were trained by pharmacists. In 2016 a statute required a pharmacy technician who works in a healthcare facility to be registered with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services pharmacy registry. In order to be registered you have to be certified by a state or national certifying body. Central Community College’s pharmacy technician proposal would prepare students to pass the certification exam. Dr. Brennan discussed the need for the program since the legislative change, the exam that is required to pass the course, and finding teachers and a director for the program. Dr. Brennan answered Commissioners’ questions.

*Dr. Deborah Brennan, Central
Community College*

Central Community College New Instructional Program – Pharmacy Technician (AAS) approved

Commissioner Frison stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the program, with its first program review date due on June 30, 2019.

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Central Community College’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Pharmacy Technician (AAS). A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Southeast Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Southeast Community College – Proposal for a New Off-Campus Center with Long-Term Commitment – Falls City Learning Center

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that Southeast Community College has been offering courses in Falls City for several years in the downtown area. The space is small, is not ADA compliant, shares limited parking with other building occupants, and poses security concerns. Another factor demonstrating need for the learning center is the distance to other SCC campuses. The proposed new facility would be large enough to include industrial manufacturing, healthcare, and general purpose classrooms, along with office space and a common area for faculty, staff, and students. Mr. Morgan spoke of the need for the facility in the Falls City community. Beckie Cromer, Executive Director of Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise (EDGE), and Jill Wightman, Institutional Research Analyst at Southeast Community College, discussed the proposal and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Mr. Robert Morgan, Southeast Community College, Beckie Cromer, Falls City EDGE, Jill Wightman, Southeast Community College

Commissioner Frison read the Committee comment: The size of the current facility and associated access problems warrant a new arrangement. The Committee recommendation is to approve the proposal from Southeast Community College for an off-campus center with a long-term commitment in Falls City.

Southeast Community College New Off-Campus Center with Long-Term Commitment – Falls City Learning Center approved

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Southeast Community College’s Proposal for a New Off-Campus Center with Long-Term Commitment – Falls City Learning Center. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Zink called for a break at 10:16 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:31 a.m.

2015-2016 Existing Program Review

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Commissioner Frison and Dr. Fimple presented the existing program table, noting there were no criminal justice programs that fell under threshold.

Chadron State College
Justice Studies – BA

Peru State College
Criminal Justice – BS

Wayne State College
Criminal Justice – BA, BS

University of Nebraska at Kearney
Criminal Justice – BS

University of Nebraska at Omaha
Criminology & Criminal Justice – BGS, BS, MS, MA, PhD

Central Community College
Criminal Justice – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Metropolitan Community College
Criminal Justice – AAS, Certificate

Northeast Community College
Criminal Justice – AA

Southeast Community College
Criminal Justice – AAS

Western Nebraska Community College
Criminal Justice – AA, AAS, Certificate

*Update of Multi-State Collaborative
on Military Credit*

Dr. Fimple presented update

Update on Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit

Dr. Fimple reported that she recently attended the national Multi-state Collaborative on Military Credit meeting. There are 13 participating states. The Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) began the program and acquired a three-year grant from the Lumina Foundation. Eight metrics were established as a way to measure the success of the project and to be reported to Lumina. In October the three-year grant will be over, so an evaluation was completed. Dr. Fimple presented and discussed the metrics' current status, goals, and where Nebraska stands. Dr. Fimple reviewed statistics tracking people using veterans' benefits as reported to IPEDS, and the results of a CCPE survey that was sent to Nebraska institutions. Dr. Fimple answered Commissioners' questions.

Report on Program Name Changes, Discontinued Programs, and Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

Program Name Changes

- A. Program Name Changes
1. SCC – Food Service Hospitality to *Culinary/Hospitality*
 2. SCC – Alcohol & Drug (certificate) to *Alcohol & Drug Counseling (certificate)*

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3. MCC – Architectural Design Technology-Architectural Imaging to *Architectural Design Technology-Architectural Imaging Software* (career certificate)
 4. MCC – Medical Office-Medical Office Assistant to *Health Information Management Systems-Medical Office Assistant* (certificate of achievement)

