
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

December 4, 2014

The Cornhusker Hotel, Yankee Hill Room 3

333 South 13th 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 DECEMBER 4, 2014. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M.

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

COLLEEN ADAM, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colleen Adam called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam
Dr. John Bernthal
Dr. Deborah Frison
Dr. Ron Hunter
Mary Lauritzen

Dwayne Probyn
Eric Seacrest
Dr. Joyce Simmons
Lori Warner
Carol Zink

Commissioners Absent

W. Scott Wilson

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner
Benjamin Civic
Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Jill Heese
Jason Keese

J. Ritchie Morrow
Helen Pope
Gary Timm
Mike Wemhoff

*Minutes of October 14, 2014
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2014 COMMISSION MEETING
Commissioner Zink moved that the October 14, 2014 minutes be approved. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Chair Adam mentions amended agenda

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Adam noted that everyone has received an amended meeting agenda. The change to the agenda is a procedural matter on the last page indicating the Commissioners will break for lunch with the Nebraska Board of Education. The meeting will be adjourned following lunch.

*Chair Adam thanks
Commissioner Simmons*

Chair Adam thanked Commissioner Simmons for hosting an enjoyable holiday gathering for the Commissioners and staff on December 3.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*Dr. Baumgartner speaks about
out-of-service area
authorizations*

Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director, presented the out-of-service area authorizations.

The following out-of-service area authorization was disapproved by the Executive Director:

1. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Lexington High School in Lexington, NE
 - ENGL 1020 Expository Writing II (3 cr.)
1/12/15 – 5/7/15

Dr. Baumgartner stated that the disapproval of Mid-Plains Community College is due to Central Community College's determination that it could meet the course need in the required time slot for Lexington High School.

The following out-of-service area authorizations were approved by the Executive Director:

2. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC
Delivered to Keya Paha County High School in Springview, NE
 - SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)
1/12/15 – 5/7/15
3. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at David City High School in David City, NE
Delivered to Madison High School in Madison, NE
 - ENGL 2100 Introduction to Literature (3 cr.)
1/12/15 – 5/7/15

*Out-of-service area
authorizations continued*

4. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - SPCH 1110 Public Speaking (3 cr.)
1/12/15 – 5/7/15
5. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Cozad High School
in Cozad, NE
Delivered to Anselmo-Merna High School in Merna, NE
 - MATH 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.)
1/12/15 – 5/7/15
6. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Humphrey High
School in Humphrey, NE
Delivered to Sargent High School in Sargent, NE
 - ENGL 1020 Writing and Research (3 cr.)
1/12/15 – 5/7/15
7. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Burwell High School
in Burwell, NE
Delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
 - MATH 1200 Algebra and Trigonometry (5 cr.)
1/7/15 – 5/12/15
8. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Burwell High School
in Burwell, NE
Delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
 - MATH 2000 Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (5 cr.)
1/7/15 – 5/12/15
9. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at NECC
Delivered to Lexington High School in Lexington, NE
 - SPCH 1010 Fundamentals of Communication (3 cr.)
1/12/15 – 5/13/15
10. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Wayne High School
in Wayne, NE
Delivered to Logan View High School in Hooper, NE
 - PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)
1/5/15 – 5/15/15

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11. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE
Delivered to Howells-Dodge Consolidated in Howells, NE
- ENGL 2100 Introduction to Literature (3 cr.)
1/6/15 – 5/19/15

Dr. Baumgartner gives Legislative update

Dr. Baumgartner gave a Legislative update, noting that in November he testified at the LB 439 lottery funding hearing on behalf of the \$10 million appropriation CCPE gets for the NOG (Nebraska Opportunity Grant) program. He thanked staff members for their assistance in preparing the handouts and testimony, along with pulling together the numbers of recipients and eligible non-recipients by Legislature district.

Dr. Baumgartner discusses meeting with several Senators

Dr. Baumgartner recently met with Senator Jim Scheer's legislative aide to discuss transfer issues, and with Senator Sullivan to discuss how our plan to update the Comprehensive Plan meshes with the Education Committee's visioning process. He has a meeting set up with Senator John Harms to talk about the Comprehensive Plan in the context of the Legislative Planning Committee's work, which builds on the P-16 Council's goals.

Dr. Baumgartner speaks on meeting with Governor Heineman

Dr. Baumgartner recently met with Governor Dave Heineman to introduce himself and talk about opportunities for increasing educational attainment.

Dr. Baumgartner gives report on visiting several campuses

Dr. Baumgartner noted he has had the opportunity to visit several campuses, including Peru State College, Kaplan University Omaha, Chadron State College, Northeast Community College, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He was honored to give the commencement address at Kaplan University's Omaha Campus. He recently met with President Todd Holcomb of Western Nebraska Community College and President Paul Illich of Southeast Community College.

