
**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATION**

December 6, 2012
The Apothecary Building
140 North 8th Street, 5th Floor
Lincoln, Nebraska

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 DECEMBER 6, 2012. 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.

DR. RON HUNTER, CHAIR

*Meeting called to order at 8:34
a.m.*

CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Ron Hunter called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Chair Hunter thanked Commissioner Clark Anderson and his wife for hosting a lovely holiday gathering the previous evening.

Chair Hunter stated that Commissioner Joyce Simmons was absent as her mother passed away on December 5th.

Chair Hunter thanked the Commission staff for arranging today's meeting at the Apothecary Loft.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hunter asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Eric Seacrest
Clark Anderson	W. Scott Wilson
Riko Bishop	Dr. Ron Hunter
Dr. Deborah A. Frison	John Winkleblack
Mary Lauritzen	Carol Zink

Commissioners Absent

Dr. Joyce Simmons

Commission Staff Present

Miste Adamson-DaMoude	Kadi Lukesh
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Ben Civic
Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Dr. Marshall Hill
Jason Keese

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

*Minutes of October 11, 2012
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Adam moved that the October 11, 2012 minutes be approved. Commissioner Zink seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*Committee Chair Zink
announces nominations for 2013
Commission Chair, Vice-Chair,
and Executive Committee
members*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair Hunter noted that Commissioners Winkleblack, Zink, and Wilson made up the Nominating Committee for Commission Officers for 2013. Commissioner Zink presented the Committee's slate of nominations for Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and two other members of the 2013 Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee proposed approval of Dr. Ron Hunter to continue to serve as Commission Chair from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; Riko Bishop to continue to serve as Vice Chair from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; and Commissioners Dr. Joyce Simmons and Mary Lauritzen to serve on the Executive Committee along with the Chair and Vice Chair from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Commissioner Zink thanked Commissioner Adam for her years of service on the Executive Committee. Chair Hunter asked for nominations outside of the slate. There being none, Dr. Hill proposed that the Commissioners vote on the slate of nominations rather than individual votes.

*2013 Commission Chair, Vice-
Chair, and Executive Committee
members approved*

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve the slate of nominations as proposed. Commission Chair, Dr. Ron Hunter, Vice Chair, Riko Bishop, and two members to serve on the Executive Committee along with the Chair and Vice Chair, Dr. Joyce Simmons and Mary Lauritzen. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*Dr. Hill speaks about out-of-
service authorizations*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

1. Offered by Wayne State College
Traditional Delivery at ESU #13 in Scottsbluff, NE
 - EDU 515 ESL Programs, Curriculum, and Assessment (3 cr.)
-January 4, 2013 – February 18, 2013

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2. Offered by Wayne State College
Traditional Delivery at ESU #13 in Scottsbluff, NE
 - EDU 516 Methods & Assessment (3 cr.)
-March 4, 2013 – May 6, 2013
 3. Offered by Wayne State College
Interactive two-way video originated from WSC
Delivered to ESU #13 in Scottsbluff, NE
 - EDU 517 ESL Practicum (3 cr.)
-August 22, 2013 – December 13, 2013
 4. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Columbus High School in Columbus, NE
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - ENGL 2100 Introduction to Literature (3 cr.)
-January 7, 2013 – May 2, 2013
 5. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC in Columbus, NE
Delivered to West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE
 - SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)
-January 7, 2013 – May 2, 2013
 6. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Columbus High School in Columbus, NE
Delivered to Madison High School in Madison, NE
 - ENGL 2100 Introduction to Literature (3 cr.)
-January 7, 2013 – May 2, 2013
 7. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from St. Paul High School in St. Paul, NE
Delivered to West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE
 - MATH 2020 College Statistics (3 cr.)
-January 7, 2013 – May 3, 2013
 8. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from David City High School in David City, NE
Delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE
 - SPCH 1110 Public Speaking (3 cr.)
-January 7, 2013 – May 2, 2013
 9. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Columbus High School in Columbus, NE
Delivered to Sargent High School in Sargent, NE
 - ENGL 2100 Introduction to Literature (3 cr.)

-January 7, 2013 – May 2, 2013

10. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Cozad High School in Cozad, NE
Delivered to Anselmo/Merna High School in Merna, NE
- MATH 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.)
-January 7, 2013 – May 2, 2013

Dr. Hill introduces new employee Ben Civic

Dr. Hill introduced and welcomed new employee Ben Civic, College Access Challenge Grant Program Director. Mr. Civic spoke briefly about his background.

