
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

April 12, 2012
State Capitol, Room 1113
Lincoln, Nebraska

Public notice of meeting

Public notice of time and place of regular meeting was given to Commission members, institutional representatives, news media, the Legislative Fiscal Office and the Department of Administrative Services.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON APRIL 12, 2012. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M.

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

DR. RON HUNTER, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ron Hunter called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Dr. Joyce Simmons	Riko Bishop
Dr. Ron Hunter	Mary Lauritzen
W. Scott Wilson	Clark Anderson

Commissioners Absent

Carol Zink	John Winkleblack
Colleen Adam	Eric Seacrest

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Marshall Hill	Jason Keese
Dr. Carna Pfeil	Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Miste Adamson-DaMoude	Ritchie Morrow
Katherine Green	Mike Wemhoff
Helen Pope	Kadi Lukesh

*Minutes of March 1, 2012
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Wilson moved that the March 1, 2012 minutes be approved. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Anderson and Simmons abstained with all other Commissioners present voting yes.

Chairperson's Report

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Commissioner Hunter did not have a report.

Commissioners Seacrest and Winkleblack joined the meeting

Commissioners Seacrest and Winkleblack joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Kadi Lukesh speaks on Quarterly Budget Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Marshall Hill called on Kadi Lukesh, Bookkeeper/Budget Coordinator & Office Manager, to present the Quarterly Budget Report. Kadi stated this is the third quarter report, noting that we are where we want to be at this time.

Jason Keese report on Legislative Update

Dr. Hill introduced Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, who provided a legislative update. A summary sheet was distributed to the Commissioners outlining the information discussed.

Bills of interest:

LB 1144 (Ashford) Provides for career academy schools and has been passed and signed into law

LB 1019 (Harms) Appropriates state funds for construction projects at Chadron State and Peru State and has been passed and signed into law

LB 1089 (Nelson) Appropriates funds for construction of a cancer research facility and has been passed and signed into law

LB 1066 (Hansen) Appropriates funds for planning, design and construction of a veterinary diagnostic laboratory facility and has been passed and signed into law

LB 1055 (Hadley) Appropriates funds for a Kearney Division nursing and allied health professions facility and has been passed and signed into law

LB 1065 (Fulton) Would appropriate facility construction funds for the Lincoln Division of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing but did not make it out of committee

LB 1104 (Adams) Makes changes to the Postsecondary Institution Act and has been passed and signed into law

LB 1034 (Nordquist) Would create the College Choice Grant Program but never made it out of committee

Dr. Hill discusses state authorization

Dr. Hill reported that he continues to spend a great deal of time and effort on the project to come up with a national resolution to the state authorization issue. The US Department of Education passed and implemented new rules that require every institution that participates in federal financial aid programs to have the authorization to operate in every state in which they currently operate, which includes online students.

ACT State Organizational Annual Conference

Dr. Hill stated that he will be attending the Nebraska ACT State Organization Annual Conference with Carna Pfeil and Jason Keese today following the Commission meeting. This event invites high school counselors and other high school and college personnel to come together and learn about additional services that ACT can provide, as well as related issues.

Public Comment on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony regarding Matters of General Concern.

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

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

There was no testimony regarding Consent Agenda Items.

Chair Hunter closed the public hearing on Consent Agenda Items.

Consent Agenda Items

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Simmons requested that the University of Nebraska – Lincoln’s Horticulture – MS, PhD and Mid-Plains Community College’s Heating, Ventilation, AC – AAS, Diploma and Certificate be pulled from the Consent Agenda Items and moved to the Academics Programs Committee Action Items for further discussion.

Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

German – BA, BAE

French – BA, BAE

Spanish – MAE

University of Nebraska – Lincoln,

Environmental Restoration Science – BS

Diversified Agricultural Studies (Applied Science) – BS

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Public Hearing on Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony regarding Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee items.

Chair Hunter closed the public hearing on Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee items.

*Budget, Construction and
Financial Aid Committee*

*Dr. Pfeil presents Biennial Areas
of Emphasis*

*Biennial Areas of Emphasis
approved*

*Mike Wemhoff presents
Prioritization Process*

Prioritization Process approved

*Dr. Pfeil presents Biennial
Operation Budget Deadlines*

*Ritchie Morrow presentation on
2010-2011 Nebraska
Opportunity Grant (NOG)*

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Bishop noted that the committee has reviewed the proposed changes to the Biennial Areas of Emphasis and introduced Dr. Pfeil, Associate Director, who presented a summary of the *2013-2015 Biennial Areas of Emphasis*. Dr. Pfeil noted that the areas are more specific this year than in the past.