Dr. Baumgartner speaks on attending a number of meetings

Dr. Baumgartner attended several meetings, including the Nebraska Community College Association annual meeting, the MHEC (Midwestern Higher Education Compact) meeting, and the Appleseed Foundation/NCCA forum on getting adults from adult basic education into postsecondary education. He thanked Commissioner Probyn for introducing him to a number of people, including Jim Kreiger of Gallup and Jim Greish of McGladrey Partners.

ITQ committee meeting coming up

There will be an ITQ (Improving Teacher Quality) committee meeting next week to review the eight proposals that have come in.

Dr. Fimple to attend military credit meeting

Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, will be attending a military credit meeting in Chicago on December 12. This is part of the MHEC initiative, which is funded by the Lumina Foundation.

Dr. Baumgartner mentions Legislative session to begin in January

Dr. Baumgartner commented that the Legislative session begins January 7th and we will have an update on bills of interest at the January Commission meeting.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – COLLEGE READINESS MEASURES

Dr. Dean Folkers, Nebraska Department of Education

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Dr. Dean Folkers, Senior Administrator for Data Research and Evaluation at the Nebraska Department of Education. Dr. Folkers distributed statistical brochures, *Nebraska Public Schools at a Glance: Data Year: 2012-2013*, the *Nebraska Education Data Systems Legislative Study*, and Nebraska High School Feedback reports for 2012 and 2013. He gave an update on the research and evaluation focus of activities within the Department of Education and on work happening in their P-20 data warehouse. He also discussed the new A QuESTT accountability model.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Public Hearing on matters of general concern

There was no testimony regarding Matters of General Concern.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

Dr. Gail Baker, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dr. Gail Baker, Dean of the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, came forward on behalf of the proposals for a new school of music and new school of arts on their campus. She was joined by Dr. Melissa Berke, Chair of the Department of Music at UNO. They offered to answer questions the Commissioners may have on the proposals.

Dr. Melissa Berke, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dr. Nathan Allen, Central Community College

Dr. Nathan Allen, Dean for Business, Skilled and Technical Sciences from Central Community College, introduced himself to represent the new proposal certificate offering in diversified manufacturing technology, and to answer questions from the Commissioners.

Dr. Glenn Pasho, Southeast Community College

Dr. Glenn Pasho, Instructional Dean of Electronics, Communication, and IT at Southeast Community College, came forward in support of an information item on the agenda, computer programming and computer information technology in Lincoln. Dr. Pasho noted the programs will be combined and offered at the Lincoln campus. He answered questions from the Commissioners, commenting on the high demand for main-frame computer programmers in the workforce.

Chair Adam closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Probyn thanks fellow APC members

Commissioner Probyn, chair of the Academic Programs Committee, thanked fellow committee members Commissioners Frison, Hunter, Seacrest, and Lauritzen for their work on the committee.

Central Community College

Commissioner Probyn presents the proposal

Dr. Fimple adds comments on the proposal

CCC – Diversified Manufacturing Technology (certificate) approved

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Baker answers Commissioner Simmons question

UNO – School of the Arts approved

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple present the program

Dr. Berke comments on the proposal

Central Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Diversified Manufacturing Technology (certificate)

Commissioner Probyn presented the proposal, commenting that this program is instrumental in satisfying the need for a skilled manufacturing workforce.

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, discussed the proposal, noting the president of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry has said the shortage of skilled workers to fill manufacturing jobs within the state has become the greatest challenge that the Chambers' manufacturing members face.

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from Central Community College for a New Instructional Program – Diversified Manufacturing Technology (certificate). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – School of the Arts

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting the new school would merge and create an efficient and responsive administration and facilitate collaboration within three departments: Art and Art History, Theatre, and Writer's Workshop. Currently there is not a department chair on campus in the summer. The school would have a full-time administrator throughout the calendar year.

Commissioner Simmons asked about enrollment in the school. Dr. Baker stated there currently are 530 undergraduate and 25 graduate students.

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a New Organizational Unit – School of the Arts. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – School of Music

Commissioner Probyn presented the proposal, noting the new school would elevate the current department of music to the School of Music allowing new programming and growth. Dr. Fimple discussed the criteria the University uses to guide the establishment of a new school. She added the new school would attract more students. Also, by including recently approved new concentrations such as music entrepreneurship, opportunities for the students greatly increase.

Dr. Berke answered questions from the Commissioners, noting she attended the National Association of Schools of Music conference and the entire keynote speech was on developing entrepreneurship in higher education.

