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# MINUTES

## COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

August 1, 2013

Central Community College

Administrative Office Building, Room 80

3134 W Highway 34

Grand Island, 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 AUGUST 1, 2013. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 P.M.

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

DR. RON HUNTER, CHAIR

### *Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.*

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Ron Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked for introductions.

#### **Commissioners Present**

Colleen Adam  
Clark Anderson  
Riko Bishop  
Dr. Deborah Frison  
Dr. Ron Hunter

Mary Lauritzen  
Eric Seacrest  
Dr. Joyce Simmons  
W. Scott Wilson

#### **Commissioners Absent**

John Winkleblack  
Carol Zink

#### **Commission Staff Present**

Dr. Kathleen Fimple  
Dr. Marshall Hill  
Jason Keese  
Kadi Lukesh

Dr. Barbara McCuen  
Helen Pope  
Dr. Carna Pfeil  
Mike Wemhoff

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*Dr. Greg Smith, President of  
CCC*

**GREETING BY DR. GREG SMITH, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Dr. Greg Smith, President of Central Community College, welcomed the Commissioners and staff, noting his appreciation of the work they do. Central Community College serves a 25-county area, with 25,000 students per year. CCC has been able to keep tuition low with graduation rates being average in comparison to other Nebraska community colleges. There is a College Cabinet meeting this morning, and CCC attendees will be joining the Commissioners today for lunch. A tour is planned for the Commissioners and staff after the meeting, including the Occupational Therapy Program and the new Health & Science Building.

*Minutes of June 13, 2013  
Commission meeting approved*

**MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2013 COMMISSION MEETING**

**Commissioner Simmons moved that the June 13, 2013 minutes be approved. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Chair Hunter congratulates  
Commissioner Bishop on her  
appointment as Judge on the  
Nebraska Court of Appeals*

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chair Hunter congratulated Commissioner Bishop on her recent appointment as Judge on the Nebraska Court of Appeals. Commissioner Bishop has been with the Commission since 2007 and will be greatly missed. Chair Hunter presented her with a plaque of appreciation for her years of service. Commissioner Bishop commented on the tremendous experience she has had being a part of the Coordinating Commission.

*Chair Hunter appoints  
Commissioner Anderson as  
interim Vice-Chair*

Chair Hunter appointed Commissioner Clark Anderson as interim Vice-Chair, replacing Commissioner Bishop in that position.

*Dr. Hill speaks about out-of-  
service area applications*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Marshall Hill reported that the following out-of-service area applications have been authorized:

1. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC in Columbus, NE  
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
  - PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)  
-August 19, 2013 – December 13, 2013
2. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from David City High School in David City, NE  
Delivered to Sargent High School in Sargent, NE
  - ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)  
-August 19, 2013 – December 13, 2013
3. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from Humphrey High School in Humphrey, NE

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Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE

- ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)  
-August 19, 2013 – December 13, 2013

4. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated from Humphrey High School in Humphrey, NE  
Delivered to Madison High School in Madison, NE
  - ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)  
-August 19, 2013 – December 13, 2013

*Kadi Lukesh introduces her sister Karen Cox*

Dr. Hill introduced Kadi Lukesh, Budget Coordinator, to present the Quarterly Budget Report. Ms. Lukesh took a moment to introduce her sister Karen Cox, who is a graduate of Central Community College in Hastings, and is currently executive assistant to the campus president in Grand Island.

*Ms. Lukesh presents Quarterly Budget Report*

Ms. Lukesh gave an overview of the budget report, noting that this is the end of the fiscal year, and the budget report reflects some changes that will make the next fiscal year easier.

*Dr. Hill reports office computer upgrades*

Dr. Hill reported that the Legislature provided additional funds to upgrade computers in the office. He is happy to report that with the last six computers installed, all of the staff computers are now upgraded.

*Dr. Hill discusses candidates for data analyst position*

Dr. Hill stated that this week several candidates were interviewed to fill the data analyst position. Three good candidates have been chosen to complete a project as the final phase of the interview process.

*Dr. Hill speaks about REUs*

Dr. Hill noted that the Commission has been assigned additional duties in statutes regarding the allocation and distribution of state aid to community colleges. One portion of state aid to community colleges is calculated using Reimbursable Educational Units (REUs). The colleges compile a master course list. Dr. Pfeil, Associate Director, has master course lists for each of the community colleges. Not all courses offered are eligible for reimbursement and support by the state.

Dr. Hill distributed to the Commissioners a memo stating that the Commission will work on three key points related to REUs: 1) ensuring only courses specified in statute to be eligible in the REU funding system will be included, 2) ensuring courses are assigned relative funding "weights" as specified in statutes; and 3) ensuring that each college area is submitting data that complies with those two points.

