
MINUTES

**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
April 25, 2013
Southeast Community College
Student Services Division, Room V103-V104
8800 O Street
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 25, 2013. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 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.

DR. RON HUNTER, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ron Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

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| Colleen Adam | Mary Lauritzen |
| Clark Anderson | Eric Seacrest |
| Riko Bishop | Dr. Joyce Simmons |
| Dr. Deborah Frison | W. Scott Wilson |
| Dr. Ron Hunter | John Winkleblack |

Commissioners Absent

Carol Zink

Commission Staff Present

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| Dr. Kathleen Fimple | Dr. Barbara McCuen |
| Dr. Marshall Hill | Helen Pope |
| Jason Keese | Mike Wemhoff |

GREETING BY DR. JACK HUCK, PRESIDENT OF SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Jack Huck, President of Southeast Community College thanked the Commissioners, staff, and guests for coming and welcomed everyone to the new student services center at Southeast Community College. He stated that the new facility has gone well beyond their expectations in terms of the services it provides for their students. Following the meeting, Commissioners and staff will be part of the audience at a themed luncheon prepared and served by the Southeast Community College culinary program students.

Dr. Huck distributed a handout to the Commissioners, *Placement: A Report on 2011-2012 Graduates of Southeast Community College*, noting SCC is one of the few postsecondary institutions that makes the commitment to track every one of their graduates every year. The placement report is the result of that tracking process. He reported that the vast majority of SCC students tend to stay in southeast Nebraska and go to work in their local economy or further their education.

Dr. Huck also shared the publication *Voluntary Framework of Accountability At-A-Glance*. This document was facilitated by two organizations, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). He said that the traditional measures for looking at success factors for postsecondary graduates do not fit community colleges well. This at-a-glance data represents a broader and more comprehensive measure of student progress, outcomes, and success.

Dr. Huck stated that the process was developed and beta tested by a number of community colleges throughout the country within the last year. They are now going to do "super beta testing" on a nationwide basis. The AACC and the ACCT, the two sponsoring organizations, have awarded one national grant for comprehensive state-wide participation by the community colleges in a chosen state. Nebraska received that grant. All of the community colleges in Nebraska will be a part of the final beta testing for the voluntary framework of accountability.

Commissioner Winkleblack joined the meeting at 9:08 am.

MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2013 COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Hunter noted that the minutes of the March 14th Commission meeting have been amended to not use the wording "adjourned" when referring to break and lunch times. Commissioner Simmons moved that the March 14, 2013 minutes be approved with the submitted changes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Other than indicating the spring weather and needed rain are welcome, Chair Hunter did not have a report.

Dr. Hill speaks about quarterly budget report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Hill reported that Kadi Lukesh, Bookkeeper/Budget Coordinator & Office Manager, was not at the meeting to present the quarterly budget report. Her mother passed away earlier today. Dr. Hill presented the quarterly budget report, noting that our budget will be reduced by approximately \$12,000 with the passing of LB 194. We are in good shape in terms of operating within our budget. He answered questions from the Commissioners.

Jason Keese reports on current legislative bills of interest

Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, briefed the Commissioners on current legislative bills of interest. A summary sheet was distributed to Commissioners outlining the information discussed. Mr. Keese noted that we started the session tracking 20 higher education bills; we are now down to tracking 7 bills, with 6 of them likely to be passed. There are 20 days left in the session.

Dr. Hill notes that Dr. Pfeil and Mr. Civic are attending the CACG Advisory Meeting

Dr. Hill reported that Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance and Administration, and Ben Civic, College Access Challenge Grant Program Director, were not at the meeting as they were attending the College Access Challenge Grant Advisory Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Hill reports that Dr. McCuen presented 2013 Progress Report to Legislature's Education Committee

On Friday, April 19th, Dr. Barbara McCuen, Research Coordinator, presented the *2013 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report* to the Legislature's Education Committee. Dr. Hill stated that all committee members were present and asked good questions.

Dr. Hill discusses state online authorization

Dr. Hill discussed the bill on state authorization reciprocity. Last week he attended a meeting in Indianapolis to kick off starting reciprocity agreements among states. He was pleased that representatives from 47 states were in attendance.

Public Hearing 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.

Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MCC – Diesel Technology (AAS, Diploma) and Welding Technology (AAS, Certificate)

Metropolitan Community College – Follow-up Reports on existing instructional programs – Diesel Technology (AAS, Diploma), and Welding Technology (AAS, Certificate)

With no discussion on the Consent Agenda Items, Chair Hunter recommended to move forward with the vote.

