



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education**  
**State Capitol**  
**Room 1113**  
**Lincoln, NE**  
**Thursday, December 9, 2010**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Public notice of the time and place of the regular meeting was posted to the state's public meeting calendar and was given to Commission members, institutional representatives, news media, the Legislative Fiscal Office and the Department of Administrative Services. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was made available at the meeting and its location was announced.

**Commissioners Present:**

Colleen Adam  
Clark Anderson  
Dr. Dick C. E. Davis  
Dr. Ron Hunter  
Mary Lauritzen  
Eric Seacrest  
Dr. Joyce Simmons  
John Winkleblack  
Carol Zink

**Commissioners Absent:**

Riko Bishop  
W. Scott Wilson

**Commission Staff Present:**

Angela Dibbert, Executive Assistant  
Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer  
Katherine Green, College Access Challenge Grant Program Director  
Dr. Marshall Hill, Executive Director  
Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator  
Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration  
Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commission Chairman Joyce Simmons called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. at the State Capitol, Room 1113, Lincoln, Nebraska on December 9. Attendance is indicated above.

## **II. WELCOME**

Introductions

## **III. MINUTES**

### **A. Action item Approve the October 14, 2010 meeting minutes**

Motion Motion by Commissioner HUNTER and second by Commissioner ZINK to approve the October 14, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.

## **IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **A. Updates and other reports**

Chairman Simmons stated that there will be a public hearing on December 28 at 9:30 a.m. at the State Office Building in Omaha for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding the request by National American University to offer degrees in Nebraska.

## **V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **A. Committee Chair Lauritzen will announce the Committee's nominations for Commission Chair, Vice Chair and two other members to make up the 2011 Executive Committee.**

Commissioner Lauritzen announced the nominating committee's recommended items:

#### **1. Action item Elect a Commission Chair to serve from January 1 through December 31, 2011.**

Motion Motion by Commissioner LAURITZEN on behalf of the Committee to approve Joyce Simmons as Chair to serve from January 1 through December 31, 2011.

Result A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0 with Commissioner

Simmons abstaining.  
Motion carried.

**2. Action item Elect a Commission Vice Chair to serve from January 1 through December 31, 2011.**

Motion Motion by Commissioner LAURITZEN on behalf of the Committee to approve Ron Hunter as Vice Chair to serve from January 1 through December 31, 2011.

Result A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0 with Commissioner Hunter abstaining.  
Motion carried.

**3. Action item Elect two members to serve on the 2011 Executive Committee, along with the newly-elected Chair and Vice Chair.**

Motion Motion by Commissioner LAURITZEN on behalf of the Committee to approve Colleen Adam and Dick Davis as the two members to serve on the 2011 Executive Committee, along with the newly-elected Chair and Vice Chair.

Result A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0 with Commissioner Adam and Commissioner Davis abstaining.  
Motion carried.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Out-of-service area authorization**

1. Offered by Central Community College via 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 credits) (January 3 to May 19, 2011)*
2. Offered by Central Community College via correspondence format for inmates at the Lincoln Correctional Center:
  - *ENGL 098, Basic Writing (3 credits)*
  - *HIST 201, American History to 1877 (3 credits)*
  - *MATH 091, Basic Math I (2 credits)*
  - *MATH 092, Basic Math II (3 credits)*
  - *MATH 094, Pre-Algebra (3 credits)*
  - *MATH 113, Elementary Algebra (3 credits)*
  - *MATH 114, Intermediate Algebra (3 credits)*
  - *MATH 115, College Algebra (3 credits)*

- *PSYC 181, Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)*
  - (January 10 to May 6, 2011)

**B. Legislative update**

Dr. Marshall Hill reported on LR 542, which requires the Legislature's standing committees to identify cuts in funding. Possible cuts recommended by the Education Committee include a total elimination of need-based aid (through the Nebraska Opportunity Grant) for all students for the next biennium.

Senator Adams has agreed to carry a bill which will allow the Commission to do a study on dual enrollment with assistance from the Nebraska Department of Education.

The Commission is proposing to modify statutes to have new institutions be approved for a five year period. Second, the Commission proposes to streamline/clarify the distinction between what is approved by the Commission and the Nebraska Department of Education.

**C. Update on College Access Challenge Grant sub-grantees**

Ms. Katherine Green reported on the progress of the College Access Challenge Grant sub-grantees. There has been one sub-grantee that has withdrawn, but all the others are doing well.

**D. Updates and other reports**

No comments.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

Dr. John Lopez, Vice President of Government Affairs, University of Phoenix, gave a brief background of the University of Phoenix. Mr. Jason Pfaff, Vice President-Omaha, University of Phoenix, gave an update of how the University of Phoenix is doing in Nebraska. They both answered questions from Commissioners.

Dr. Tim Hodges, Executive Director, Gallup University, presented information on Gear Up-Colorado and answered questions from Commissioners.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**A. Action item Change to TIAA-CREF Retirement Plan**

Dr. Carna Pfeil updated the Commissioners on the changes to the TIAA-CREF Retirement Plan.

Motion                      Motion by Commissioner SIMMONS on behalf of the Committee to approve

the proposed changes to the TIAA-CREF Retirement Plan.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

**B. Action item Amend the list of sub-grantees funded under the College Access Challenge Grant**

Ms. Green updated the Commissioners that Central Community College/ Grand Island Public Schools has withdrawn from the grant program.