*UNO – School of Music
approved*

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a New Organizational Unit – School of Music. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*Mid-Plains Community College
Commissioner Probyn and Dr.
Fimple present the report*

Mid-Plains Community College – Follow-up Report on Graphic Design (AAS, certificate, diploma)

Commissioner Probyn presented the report, stating that graphic design is a necessary field and the Committee recommends continuation of the program. Dr. Fimple stated that in 2004 the Commission had concerns about approving this course, being a specialized program at a small institution. Since then, Mid-Plains has exceeded the Commission's thresholds. It was noted that recent graduates from this program have successfully transferred to UNK, UNO, Bellevue University, and Pittsburgh State University in Kansas.

*MPCC – Graphic Design (AAS,
certificate, diploma) approved*

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the continuation of Mid-Plains Community College's Graphic Design (AAS, certificate, diploma). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Commission Probyn and Dr.
Fimple present the report*

University of Nebraska – Lincoln – Follow-up Report on Diversified Agricultural Studies (Applied Science) (BS)

Commissioner Probyn presented the report, commenting this program appeals to students working on a farm or those with an interest in agricultural industry. Dr. Fimple commented that this program is a success story, since in 2012 the average number of graduates was 2.8. Now they are averaging 11 graduates.

*Dr. Susan Fritz, UNL, discusses
the program proposal*

Dr. Susan Fritz, Provost at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, spoke briefly, stating that changing the name to Applied Science from Diversified Agriculture was a good move, since it is a science-rich curriculum.

*UNL – Diversified Agricultural
Studies (Applied Science) (BS)
approved*

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the continuation of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln's Diversified Agricultural Studies (Applied Science) (BS). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Chair Adam called for a break at 10:00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

*2013-2014 Existing Program
Review approved by the
Executive Director*

2013-2014 Existing Program Review

Commissioner Probyn presented the Existing Program Reviews approved by the Executive Director.

Central Community College

Information Technology – AAS, diploma, certificate

Health Information Management Services – AAS, diploma, certificate

2013-2014 Existing Program
Review continued

Metropolitan Community College
General Information Technology – AAS, certificate
Computer Technology – AAS
Information Technology – AAS
Micro Computers – certificate
Health Information Management – AAS, certificate
Health Information Technology – AAS, certificate
Health Care Information and Administration – AAS, certificate

Mid-Plains Community College
Information Technology – AAS, diploma, certificate

Northeast Community College
Information Technology – AAS, AA/AS, certificate

Southeast Community College
Computer Information Technology – AAS
Computer Programming Technology – AAS

Western Nebraska Community College
Information Technology – AA, AS, AAS, AOS
Health Information Technology – AAS, diploma

*SARA Institutional Applications
Approved by the Executive
Director*

SARA Institutional Applications Approved by the Executive Director

Dr. Fimple gave an update and stated that the College of St. Mary has been approved. So far 12 Nebraska institutions have been approved by the National Council of SARA, and four are pending.

*Dr. Fimple states all information
items are for Central Community
College*

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

Dr. Fimple commented that all of the institutional activities relating to existing programs are from Central Community College. This often happens when an institution updates their catalog. Commissioner Probyn added that many times these changes come from the needs of the local area.

*Dr. Allen speaks on combining
programs*

Dr. Allen briefly spoke on the reason CCC discontinued the Electronics, Computers and Networking Technology program. CCC has combined electronics with the information technology program with developer, support, and networking components and put them all under Information Technology.

Discontinued Programs

Discontinued Programs

CCC – Electronics, Computers and Networking Technology (AAS, diploma, certificate)
CCC – Advanced Accounting (certificate)
CCC – Management (certificate)
CCC – Marketing (certificate)
CCC – Administrative Assistant (diploma)
CCC – Medical Office (diploma)
CCC – Medical Transcription (diploma)
CCC – Administrative Services (certificate)

CCC – Medical Office (certificate)
CCC – Medical Transcription (certificate)
CCC – Paralegal (certificate)

Program Name Changes

Program name change

CCC – Information Technology to
Information Technology and Systems

*Reasonable and Moderate
Extensions*

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

CCC – Information Technology and Systems (diploma)
CCC – Information Technology and Systems Concepts (certificate)
CCC – CISCO Networking (certificate)
CCC – Information Technology and Systems-Networking (AAS)
CCC – Information Technology and Systems-Technical Support (AAS)
CCC – Information Technology and Systems-Developer (AAS)
CCC – Business Administration (certificate)
CCC – Administrative Professional (diploma)
CCC – Office Clerk (certificate)
CCC – Construction Design Specialization in Drafting and Design
Technology (AAS)
CCC – Early Childhood Home Visitor (diploma)
CCC – Infant/Toddler (certificate)
CCC – Basic Electronics (certificate)
CCC – Administrative Medical Office (certificate)

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

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

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

Chair Adam closed the public hearing on the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.