MCC – Diesel Technology (AAS, Diploma) and Welding Technology (AAS, Certificate) approved

Commissioner Seacrest made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items - Metropolitan Community College - Follow-up Reports on existing instructional programs. Continue the programs – Diesel Technology (AAS, Diploma), and Welding Technology (AAS, Certificate).

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

Public Hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE ITEMS

William Conley, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance at the University of Nebraska at Omaha introduced himself and stated he was present to answer any questions the Commissioners had in regard to the Biomechanics Research Facility.

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

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

University of Nebraska at Omaha Dodge Campus – Biomechanics research facility operating and maintenance request

UNO – Dodge Campus – Biomechanics research facility operating and maintenance request

Mr. Wemhoff presents the proposal

Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, presented the proposal to the Commissioners. He noted that the project is being constructed with private donations and the University is requesting state appropriations to operate and maintain the facility. Commission approval is requested for an increase in appropriation or expenditure of state tax funds for the facilities operation and maintenance. There was discussion regarding the O&M funding, and Mr. Conley answered questions from the Commissioners.

UNO – Dodge Campus – Biomechanics research facility operating and maintenance request approved

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha Dodge Campus’s Biomechanics research facility operating and maintenance request. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Simmons voted no; all other Commissioners present voted yes.

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee

Dr. Laurie Becvar and Gary Girard from the University of South Dakota

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Laurie Becvar, Senior Associate Provost and Graduate Dean, University of South Dakota, introduced herself and Gary Girard, Director of Off-Campus and Distance Learning. They were present to answer questions the Commissioners might have in regard to the University of South Dakota’s proposal to offer Reading Recovery® classes in Lincoln public schools, to offer a class in Ponca, Nebraska associated with the Missouri River Institute, and to extend a distance learning opportunity in speech language pathology in rural Nebraska.

Dr. Sherri Jones from UNL

Dr. Sherri Jones, Professor and Chair of Special Education and Communication Disorders, at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, stated she was present to clarify some information about UNL’s program in speech language pathology, express concerns about the proposal on the table regarding the University of South Dakota, and answer questions the Commissioners might have for her.

Dr. Kay Maize and Dr. Marcia Kube from Bryan College of Health Sciences

Dr. Gregory Karst and James Temme from UNMC

Dr. Kay Maize, Provost, and Dr. Marcia Kube, Graduate Nursing Program Director, at Bryan College of Health Sciences, came forward to support two proposals for new programs from Bryan College of Health Sciences and answer questions from the Commissioners.

Dr. Gregory Karst, Assistant Dean for Academic and Student Affairs for the school of allied health professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, introduced himself. He and James Temme, Radiation Science Director, were present to support the UNMC Radiologic Science Technology Graduate Certificates proposal.

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

Chair Hunter called for a break at 11:08 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:15 a.m.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen presented the Academic Programs Committee information in Commissioner Zink's absence.

USC – Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology, Reading Recovery® (three graduate courses) and Science, Culture and History of the Missouri River (course)

University of South Dakota - Proposal for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate in Nebraska – Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology, Reading Recovery® (three graduate courses), and Science, Culture and History of the Missouri River (course)

Commissioner Lauritzen commented that the Academic Programs Committee found the opportunities offered by USD do not appear to be readily available to the target audiences in any other format. The committee recommended approval of the proposed recurrent authorization to operate in Nebraska for Reading Recovery® and Science, Culture and History of the Missouri River. For the application to offer the Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology the committee had no recommendation.

USC –Reading Recovery® (three graduate courses) and Science, Culture and History of the Missouri River (course) approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the recurrent authorization to operate, through May 1, 2018, for two of the three proposals from the University of South Dakota: Reading Recovery® (three graduate courses), and Science, Culture and History of the Missouri River (course). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Chair Hunter calls for a motion on USC – Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology

Since the Academic Programs Committee had no recommendation on the application to offer the Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology, Chair Hunter called for a motion and second from the Commissioners. Commissioner Seacrest noted that the reason there was not a recommendation was because the Commissioners were waiting to obtain more information from all parties involved.

Dr. Fimple presents information

USC – Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology approved

Bryan College of Health Sciences – Education Doctorate in Nursing Education, and Baccalaureate of Science in Health Professions – Healthcare Studies

Dr. Fimple presents the application

Bryan College of Health Sciences – Education Doctorate in Nursing Education, and Baccalaureate of Science in Health Professions – Healthcare Studies approved

Annual Reports from Institutions Holding Recurrent Authorizations to Operate in Nebraska

Dr. Fimple presents the report

UNL – Radiologic Science Technology Graduate Certificates

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

UNL – Radiologic Science Technology Graduate Certificates approved

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented information on the program stating that all written communications from both sides of this issue were given to the Commissioners for review.