Dr. McCuen's report on ACT Pilot Project

Dr. Hill called on Dr. Barbara McCuen, CCPE Research Coordinator, to describe the agreement that CCPE has reached with the Nebraska Department of Education to evaluate an ACT Pilot Project funded by the Legislature. Dr. McCuen distributed a handout to accompany her presentation. The ACT Pilot Project will be based on college-going rates and the correlation of ACT and Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) Assessment scores. There are 13 high schools in eight school districts selected by the Department of Education participating statewide in the project.

Dr. Pfeil speaks on ACE Plus Scholarship program update

Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration, gave an update on the ACE Plus Scholarship program. She noted that ACE Plus is a program for previous ACE scholarship recipients who have moved on to college. She provided a handout and a presentation showing statistics from the first two years of the program.

Dr. Hill discusses MHEC annual meeting

Dr. Hill stated that the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) annual meeting was held in Cincinnati, Ohio in November. At the completion of that meeting, Dr. Randy Ferlic from Nebraska, a former CCPE Commissioner, was elected chair of the MHEC commission. The 2013 annual MHEC meeting will be held in Omaha in November. Commissioner Carol Zink represents the Commission as a MHEC Commissioner.

Dr. Hill discusses state authorization issue

Dr. Hill noted that he continues to spend a great deal of time on the state authorization issue, with some resolve hopefully coming soon. He also reported he is busy working with accrediting bodies. Earlier this year the Higher Learning Commission removed accreditation of a large institution and the process allows the institution to appeal its loss of accreditation. This week he chaired that appeals panel.

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.

*Dr. Steve Waller presentation on
UNL College of Agricultural
Sciences and Natural Resources*

**UNL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

Dr. Steve Waller, Dean of UNL's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, spoke to the Commissioners on reinventing agricultural education through curriculum change. He stated the college is reaping the benefits today from action taken by the Commissioners several years ago. As an example, he provided a hand-out describing the professional programs in veterinary medicine. The college is also responsible for coordinating agriculture programs across the state. As part of that, they host a transfer conference for all the participating two- and four-year institutions statewide. This year the conference was held at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. During the meeting each institution provides an update on their program activities. Relative to agricultural education, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in terms of enrollment is at an all-time high. Statewide, agriculture education and academic programs are doing very well. Dr. Waller thanked the Commission for their support of this program, for allowing the college to be entrepreneurial, and for holding them accountable. He answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Public Hearing on Academic
Programs Committee Items*

*Dr. Ronnie Green, University of
Nebraska*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
ITEMS**

Dr. Ronnie Green, Vice President of the University of Nebraska and Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, introduced himself and spoke in support of the Rural Futures Institute proposal. He addressed the mission and hopeful outcomes from the formation of the institute. Continuing to make investments in innovative agriculture is a large part of their mission. Food, fuel, and water resources couple that mission with an understanding of the landscape and the long-term sustainability of that landscape.

The foundation of the Rural Futures Institute is based on rural sustainability looking ahead 50 to 75 years to regions like Nebraska. These regions are heavily water and land resource based, and need to be healthy, vital, and sustainable. Factors that will influence the long-term future of rural areas include community leadership, investments in the health system, new business development, infrastructure and technology access, including legal practice and policy. Dr. Green noted that much of this is already on track, but they must be connected in a way that will systematically focus on what that future will look like. Pulling together those resources in a concerted effort is vital for the community to have long-term success. The outcomes that will be expected from this institute include a decrease in median age and greater technology access in rural regions. A primary outcome goal is to create an environment that will draw more young people to return to rural areas. Dr. Green answered questions from the Commissioners.

Adjourned for break at 10:12 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:28 a.m.

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

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

*UNL Applied Climate Science
(BS)*

University of Nebraska – Lincoln Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Applied Climate Science (BS)

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

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

*UNL Applied Climate Science
(BS) approved*

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln for a new instructional program, Applied Climate Science (BS). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*University of Nebraska – Rural
Futures Institute*

University of Nebraska - Proposal for New Organizational Unit: Rural Futures Institute

Commissioner Zink noted that the Academic Programs Committee had insufficient information prior to Dr. Green’s presentation to formulate a recommendation on this proposal. She asked if committee members felt that Dr. Green answered questions the committee may have had. It was decided sufficient information was presented by Dr. Green in order to move forward with the proposal. Chair Hunter stated that a motion and second would be needed to approve this proposal.