Motion Motion by Commissioner SIMMONS on behalf of the Committee to approve the amended list of sub-grantees funded under the College Access Challenge Grant.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Stan Carpenter, Chancellor, State College System, commented about the Nebraska State College System operating budget deficit request.

**X. BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE**

**A. Recommendation on public postsecondary education institutions' FY 2011 budget deficit requests:**

**1. Action item Nebraska State College System operating budget deficit request**

Dr. Hill briefed the Commissioners on the Staff Draft of the Operating Budget Deficit Appropriation Request. Dr. Hill suggested that the last sentence on page 2 be taken out.

Commissioner Seacrest suggested using the word "national" instead of "geographically based" on page 5.

Motion Motion by Commissioner SIMMONS and second by Commissioner DAVIS to approve the Nebraska State College System operating budget deficit request with the two noted changes.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

*NOTE: Change in the agenda order due to an institutional representative being present on an item that will be voted on later in the meeting.*

J.B. Milliken, President, University of Nebraska, made comments on the University of Nebraska – Water for Food Institute proposal (item XII.B.) and answered questions from Commissioners.

**B. College Access Challenge Grant (CACG):**

**1. Action item Procedures for a new Access College Early Plus Scholarship Program**

Ms. Green stated that CCPE has hired two outside evaluators to evaluate the CACG program's sub-grantees.

The ACE Plus scholarship will allow former ACE students to receive a scholarship in college.

Motion Motion by Commissioner DAVIS on behalf of the Committee to approve the procedures for a new Access College Early Plus Scholarship Program.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

**C. Capital construction project proposal:**

**1. Action item Southeast Community College's Lincoln Campus – classroom/student services/welcome center addition and parking expansion**

Mr. Mike Wernhoff gave a brief overview of Southeast Community College's Lincoln Campus – classroom/student services/welcome center addition and parking expansion and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion Motion by Commissioner DAVIS on behalf of the Committee to recommend approval of the Southeast Community College's Lincoln Campus – classroom/student services/welcome center addition and parking expansion.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

*NOTE: Adjourned for break at 10:35 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:47 a.m.*

**XI. PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

Ms. Stacey Ocander, Dean of Health and Public Services, Metropolitan Community College, spoke about the proposed Metropolitan Community College – Medical

Assisting program and answered questions from Commissioners.

Dr. Tim Hodges, Executive Director, Gallup University was present to answer questions.

## **XII. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Fimple explained the proposals and answered questions from Commissioners.

### **A. Proposal for a new instructional program:**

- 1. Action item Metropolitan Community College – Medical Assisting (Certificate)**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the Metropolitan Community College – Medical Assisting program.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.

### **B. Proposal for a new organizational unit:**

- 1. Action item University of Nebraska – Water for Food institute**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the new organizational unit: University of Nebraska – Water for Food institute. Approval does not constitute or imply CCPE approval of any new programs that may be proposed in the future.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.

### **C. Action item Annual Reports from new institutions**

- 1. St. Gregory the Great Seminary**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to accept the report, congratulate St. Gregory on its success in achieving accreditation, and discontinue all reporting requirements.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.

- 2. Universal College of Healing Arts**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to accept the report, with the next annual report due on September 15, 2011.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

**3. Gallup University**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to accept the report, with the next annual report due on September 15, 2011.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

**D. Action item Existing Program Review – Follow-up Reports**

**1. Western Nebraska Community College – Automotive Technology**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to require an in-depth review, due on September 1, 2011.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

**2. Western Nebraska Community College – Health Information Management Services**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the program, with a summary of the final report from the WNCC internal review committee provided to the Commission by September 1, 2011.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

**3. Western Nebraska Community College – Information Technology**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the program.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

**4. Chadron State College – Communication Arts**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the program.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.  
Motion carried.

**E. Existing Program Review**

**1. Information item Program continuations approved by the Executive Director:**

- Central Community College: Diesel Technology (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)
- Metropolitan Community College: Utility Line Technician (AAS, Certificate)
- Northeast Community College: Diesel Technology (AAS); Utility Line (AAS)
- Southeast Community College: Diesel Technology-Farm (AAS); Diesel Technology-Truck (AAS); Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Technology (AAS); John Deere Technology (AAS)
- Western Nebraska Community College: Powerline Construction & Maintenance Technology (AOS, Diploma)

**2. Action item for existing program review**

- a. Mid-Plains Community College: Diesel Technology (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the program, with a report due December 15, 2012 on SCH/FTE.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.

**F. Information item Report on name changes, deletions, reasonable and moderate extensions, and other institutional activities relating to existing programs**

- 1. Reasonable and Moderate Extension
  - a. CCC – Business Technology – Paralegal Specialization (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)

**XIII. PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS**

No Testimony.

**XIV. PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- A. The Planning and Consumer Information Committee approved the 2010 Biennial Report at its November 22, 2010 committee meeting. To meet

**statutory requirements, the report was delivered to the Governor and the Legislative Clerk prior to December 1, 2010. The Committee recommends that the full Commission approve the report and authorize its broad distribution.**

**1. Action item Approve the 2010 Biennial Report**

Motion Motion by Commissioner LAURITZEN on behalf of the Committee to approve the 2010 Biennial Report.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.

**XV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regular Commission meeting will be January 20, 2011 and will be held by videoconference. Videoconference locations will be announced on the Commission's website in January.

**XVI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Dr. Hill updated the Commissioners on the budget cuts that the Commission may have to face in the future.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT of regular Commission meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.