Commissioner Seacrest moved to include the University of South Dakota’s Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology in the recurrent authorization to operate, valid through May 1, 2018. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Bryan College of Health Sciences – Application to Modify a Previous Authorization to Operate in Nebraska - Education Doctorate in Nursing Education, and Baccalaureate of Science in Health Professions-Healthcare Studies

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to include Bryan College of Health Science’s Education Doctorate in Nursing Education and Baccalaureate of Science in Health Professions-Healthcare Studies in the college’s recurrent authorization to operate. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Annual Reports from Institutions Holding Recurrent Authorizations to Operate in Nebraska

Dr. Fimple stated this report stems from a change in statute requiring all institutions the Commission has authorized to provide a yearly report to the Commission. St. Gregory the Great Seminary is missing from the list, as Monsignor Folda has been out of town due to his new appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Fargo, North Dakota. He has assured Dr. Fimple that the report will be coming.

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for New Instructional Programs - Radiologic Science Technology Graduate Certificates, a) Cardiovascular Interventional Technology, b) Computed Tomography, c) Magnetic Resonance Imaging, d) Diagnostic Medical Sonography, e) Nuclear Medicine Technology, and f) Radiation Therapy

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal to Commissioners.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve UNMC’s proposal for New Instructional Programs - Radiologic Science Technology Graduate Certificates, a) Cardiovascular Interventional Technology, b) Computed Tomography, c) Magnetic Resonance Imaging, d) Diagnostic Medical Sonography, e) Nuclear Medicine Technology, and, f) Radiation Therapy, on the condition that UNMC receive approval from the Higher Learning Commission. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*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 the Commission thresholds or provided significant justification if below the thresholds.

Information Items:

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Aviation Systems Management – BS
Broadcasting – BS/BA
Journalism – BS/BA
Multimedia – BS/BA
Radiography – BS
Respiratory Therapy – BS
Medical Technology – BS
Health Sciences – BS

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Aviation Administration – BGS, BS
Healthcare Administration – BGS
Nonprofit Administration – BGS
Public Administration – MPA, PhD
Public Management – Graduate Certificate
Gerontology – Undergraduate Certificate, BGS, Graduate Certificate, MA
Theatre – BGS, BA, MA
Creative Writing – BGS, BFA
Writing – MFA
Art – BGS
Art History – BA
Studio Art – BFA, BA
Music – BGS, BM, MM
Neuroscience – BS

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Interdepartmental Medical Sciences Area – MS, PhD
Nuclear Medicine – BS RST
Radiation Therapy – BS RST
Diagnostic Medical Sonography – BS RST
Radiography – BS RST
Medical Nutrition – Graduate Certificate

Mid-Plains Community College

Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic – AAS, Diploma

Northeast Community College

EMT / Paramedic – AAS

Southeast Community College

Emergency Medical Services / Paramedic – AAS

UNMC – Pre-Medical Science
UNMC - Radiation Oncology
Physics
UNMC - Health Promotion &
Disease Prevention Research
UNMC - Health Services
Research Administration &
Policy

UNO– Urban Studies – MS

WNCC – Emergency Medical
Technician – AOS, Certificate

Dr. Fimple presents program
information

UNMC – Pre-Medical Science
UNMC - Radiation Oncology
Physics, UNMC - Health
Promotion & Disease Prevention
Research, UNMC - Health
Services Research
Administration & Policy, UNO –
Urban Studies, and WNCC –
Emergency Medical Technician
programs continuation approved

Program Name
Changes

Program Deletions

2011-2012 Programs Requiring Additional Review

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Pre-Medical Science – Graduate Certificate
Radiation Oncology Physics – Graduate Certificate
Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Research – PhD
Health Services Research Administration & Policy – PhD

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Urban Studies – MS

Western Nebraska Community College

Emergency Medical Technician – AOS, Certificate

Dr. Fimple presented information on the programs requiring additional review.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve continuation of the 2011-2012 Programs Requiring Additional Review, with UNO providing a report on enrollments and graduation rates due 9-30-15, and WNCC providing a report on graduation/completion rates and status of program accreditation due 06-30-14. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Information Items: Report on name changes, deletions, reasonable and moderate extensions, and other institutional activities relating to existing programs