*University of Nebraska – Rural
Futures Institute approved*

Commissioner Zink made a motion to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska for a new organizational unit, the Rural Futures Institute. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*UNO Center for Urban
Sustainability*

University of Nebraska at Omaha - Proposal for New Organizational Unit: Center for Urban Sustainability

*Dr. Fimple presented the
proposal*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, presented the proposal to the Commissioners. She noted a strength of the proposal is that the growth in expenditures will be determined by the funds raised in donations, grants, or contracts. The Committee felt UNO is an appropriate location for the Center. Dr. Mike McGinnis, executive director at the Peter Kiewit Institute, was present and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Dr. Mike McGinnis from UNO

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a new Organizational Unit, the Center for Urban Sustainability. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*UNO Center for Urban
Sustainability approved*

*Existing Program Review
approved by the Executive
Director*

2011-2012 Existing Program Review

Commissioner Zink presented the 2011-2012 Existing Program Review approved by the Executive Director. Dr. Fimple noted that the review process for low-producing programs was approved by the Academic Programs Committee in 2008. More information was not requested on these programs when they did not meet our thresholds.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Individualized Program of Studies – BA, BS
Environmental Studies – BA, BS, BSES
Ethnic Studies – BA, BS
Film Studies – BA
Global Studies – BA, BS, BJ
Latin American Studies – BA, BS
Women & Gender Studies – BA, BS, BJ

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Interdisciplinary Studies – BA, BS
General Science – BGS, BA
Women & Gender Studies – BA, BGS

Wayne State College

Interdisciplinary Studies – BS

*UNL Great Plains Studies – BA,
BS, and University Studies – BA,
BS*

Action Items for Existing Program Review

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Great Plains Studies – BA, BS and University Studies – BA, BS.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Great Plains Studies – BA, BS
University Studies – BA, BS

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented information on the proposal.

*UNL Great Plains Studies – BA,
BS, and University Studies – BA,
BS approved*

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve continuation of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln’s Great Plains Studies – BA, BS, and University Studies – BA, BS. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*UNL Grazing Livestock Systems
(BS)*

University of Nebraska – Lincoln Follow-up Report on Grazing Livestock Systems (BS)

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program with the next regular program review due June 30, 2016.

*Dr. Fimple discusses the
proposal*

Dr. Fimple presented information on the proposal. Dr. Hill asked Dr. Waller to discuss the reason for five relatively specialized programs in agriculture. Dr. Waller stated that they want to match degree programs with employment opportunities. Each program has a challenging but bright future. The logic to continue these programs is to see if they can

generate the student numbers they need while meeting employer demand. Given the resources in the state, these programs are essential.

UNL Grazing Livestock Systems (BS) approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve continuation of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln’s Grazing Livestock Systems (BS) program, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2016. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

UNL Grassland Ecology and Management

University of Nebraska – Lincoln Follow-up Report on Grassland Ecology and Management (BS)

Commissioner Zink stated the Academic Programs Committee did not have enough information on the need for this program until today when Dr. Waller addressed this proposal. Dr. Fimple added the move to the school of natural resources and marketing it as an ecology degree is an appropriate approach. Commissioner Seacrest noted that sufficient information had been presented.

UNL Grassland Ecology and Management approved

Commissioner Zink made a motion to approve continuation of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln’s Grassland Ecology and Management (BS) program. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

UNL Water Science (BS)

University of Nebraska – Lincoln Follow-up Report on Water Science (BS)

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2016.

Dr. Fimple presents the report

Dr. Fimple presented the report, noting that there is growth in the program, although it is still below threshold. The follow-up report did not mention the Water for Food Institute, although that could be a recruitment tool for this program. Dr. Waller noted that the faculty has been asked to redesign this program to be more of a “water for food” undergraduate program.

UNL Water Science (BS) approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve continuation of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln’s Water Science (BS) program, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2016. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

UNL Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering (MS)

University of Nebraska – Lincoln Follow-up Report on Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering (MS)

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program, with the next regular program review date due June 30, 2016.

Dr. Fimple presents the report

Dr. Fimple presented the report.

UNL Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering (MS) approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the continuation of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln’s Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering (MS) program, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2016. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

UNL Mechanized Systems Management (MS)

University of Nebraska - Lincoln Follow-up Report on Mechanized Systems Management (MS)

Commissioner Zink stated the Academic Programs Committee needed more information on this report. Dr. Waller provided that today.