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the committee proposed Biennial Areas of Emphasis for use by the Commission in the review of institutional biennial operating budget requests. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Commissioner Bishop called on Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, to present the *Prioritization Process to Sequence Appropriation for Approved Capital Construction Projects*. Mr. Wemhoff noted that the revisions being proposed are more of a fine tuning, not a major overhaul of the individual priorities. The intent of the process is to lay out a point system that can show a rationale for why projects are ranked as they are and where they are ranked from a statewide perspective.

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the committee proposed Prioritization Process to Sequence Appropriation for Approved Capital Construction Projects as revised for use in developing the Commission's 2013-2015 biennial capital construction budget recommendation of institutional requests. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Commissioner Bishop opened the discussion and introduced Carna Pfeil, Associate Director, to report on the *2013-2015 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Construction Budget Deadlines*. Dr. Pfeil noted that this report is a means to provide institutions with timelines for the remainder of this year.

Commissioner Bishop introduced Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator, who provided the *2010-2011 Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Year-end Report*. Mr. Morrow discussed the fact that in the past two years there has been a significant increase in the number of Nebraska resident Pell Grant eligible students. This may be a combination of a down economy when student enrollment goes up, and the federal government redefining the Pell Grant qualifications. He noted that the area where the majority of the dollars awarded has increased is from state Lottery funds. Commissioner Seacrest asked what else can be done to demonstrate the effectiveness of this program in terms of improving access to needy students. Dr. Pfeil stated that we are monitoring to see if the students graduate plus there is now a postsecondary scholarship for those students who were dual enrollment ACE students. Dr. Hill also noted that we have tried to make the case that it is important to know how effective state funding is, but currently we lack sufficient analytical manpower and resources.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

*Dr. David Crouse, University of
Nebraska Medical Center*

Dr. Dave Crouse, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, introduced himself and noted that UNMC is bringing forward two proposals in the area of public health. He and his colleagues, each representing one of the programs, offered to answer any questions that the Commission might have.

*Dr. Jim Stimson, UNMC College
of Public Health*

Dr. Jim Stimson, Associate Professor from the College of Public Health at UNMC, introduced himself on behalf of the Center for Health Policy.

*Dr. Dana Loomis, UNMC
Department of Epidemiology*

Dr. Dana Loomis, Professor and Chair for the Department of Epidemiology introduced himself on behalf of the PhD program in Epidemiology.

Chair Hunter closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee items.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen represented the Academic Programs Committee in the absence of Commissioners Zink and Adams. Consideration of the UNL program in Horticulture and the MPCC program in Heating and Ventilation and AC that were removed from the consent items will be placed at the end of the Action Items.

*UNMC Epidemiology (PhD)
proposal*

UNMC Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Epidemiology (PhD)

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Epidemiology (PhD)

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to Commissioners.

*Dr. Dana Loomis, University of
Nebraska Medical Center,
discusses Epidemiology
Program*

Commissioner Lauritzen called on Dr. Loomis to discuss his view of the program. Dr. Loomis stated that the majority of colleges of public health offer doctorate level training in epidemiology, which is considered to be a core science of public health. This degree program in particular will stimulate collaboration with the clinical departments in colleges at UNMC and greatly expand the University's capacity to compete for federal research grants. Doctoral students play an important part in faculty research. The ability to attract and train doctoral students will help attract top-notch faculty and enable them to help strengthen the research portfolio of the University. Students from UNMC's own master's program will be the primary source of students initially, but Dr. Loomis noted they have had inquiries from around the world and potential applicants have been in contact with them about the program.

Commissioner Simmons inquired as to what type of research emphasis is currently going on. Dr. Loomis stated several areas have been strengthened, including infectious disease and public health preparedness,

occupational and environmental epidemiology, and expertise in injuries in the workplace or community. They recently hired a person with clinical epidemiology experience to collaborate with clinicians, dentistry, and medicine, including cancer epidemiology.

UNMC Epidemiology (PhD) approved

Commissioner Lauritzen on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha’s Proposal for a new Instructional Program: Epidemiology (PhD). A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

UNL supply Chain Management (BSBA) proposal

UNL Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Supply Chain Management (BSBA)

The Academic Programs committee recommended approval of the proposal to offer a new instructional program, Supply Chain Management (BSBA)

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Commissioner Lauritzen stated that this program has come out of the need that has been seen with the specialized aspect of transportation and identifying inventory and materials that go out by rail and truck. Nebraska is in the center of the country as a hub, which may inspire more manufacturing in the United States. She called upon Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Office, to discuss the proposal.

Dr. Fimple noted that this program is designed so that students can transfer into the program as juniors and seniors from elsewhere, including community colleges.