*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.**



*Consent Agenda*

*2013-2014 ITQ Request for Proposals*

*Consent Agenda item approved*

*Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items*

*Dr. Tim Obermier from University of Nebraska at Kearney*

*Dean Tim Burkink from University of Nebraska at Kearney*

*Dr. Matthew Schaefer from University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

*Strayer University new campus in Omaha*

*Commissioner Lauritzen discusses Strayer University*

*Dr. Fimple presents the proposal*

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Improving Teacher Quality state grant program 2013-2014 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

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

**Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Item – Improving Teacher Quality state grant program – 2013-2014 Request for Proposals. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

Dr. Tim Obermier, Chair of the Industrial Technology Department at UNK, came forward along with College of Business and Technology Dean Tim Burkink, offering to answer questions the Commissioners may have regarding the proposed UNK Industrial Technology Applied Science program.

Dr. Matthew Schaefer, Director of Space, Cyber, and Telecommunications Law from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, offered to answer questions from the Commissioners on the proposed UNL Space Law JSD program.

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

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

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

**Application to Modify a Previous Authorization to Operate – Strayer University – new campus in Omaha - Criminal Justice – AA, BS, Public Administration – MPA, Accounting – AA, BS, MS, Acquisition and Contract Management – Diploma, AA, Business Administration – Undergraduate Certificate, AA, BBA, Executive Graduate Certificate, MBA, Executive MBA, Economics – AA, BS, Marketing – AA, Health Services Administration – Masters, Human Resource Management – MS, Management – MS, Education – Med, Information Systems – AA, BS, MS, and Information Technology – AA, BS.**

Commissioner Lauritzen noted that Strayer University has a presence in Nebraska, as they were approved by the Commission in 2009 to provide associate, baccalaureate, and master’s degrees in business administration for employees at the Verizon Wireless Call Center in Lincoln. This proposal is to offer a full range of programs that are offered at Strayer’s other campuses and to open a new campus in the Omaha area.

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



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*Dr. Sondra Stallard from Strayer University*

Commissioner Lauritzen asked Dr. Sondra Stallard, President Emerita and Director of Accreditation and Regulatory Affairs for Strayer University, to speak about the uniqueness of Strayer's partnership with businesses and the military around the country. Dr. Stallard explained Strayer has made it possible for adult students to continue their education. For example, they work in the Virginia Beach area with students as they come out of the naval military service. Strayer faculty work with them to translate their accomplishments during military service into civilian speak. This is beneficial for students transitioning from the military to civilian life and work.

*Dr. Tracy Locklin from Strayer University*

Dr. Stallard, and Mr. Tracy Locklin, Senior Associate General Counsel for Strayer University, answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Strayer University new campus in Omaha approved*

**Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the modification to the recurrent authorization to operate for Strayer University to include the certificates, associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees in the program areas listed on page 4 on a campus in the Omaha metropolitan area, with the following conditions: 1) Strayer University submit its audited financial statement annually to the Coordinating Commission, 2) Strayer University provide to the Coordinating Commission any notice of adverse action or matters of concern from the regional accreditor, any programmatic accreditor, or the U.S. Department of Education, and, 3) Prior to the university offering courses in Omaha:**

- a. An appropriate facility is secured and Commission staff visit the facility,
- b. Qualified faculty are hired for the Omaha location and resumes are submitted to the Commission, and
- c. Approval is received from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the U.S. Department of Education.

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

*UNK – Industrial Technology Applied Science – BS*

**University of Nebraska at Kearney – Proposal for New Instructional Program: Industrial Technology Applied Science – BS**

*Dr. Fimple presents the proposal*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that this program would provide an opportunity for students with an associate degree in certain technical fields to earn a four-year degree. UNK would accept transfer credits from approved programs.

*UNK – Industrial Technology Applied Science – BS approved*

**Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney's new instructional program: Industrial Technology Applied Science – BS. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*UNL – Space Law – JSD*

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Proposal for New Instructional Program: Space Law – JSD**

*Dr. Fimple presents the proposal*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that the JSD program focuses on legal and policy issues relating to outer space, as well as global, social,

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economic, security, and environmental issues. This type of degree is a research degree for law, requiring students admitted to the program to have completed graduate study of law and typically have a JD, LLM, or Ph.D. in a related subject.

*Dr. Matthew Schaefer from UNL*

Dr. Matthew Schaefer, Professor of Law and Director of Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law noted that a foreign student entering this program would already have an undergraduate degree in law and their LLM (Master of Laws). For a U.S. student entering this program, they would be required to have their undergraduate degree and their JD. This program is designed to serve a small number of students but fill a need as it is one of only a few programs of this type in the world. Dr. Schaefer answered questions from the Commissioners.

*UNL – Space Law – JSD approved*

**Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s new instructional program: Space Law – JSD. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners voting yes.**

*Dr. Fimple presents 2011-2012 Off-Campus Distance Education Report*

Information Item: 2011-2012 Off-Campus Distance Education Report  
Dr. Fimple reviewed the report, stating that every year there are reporting issues and errors. A new, more accurate electronic reporting system may be implemented when the new data analyst joins the Commission.