There were no questions for Dr. Waller or Dr. Fimple.

UNL Mechanized Systems Management (MS) approved

Commissioner Zink made a motion to approve continuation of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln’s Mechanized Systems Management (MS) program. Commissioner Winkleblack seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

MPCC Fire Science Technology AAS and Diploma

Mid-Plains Community College Follow-up Report on Fire Science Technology - AAS, Diploma

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the Fire Science Technology – AAS and Diploma program at Mid-Plains Community College.

Dr. Fimple presents the report

Dr. Fimple presented the report.

MPCC Fire Science Technology AAS and Diploma approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the continuation of Mid-Plains Community College’s Fire Science Technology – AAS and Diploma program, and submit to the Commission a copy of the update provided to the MPCC Governing Board after the board has reviewed it, but no later than June 2, 2014. 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

New Dual Degree Program, Concentration Deletions, and Concentration Renaming

Dual Degree Program

UNL & UNMC – Juris Doctorate (JD) and Master of Public Health (MPH)

Concentration Deletions

NECC – Ag Services (AAS, Diploma) under Administrative Assistant Program

NECC – Legal (AA, AAS, Diploma) under Administrative Assistant Program

NECC – Irrigation Technology (AAS) under Agriculture Program

Concentration Renaming

NECC Retail Merchandising under Business Program to *Retail Management under Business Program*

Commissioner Zink comments

Commissioner Zink publicly thanked Dr. Waller and Dr. Green for being present today to provide additional information and answer questions on these programs. She also thanked the committee members for putting a great deal of time into data analysis and committee calls, and Dr. Fimple and Miste Adamson-DaMoude for the many hours preparing information for the committee.

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

Lee McQueen from UNK

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE ITEMS

Lee McQueen, Director of Facilities Management and Planning at the University of Nebraska at Kearney introduced himself and Dr. Tony Earls, Director of Residence Life & Associate Dean of Student Affairs at UNK. He offered to answer any questions the Commissioners may have on the proposed renovations for Centennial Towers East and the Randall/Mantor Entryway.

Larry Glazier from Central Community College

Larry Glazier, College Business Officer with Central Community College, introduced himself, Matt Gotschall, President of Central Community College – Columbus Campus, and Craig Boroff, College Facilities and Construction Manager. He stated they could answer any questions the Commissioners may have on the North Education Center Building – Welding Addition.

Chair Hunter closed the Public Hearing on the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee items.

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

UNK Centennial Towers East Capital Improvements

Mr. Wemhoff presents project summary

University of Nebraska at Kearney – Centennial Towers East Capital Improvements

Commissioner Bishop opened the discussion and introduced Mike Wemhoff, CCPE Facilities Officer, who presented a summary of the project. The Centennial Towers East improvements project is the final phase of a two-phased project. Last year Centennial Tower West was approved for similar improvements. He noted that there are no funding concerns on this project as sufficient surplus funds are available.

UNK Centennial Towers East Capital Improvements approved

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, recommended approval of the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s proposal to use surplus funds for capital improvement work on Centennial Towers East residence hall as outlined in the university’s proposal and finance plan. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*UNK Randall and Mantor Hall
Entry*

Mr. Wemhoff presents proposal

*Mr. McQueen and Dr. Earls from
UNK*

*UNK Randal and Mantor Hall
Entry approved*

*CCC – Columbus Campus North
Education Center Welding
Addition and Remodel*

*Mr. Wemhoff presents the
proposal*

Mr. Glazier from CCC

*CCC – Columbus Campus North
Education Center Welding
Addition and Remodel approved*

*Wayne State College U.S. Conn
Library Renovation/Addition*

*Mr. Wemhoff discussed the
proposal*

**University of Nebraska at Kearney – Randall and Mantor Hall
Entry**

Mr. Wemhoff presented the proposal, noting this project will create a central entry point for Randall and Mantor Hall. Capital improvements have recently been completed on both of these residence halls. Stout Hall, originally connected to Randall Hall was demolished, providing space for the proposed shared and expanded entry.

Mr. McQueen and Dr. Earls both spoke briefly on the project. The importance of joining these two residence halls with an entryway is for security of the students. The entry will create a usable space for other students, visitors, and parents to enter the residence hall without going through security doors to the living space.