Dr. Hill requested that the date the proposal was received by the Commission should be changed from May 5, 2012 to March 5, 2012.

Dr. David Olson, University of Nebraska Lincoln

Dr. David Olson spoke on the success they had when talking to local businesses and organizations that have supply chain operations, and their desire to see a program like this, which would increase local and national employment opportunities.

UNL Supply Chain Management program approved

Commissioner Lauritzen on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve the University of Nebraska Lincoln’s Proposal for a new Instructional Program: Supply Chain Management (BSBA). A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

UNMC center for Health Policy proposal

Proposal for a New Organizational Unit: UNMC – Center for Health Policy

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed request for a new organization unit, UNMC – Center for Health Policy.

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Commissioner Lauritzen called on Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, to present the proposal.

*Dr. Jim Stimson, University of
Nebraska Medical Center*

Dr. Jim Stimson, Associate Professor from the College of Public Health spoke about his vision for the Center for Health Policy. The Center will bring together several entities across Nebraska to engage in health policy research and provide objective information that can be used by policy makers to make informed decisions. It will focus on research and analysis and increase education and knowledge about health policy.

*UNMC Center for Health Policy
proposal for a new organizational
unit approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve the University of Nebraska Lincoln’s Proposal for a new Organizational Unit: UNMC – Center for Health Policy. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*Kansas State University
Veterinary Medicine*

Request for Initial Authorization to Operate: Kansas State University – Veterinary Medicine, clinical rotations at the MidWest Veterinary Specialty Hospital in Omaha, NE

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the request for initial authorization to operate.

*Dr. Fimple discusses the
application*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to Commissioners. She noted that this is a well-known program and public institution, and the request is limited to clinical rotations.

*Kansas State University
Veterinary Medicine request for
initial authorization to operate
application approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve the Request for Initial Authorization to Operate.

Institution: Kansas State University
Owner: Board of Regents of Kansas State University

Level of authorization: Authorized to offer less than a complete degree program, limited to clinical rotations for which credit is received (courses) in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

Length of authorization: Five years (valid through April 1, 2017)

A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Wright Career College

Wright Career College Application to Modify a Previous Authorization to Operate: Computer Information Systems & Analysis (BS)

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed application to modify a previous authorization to operate.

*Dr. Fimple presents the
application*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the application to Commissioners. She visited the site and was impressed with the Omaha facility. Currently there are 13 faculty members, financially the college is sound and 79 students are enrolled in the program.

*Wright Career College
application to modify a previous
authorization to operate
approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve the modification to the authorization to operate for Wright Career College; with these modifications (underlined below), the authorization will now read as follows:

Institution: Wright Career College

Wright Career College
application approved, continued

Owner: Mission Group of Kansas, Inc.
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at a level less than associate, and at the associate and baccalaureate levels, limited to the diploma in administrative assistant, personal computer technician, and administrative medical assistant; diploma and AAS degrees in entrepreneurship and small business management, accounting, software administration, medical insurance coding, and medical assisting; AAS degrees in office administration; information technology and systems administration; healthcare administration, personal training and fitness, computer information systems – software development, and network administration and security; and BS degrees in healthcare administration, business administration and computer information systems and analysis.

Length of authorization: Five years (valid through April 30, 2017)

Conditions: A resume or vitae be submitted for faculty hired to teach in the three new programs prior to offering classes in those programs.

A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Adjourned for break at 10:25 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:35 a.m.

Proposed Draft of Title 281, Chapter 7, Rules and Regulations for the Postsecondary Institution Act

Draft of Title 281, Chapter 7

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed draft.

Dr. Fimple presents the rule

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposed draft to Commissioners. Three major changes were made to the rules and regulations since it was first approved in January, and the clean copy of the entire document with those changes will be voted on today. The next step will be a public hearing held on May 14, 2012. If no significant changes result from comments made at that public hearing, the final draft of this rule will be voted on at the May Commission meeting. The draft will then go to the attorney general, governor's office, and the secretary of state for their review and approval.

Draft of Title 281, Chapter 7
approved

Commissioner Simmons moved to accept the Proposed Draft of Title 281, Chapter 7, Rules and Regulations for the Postsecondary Institution Act. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Consent Agenda Items moved to Academic Programs Committee Action Items

University of Nebraska
Horticulture Program

University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Horticulture – MS, PhD

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program, with a report on need, number of graduates, and efforts to increase the number of students due October 15, 2014.

*University of Nebraska
Horticulture Program continued*

Commissioner Simmons suggested approval be withheld until a summary report is available. Dr. Fimple noted that the University will be asked to address the results of the review from the fall of 2011. Commissioner Seacrest stated that the committee is not interested in discontinuing this program but is hopeful that UNL will be able to solve their issues on their own.