*Information Items*

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

*Dr. Nita Unruh from UNK*

Dr. Fimple noted that Dr. Nita Unruh from the University of Nebraska at Kearney was present in support of the UNK department name change. Dr. Unruh stated that the name change from the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Leisure Studies to the Department of Kinesiology and Sports Sciences more accurately describes what the department does.

*Program Deletions*

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1. UNL – European Studies
2. MPCC – Nebraska Law Enforcement
3. MPCC – Welding and Machine Shop Technology

*Programs moved to Inactive Status*

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1. NECC – Industrial Technician (diploma)
2. NECC – Renewable Fuels (AS, AAS, diploma, certificate)

*Concentration/Emphasis Deletion*

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1. MPCC – Diesel Technology, removed Railroad emphasis
2. MPCC – Electrical Technology, removed Railroad emphasis

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*Program Name Change*

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1. MPCC – Business Technology to *Business Office Technology*
2. MPCC – Graphic Design to *Graphic Design/Visual Communications*

*Program Degree Change*

Program Degree Change

1. UNL – BS in Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management to *BA in Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management*

*Reasonable and Moderate Extensions*

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. MPCC – Business-Events Management (certificate)
2. MPCC – Business-Sports Management (certificate)
3. MPCC – Business-Non-Profit Management (certificate)
4. MPCC – Welding Technology (AAS)
5. WNCC – Law Enforcement (certificate)
6. WNCC – Early Childhood Education (diploma)
7. NECC – Early Childhood Education (AAS)

*Department Name Change*

Department Name Change

1. UNK – Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Leisure Studies to *Department of Kinesiology and Sports Sciences*

Chair Hunter called for a 10 minute break at 11:02 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:14 a.m.

*Public Hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items*

*Rebecca Koller, and Ken Hansen from UNMC*

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

Rebecca Koller, Assistant Vice President and Director of Facility Planning and Management for the University of Nebraska, thanked the Commission for its recommendation and along with Ken Hansen, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Facilities Management and Planning, were present to answer questions the Commissioners may have had on the UNMC Cancer Research Center.

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

**BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE**

*UNMC Cancer Research Center*

*Mike Wemhoff presents the proposal*

**University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha Campus – Cancer Research Center**

Commissioner Bishop introduced Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, to present the proposal. Mr. Wemhoff stated that the Cancer Research Center would be a 252,000 gross square foot research facility that is part of a larger complex containing outpatient clinic space, clinical trials, and an inpatient cancer unit. The center would be built on the former Children's

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Hospital site. The Cancer Research Center is estimated to cost \$110 million funded by state appropriations and private donations. This is the largest dollar project to come for approval before the Commission.

*Ken Hansen from UNMC*

Mr. Hansen noted that the clinical side of the facility will be utilized by patients from the local region, along with national and international patients. He and Ms. Koller answered questions from the Commissioners.

*UNMC Cancer Research Center approved*

**Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha Campus Cancer Research Center. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*2013-2014 CCPE Proposed Operating Budget*

#### **2013-2014 Proposed Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Operating Budget**

*Ms. Lukesh presents the Operating Budget*

Chair Hunter called on Kadi Lukesh to present the 2013-2014 Proposed CCPE Operating Budget. Ms. Lukesh reviewed the budget, commenting on areas of interest. She noted that the new budget is based on the past two-year budget history.

*2013-2014 CCPE Proposed Operating Budget approved*

**Chair Hunter, on behalf of the Executive Committee moved to approve the 2013-2014 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Operating Budget as proposed. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Dr. Hill announces his new position in Boulder, Colorado*

Dr. Hill announced to the Commissioners that he has accepted a new position as Executive Director of the National Council on State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NCSARA) in Boulder, Colorado. He stated he is very proud of the work that the Commission does, and appreciates the support he has received and friendships made during his time with the Commission. He will meet privately with the Executive Committee to discuss his recommendations for the Commission to move forward upon his departure.

Chair Hunter called for lunch break at 12:01 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:42 p.m.

*Commissioner Bishop did not return to the meeting.*

*Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items*

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony regarding the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee items.

**Chair Hunter closed the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information items.**

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*Dr. McCuen presents Section A and Section B of the 2012-2013 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*

**PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Lauritzen introduced Dr. Barbara McCuen, Research Coordinator, to present information on Section A (Enrollment) and Section B (Degrees and Other Awards) of the *2012-2013 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*.

Dr. McCuen distributed handouts on Section A and Section B to the Commissioners and presented an overview of each section. After her presentation, Dr. McCuen spoke on her upcoming retirement and showed a brief slideshow of what her plans are in retirement.

*Next Commission Meeting:  
September 19, 2013*

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, September 19, 2013 at UNL East Campus in Lincoln, NE. Commissioners will have lunch with the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

*Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.