Discontinued Programs

B. Discontinued Programs

1. SCC – Event Venue Operations Management (certificate)
2. SCC – Food Industry Manager (certificate)
3. SCC – Diversified Manufacturing Technology
4. MCC – Civil Engineering Technology-Building Construction Technology (AAS)
5. MCC – Civil Engineering Technology-Surveying Technology (AAS)
6. MCC – Civil Engineering Technology-Land Development Technology (AAS)
7. MCC – Civil Engineering Technology (certificate of achievement)
8. MCC – Construction & Building Science-Commercial Construction (AAS)
9. MCC – Construction & Building Science-Concrete/Masonry Construction (AAS)
10. MCC – Construction & Building Science-General Construction/Remodeling (AAS)
11. MCC – Construction & Building Science-Residential Carpentry (AAS)
12. MCC – Construction & Building Science-Residential Finish Carpentry/Cabinetry (AAS)
13. MCC – Construction & Building Science-Concrete and Masonry Specialist (certificate of achievement)
14. MCC – Construction & Building Science-Cabinetry Construction (career certificate)
15. MCC – Construction & Building Science-Finish Carpentry (career certificate)
16. MCC – Playwriting (certificate of achievement)
17. MCC – Health Information Management Systems-Health Documentation Specialist I (certificate of achievement)
18. MCC – Health Information Management Systems-Health Documentation Specialist II (AAS)
19. MCC – Information Technology-Security Technician (certificate of achievement)
20. MCC – Computer Technology Transfer-Information Assurance (AS)

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

C. Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. SCC – Precision Agriculture (certificate)
2. SCC – Horticulture & Turfgrass Management (AAS)
3. SCC – Dietary Manager (certificate)

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4. SCC – Law Enforcement & Homeland Security (AAS)
 5. SCC – Adult and Juvenile Services and Corrections (AAS)
 6. MCC – Legal Secretary (career certificate)
 7. MCC – Architectural Design Technology-AEC Professions (AAS)
 8. MCC – Construction Technology (AAS)
 9. MCC – Plumbing Fundamentals (career certificate)
 10. MCC – Playwriting (career certificate)
 11. MCC – Cyber Security (AAS)

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

Commissioner Lauritzen acknowledged committee members and staff

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, Committee Chair, thanked committee members and staff that attended the recent Planning and Consumer Information committee conference call.

2017 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Degrees and Other Awards

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Jill Heese presented the report

Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the *2017 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Degrees and Other Awards*. Ms. Heese gave a background summary and reported the latest 10-year trends for five sections: sector, award level, gender, race/ethnicity, and discipline. While sections one through five analyze the number of awards, section six analyzes the number of students who earned awards. The *Factual Look* is primarily an online publication, and people can view the data via a dashboard on the Commission's website. Ms. Heese answered questions from the Commissioners.

Executive Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2017-2018 Proposed CCPE Operating Budget

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Dr. Baumgartner presented the Operating Budget

Dr. Baumgartner presented an overview of the 2017-2018 proposed CCPE operating budget, noting 2018-2019 has been included in the budget table for comparison purposes. There has been a decline in general fund appropriations, down 8.6% from the original fiscal 2017 appropriation and 4.8% from the reduced 2017 appropriation. Dr. Baumgartner noted much of the budget is out of our control, such as rent, data processing, communications, MHEC dues, and auditing. Travel and payroll are areas we can control, he said, and reductions are being made in those areas.

Dr. Baumgartner gave an update on the Improving Teacher Quality grant (ITQ) noting this is the last year for ITQ. He reported the Nebraska Opportunity Grant will increase awards for each of the next two years. The Access College Early (ACE) funds should cover around 2,100 students. He also mentioned the Gap Tuition Assistance program, which is in its first year, and stated that we will not be hiring an administrator for that program since Ben Civic left the Commission staff. Later in the year a report on the program will be presented.

*2017-2018 Proposed CCPE
Operating Budget approved*

Chair Zink, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the 2017-2018 Proposed CCPE Operating Budget. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*Approval of 2017-2018 Salary of the
Executive Director*

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*Commission goes into closed
session by unanimous vote*

Chair Zink, made a motion to enter into closed session as authorized by the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 84-1410, for the protection of the public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of Dr. Michael Baumgartner, who has not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of discussing the executive director's salary. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Zink stated that the Commission is going into closed session to discuss the proposed salary of the executive director recommended by the Executive Committee. Chair Zink requested that staff and guests leave the room.

Closed session begins at 12:00 p.m.

The Commission entered into closed session at 12:00 p.m.

Closed session ends at 12:20 p.m.

The Commission ended the closed session at 12:20 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Chair Zink stated that formal action must be taken in open session on the executive director salary recommendations.

*2017-2018 executive director salary
approved*

Commissioner Bernthal made a motion to approve the proposed 1% salary increase for 2017-2018 for Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*Next Commission Meeting is August
11, 2017*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Friday, August 11, 2017, at the Nebraska State Capitol, Room #1113, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Commissioner Probyn commented

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Probyn commented on a June 6, 2017, article from The Wall Street Journal on virtual reality uses in the real world. The article will be scanned and distributed to all Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zink adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.