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, recommended approval of the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s proposal to use surplus funds to construct a new entry for the Randall and Mantor residence halls as outlined in the university’s proposal and finance plan. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

**Central Community College – Columbus Campus – North
Education Center Welding Addition and Remodel**

Mr. Wemhoff presented the project, highlighting areas of need, cost, and source of funds.

Mr. Larry Glazier briefly outlined overall funding issues with Central Community College facilities.

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, recommended approval of Central Community College’s proposal for the Columbus Campus North Education Center building welding program addition and remodel as outlined in the program statement dated July 26, 2012, and supplemental information provided. This approval is based upon CCC’s commitment to fund this project solely from statutorily authorized capital improvement property tax levy funds in accordance with the Nebraska Office of the Attorney General’s opinion dated July 11, 2011. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Wayne State College – U.S. Conn Library Renovation/Addition

Mr. Wemhoff presented the proposal, noting this is the third renovation of a library that Commissioners have reviewed over the past 20 years. The project would involve a major renovation of the existing building and construction of a new main entry and elevator tower addition. He discussed how the plan is to create an environment in the library useful to the students and faculty. One issue the committee had with the project was the difference the CCPE staff’s cost estimate and the college’s and their architects’ estimate. He stated that multiple sources

Wayne State College U.S. Conn
Library Renovation/Addition
approved

2013-2015 Biennial Public
Postsecondary Education Capital
Construction Budget
Recommendations and
Prioritization Revisions

Mr. Wemhoff discusses revisions
to the document

2013-2015 Biennial Public
Postsecondary Education Capital
Construction Budget
Recommendations and
Prioritization Revisions approved

Public Hearing on Planning and
Consumer Information
Committee Items

2012 Biennial Report

Mr. Keese discusses the report

of funding will be used for this project and that state funding requests are below Commission staff's estimate for the overall project cost.

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, recommended approval of Wayne State College's proposal to renovate and add to the U.S. Conn Library on campus as outlined in the governing board approved program statement. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

2013-2015 Biennial Public Postsecondary Education Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization Revisions

Commissioner Bishop stated that one of the primary revisions is to incorporate Wayne State College's U.S. Conn Library project. Mr. Wemhoff discussed the new prioritization revisions and noted that other changes were made to the document since additional information was received from the University of Nebraska regarding repair and renovation expenditures.

Commissioner Zink stepped out of the meeting during Mr. Wemhoffs' discussion.

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, recommended approval of the revisions to the 2013-2015 Biennial Public Postsecondary Education Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Commissioner Zink was absent when the vote was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony regarding Planning and Consumer Information Committee items.

Commissioner Zink returned to the meeting.

Chair Hunter closed the Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

2012 Biennial Report

Commissioner Lauritzen stated that it is a pleasure having Commissioner Frison on the committee, and commended the staff for a detailed report that was easy to read. The concern has always been educating a term-limited Legislature as to what the Commission does. This report is their "guide book". Commissioner Lauritzen introduced

2012 Biennial Report continued

Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, to give a quick review of the report. Mr. Keese noted that statute requires on even-numbered years we detail our accomplishments and activities for the two previous years. The timeline for this report is unusual in that it is due to the Legislature and Governor December 1st, but this, as in other years, we forwarded a committee-approved copy to the Clerk of Legislature and Governor with a cover memo stating the Commission was meeting December 6th and a final version would be delivered afterward. Page 24 was distributed to the Commissioners with a correction. Dr. Hill amended the correction, noting it should state "For 2011-12 a review panel recommended and the Commission awarded funding..."

2012 Biennial Report approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the 2012 Biennial Report, with the noted correction. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Proposed 2013 Meeting Dates

Approval of the Proposed 2013 Meeting Dates

Dr. Hill stated there is not a proposed December meeting since 2013 is not a budget year and one less meeting is needed. It was discussed as to when the Board of Education will be meeting in December. Dr. Hill noted that he feels strongly it is important to have meetings outside Lincoln and Omaha.

Proposed 2013 Meeting Dates approved

Commissioner Hunter made a motion to approve the proposed 2013 meeting dates. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*Next Commission Meeting
January 24, 2013*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. Central time. The meeting will be a videoconference meeting originating from NET in Lincoln, Nebraska, with participation sites at Norfolk, North Platte, and Chadron.

Commissioner Zink comments

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Zink noted that having a detached agenda because of revisions was helpful and easy to follow, and it was decided one be provided to all Commissioners at every meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.