*University of Nebraska
Horticulture program approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to continue this program, with a report on need, number of graduates, and efforts to increase the numbers due October 15, 2014 on the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Horticulture – MS, PhD. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Anderson, Simmons and Winkleblack voting no, and the remaining Commissioners present voting yes.

*Mid-Plains Community College
Heating, Ventilation, AC Program*

Mid-Plains Community College, Heating, Ventilation, AC – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program with a report on graduates and student credit hours/full time equivalent due October 15, 2014.

Commissioner Seacrest stated the committee felt it would be reasonable to shorten the due date of the report for this program, as the possibility of eliminating this program is real. Dr. Hill noted that the staff has no objection to changing the date.

MPCC amendment approved

Commissioner Simmons moved to amend the date with a report on graduates and SCH/FTE to October 15, 2013 and to include adding need to justify the program. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*MPCC Heating, Ventilation, AC
Program approved*

A second roll call vote was taken to approve the amended resolution for Mid-Plains Community College Heating, Ventilation – AC – AAS, Diploma, Certificate. All Commissioners present voted yes.

Information Items: 2010-11 Existing Program Review

Commissioner Lauritzen presented the 2010-11 Existing Program Review and offered to answer general questions.

*Dr. Fimple shares information on
Dana College property*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, requested that another item be added to the Existing Program Review having to do with Dana College. A purchase agreement for \$5.9 million was signed within the last two weeks. Dr. Allan Baer of the Renewable Nations Institute signed the agreement and expects to close within the next 30 to 60 days. He also filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State for Renewable Nations Institute to operate in Nebraska as a 501(c) (3). Initially, the Blair facility will house interns who will analyze energy usage data from industries and design plans for energy efficiency. Any credit awarded would be from Goddard College or Marlboro College in Vermont. Dr. Baer has also spoken with

representatives from the University of Nebraska with the intent of establishing a working relationship with the faculty there. Renewable Nations Institute may, at some time in the future, seek to become an accredited institution in its own right. Until then, it will be known as the Renewable Nations Institute at Dana College.

*Existing Program Review
approved by the Executive
Director*

Existing Program Review

Executive Director Dr. Marshall Hill approved continuation of the following existing programs, whose productivity fell within Commission thresholds.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Spanish – BA, BAE
English as Second Language – BAE
Agribusiness – BS
Economics – BA

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Russian – BA, BS
Spanish – BA, BS
French – BA, BS
German – BA, BS
Modern Language & Literature – MA, PhD
Classical Language – BA
Classics & Religious Studies – BA
Agribusiness – BSAB
Agricultural Economics – BSAE, MS, PhD
Natural Resource & Environmental Economics – BSNE
Agronomy – BSAG, MS, PhD
Horticulture – BSHO
Plant Biology – BS
PGA Golf Management – BS
Plant Health – DPH

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Foreign Languages – BA
German – BGS
German (2nd major) – BSBA
Spanish – BGS
Spanish (2nd major) – BCO, BED, BIS
French – BGS
French (2nd major) – BSBA
Teaching Languages – MA

Wayne State College

Spanish – BA, BS

Central Community College

Heating, Ventilation, AC – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Metropolitan Community College

*Existing Program Review
continued*

Heating, Ventilation, AC – AAS, Certificate

Northeast Community College
Heating, Ventilation, AC – AAS

Southeast Community College
Heating, Ventilation, AC – AAS

*Reasonable and Moderate
Extensions*

Information Item: Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. UNL – Grassland Management (graduate certificate)
2. UNL – Response to Intervention: Reading (graduate certificate)

Dr. Fimple presentation

Dr. Fimple noted these are graduate certificates that have graduate programs already in place. Certificates are an early exit point for someone working on a master's degree.

*Next Commission Meeting:
May 24, 2012*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2012. The meeting will be held in Norfolk at Northeast Community College. Dr. Hill reported that Northeast has a new president, Mike Chipps, and due to interest from the Commissioners, arrangements will be made to tour the college campus and Nucor Steel, a local business.

*Commissioner Lauritzen
discusses Republican U.S.
Senate debate*

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lauritzen shared with the Commissioners that she watched the Republican U.S. Senate candidate debate in Norfolk last night online. Deb Fischer, former CCPE Commissioner was the “star of the show” in her opinion. She felt the highlight of the evening was when Jerry Guenther, who is on the editorial staff of the Norfolk Daily News, challenged the candidates to name a strength or attribute they admire about their opponent. This set a positive tone for the entire debate.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.