*Commissioner Simmons
identifies BCF committee
members*

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Simmons, Chair of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid committee identified members of the committee: Commissioners Adam, Wilson, Zink, and Seacrest.

*Benjamin Civic presents ACE
Plus Scholarship overview*

ACE Plus Scholarship Overview 2011-2012 through 2014-2015

Benjamin Civic, College Access Challenge Grant Program Director, presented a PowerPoint overview of the ACE Plus (Access College Early) scholarship, noting he has administered the program the past two years of its four-year existence. The scholarship is fully funded by the federal College Access Challenge Grant. Mr. Civic answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Commissioner Frison speaks on
benefits of college courses in
high school*

Commissioner Frison initiated a discussion on the benefit of a high school student taking college courses in high school. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, stated there have been a number of studies showing high school

Ritchie Morrow presents the 2013-2014 ACE Scholarship Year-End Report

students taking college course work graduate from high school and go on to college at a higher rate and return for their sophomore year in college at a higher rate than students who do not take dual course work.

2013-2014 Access College Early Scholarship Year-end Report

Mr. Morrow presented the year-end report of the 2013-2014 ACE scholarship program. The ACE scholarship program pays for tuition and mandatory fees for students who qualify. In 2013-2014 there were 1,866 students who applied for and received 3,969 scholarships with a total award amount of \$921,000, averaging just over \$232 per student. Mr. Morrow noted that counselors and colleges are aware that this is the last year that we will have access to CACG funds. We are hopeful the Legislature will appropriate additional funds in order to continue awarding scholarships.

Ritchie Morrow presents the 2014-2015 Nebraska Opportunity Grant Allocations Report

2014-2015 Nebraska Opportunity Grant Allocations Report

Mr. Morrow presented the 2014-2015 Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Allocations Report, commenting that this is the only state need-based program for college students, and funds are allocated based on a formula that is in statute. All five sectors and the amounts available to their students are listed in the report. 16,000 students received NOG awards in 2013-2014, but more than 40,000 qualified for grants but did not receive them due to lack of funds. Mr. Morrow noted funding for the program comes from the Nebraska Lottery and State General fund.

Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony regarding the Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

Chair Adam closed the public hearing on the Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

Commissioner Lauritzen introduces Jason Keese who presents the 2014 Biennial Report

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

2014 Biennial Report

Commissioner Lauritzen, Chair of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, complimented the CCPE staff on a well-done biennial report. She introduced Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, who gave a brief review of the 2014 Biennial Report. He noted that statute requires on even-numbered years we detail our accomplishments and activities for the two previous years. It is required to report on any out-of-state institutions that we have approved in the past two years. This report will be on the CCPE website and available to new and existing state senators.

2014 Biennial Report approved with corrections

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the 2014 Biennial Report with a correction on page 21 stating four new Commissioners were appointed instead of five, and adding staff names and contact

information to the inside cover of the report. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Jill Heese presents the 2013-2014 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska - Enrollment

2013-2014 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska - Enrollment

Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the *2013-2014 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska - Enrollment*. She noted the Coordinating Commission is required by statute to report Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data. The *Factual Look* and other reports prepared by the Commission fulfill this requirement. Ms. Heese answered questions from the Commissioners.

Jill Heese presents the 2013-2014 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Faculty and Salaries

2013-2014 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska - Faculty and Salaries

Ms. Heese presented the *2013-2014 Factual Look at Higher Education Nebraska - Faculty and Salaries*. She commented that due to changes in IPEDS, tenure status by race and gender is no longer reported for all public-service, research and instructional faculty. Ms. Heese noted that the current report focuses on full-time faculty as data are not available for a comparable analysis of part-time faculty or adjunct faculty who are hired on a course-by-course basis.

*Next Commission Meeting
January 22, 2015*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, January 22, 2015 via video conference at NET in Lincoln, Nebraska. Remote sites will be available.

*Commissioner Lauritzen
comments*

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lauritzen commented that the Peter Kewitt Foundation just released their grants proposal theme for the year and it is focusing on projects in communities that go from school to work.

Chair Adam called for lunch break at 11:59 a.m.

*Luncheon with the Nebraska
Board of Education*

LUNCHEON MEETING WITH THE NEBRASKA BOARD OF EDUCATION

*Rachel Wise, President of the
Nebraska Board of Education
and Commissioner Dr. Matthew
Blomstedt address the
Commission. Dr. Baumgartner
comments*

Chair Adam offered opening remarks and asked the other Commissioners and Commission staff to introduce themselves. Rachel Wise, President of the Nebraska Board of Education, also spoke briefly and asked her fellow Board members to introduce themselves. Dr. Baumgartner gave a brief overview of Commission activities and initiatives, as did Education Commissioner Dr. Matthew Blomstedt.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.