Program Name Changes

1. SCC – Chrysler College Automotive to *MOPAR-Chrysler/Dodge/RAM/Jeep College Automotive*
2. SCC – Machine Tool Technology to *Precision Machining and Automation Technology*
3. CCC – Business Technology (diploma) to *Administrative Assistant (diploma)*
4. CCC – Paralegal (diploma) to *Legal Office (diploma)*
5. CCC – Business Design Concepts (certificate) to *Business Imaging (certificate)*
6. SCC – Energy Generation Operations-Biofuels focus to *Energy Generation Operations-Process Operations-Biofuels focus*

Program Deletions

1. SCC – Parts Marketing and Management (AAS, Diploma)
2. SCC – Intelligent Machine Integration (Certificate)
3. CSC – Library Information Management (BA/BSE)
4. CCC – Business Administration-Accounting Clerk (Certificate)
5. CCC – Business Technology
 - Legal Office Specialization (AAS)
 - Software Integration (Diploma)

Program Deletions, continued

6. CCC – Construction Technology-Construction Electrician (Diploma)
7. CCC – Information Technology
 - Computer Programming (AAS Specialization, Certificate)
 - Database Support (AAS Specialization, Certificate)
 - Information Security Assurance (AAS Specialization, Certificate)
 - Technical Support (AAS Specialization, Certificate)
 - Web Developer (AAS Specialization, Certificate)
8. SCC – Energy Generation Operations-Wind Energy focus
9. SCC – Office Professional-Medical Transcription focus

Program Focus Change

Program Focus Change

1. SCC – Precision Machining and Automation Technology
 - a. Go from three focuses to two: a Tool Maker focus, and a CNC and Automation focus. (Old focuses were: Diemaker, Moldmaker, Tool & Diemaker)

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. WNCC – AS Emphasis Areas in Rangeland Management & Agricultural Science
2. WNCC – Emergency Medical Technician (AOS)
3. CCC – Automotive Technology
 - Engine Performance (Certificate)
 - Brakes/Steering/Suspension (Certificate)
 - Automotive Technology (Certificate)
 - Engine Repair (Certificate)
4. CCC – Criminal Justice
 - Police Field Services (Diploma)
 - Correctional Science (Certificate)
 - Police Science (Certificate)
 - Private Security (Certificate)
5. CCC – Diesel Technology - Diesel Power Generation Specialization (AAS)
6. CCC – Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (Certificate)
7. CCC – Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts – Pastry Specialization (AAS)
8. CCC – Information Technology
 - Information Technology Developer Specialization (AAS)
 - Information Technology Support Specialist Specialization (AAS)
9. SCC – Energy Generation Operations-Military focus

Dual Degree Program

Dual Degree Program

1. UNO & UNMC – Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Public Health (MPH)

Department Name Change

Department Name Change

1. UNO – Department of Educational Administration and Supervision to *Department of Educational Leadership*

*2013 Commission meeting
schedule*

*2013 Commission meeting
schedule approved*

*Next Commission Meeting: June
13, 2013*

*Commissioners Seacrest and
Winkleblack discuss plans for
Scottsbluff meeting*

Commissioner Lauritzen on USD

*Commissioner Seacrest reports
UNMC Chancellor retiring*

*Chair Hunter notes Dr. Rhine's
inauguration at CSC*

*Commissioner Simmons
presents article by Fareed
Zakaria*

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Approve amended Commission meeting schedule for 2013

Chair Hunter noted the new Commission 2013 meeting schedule includes adding a meeting and changing two dates in order to meet with the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and the Nebraska Board of Education.

Chair Hunter, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the amended Commission meeting schedule for 2013. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be held Thursday, June 13, 2013 at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, NE.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners Seacrest and Winkleblack offered to plan a gathering the evening before the June 13th Commission meeting in Scottsbluff.

Commissioner Lauritzen stated that while researching the study of the University of South Dakota, they talked about the bridge over Vermillion to Nebraska. She thought of former Commissioner Helen Morten, who would have been a great resource in that discussion.

Commissioner Seacrest reported that Chancellor Harold Maurer at the University of Nebraska Medical Center is retiring, noting that he has been one of the great czars for higher education in Nebraska. Dr. Hill stated that the Commission will send him a letter of congratulations. Commissioner Lauritzen added that it was reported in the *Omaha World-Herald* that UNMC is the largest employer in Omaha.

Chair Hunter noted that Dr. Randy Rhine will be inaugurated as the 11th president of Chadron State College this week.

Commissioner Simmons provided fellow Commissioners a commentary article by Fareed Zakaria titled *The Thin-Envelope Crisis: America's universities are rejecting the wrong kids – and undermining the idea of merit.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.