
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

January 19, 2012

Videoconference sites:

Chadron State College in Chadron, NE

NET Studio in Lincoln, NE

Northeast Community College in Norfolk, NE

ESU #16 in North Platte, NE

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 JANUARY 19, 2012. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.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 8:38 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ron Hunter called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Riko Bishop*

Mary Lauritzen (Norfolk)

Dr. Joyce Simmons*

Carol Zink*

Dr. Ron Hunter (Chadron)

Eric Seacrest (North Platte)

W. Scott Wilson*

(* Lincoln site)

Commissioners Absent

Colleen Adam

Clark Anderson

John Winkleblack

Commission Staff Present

Miste Adamson-DaMoude

Katherine Green

Jason Keese

Dr. Carna Pfeil

Dr. Kathleen Fimple

Dr. Marshall Hill

Kadi Lukesh

Mike Wemhoff

*Minutes of December 8, 2011
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2011 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Wilson moved that the December 8, 2011 minutes be approved. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*Chair Hunter announced
committee assignments for 2012*

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Hunter announced the committee assignments for 2012.

Executive Committee

Ron Hunter (Chair)
Riko Bishop (Vice Chair)
Colleen Adam
Joyce Simmons

Academic Programs Committee

Colleen Adam
Ron Hunter
Mary Lauritzen
Eric Seacrest
Carol Zink

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

Clark Anderson
Riko Bishop
Eric Seacrest
Joyce Simmons
John Winkleblack

Planning and Consumer Information Committee

Colleen Adam
Clark Anderson
Mary Lauritzen
Scott Wilson

*Dr. Hill speaks about out-of-
service area 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 Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Bancroft-Rosalie High School in Bancroft, NE. Delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
 - ENGL 2200 Survey of English Literature (3 cr.) 1/3/12-5/18/12
2. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Wayne High School in Wayne, NE. Delivered to Logan View High School in Hooper, NE
 - PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.) 1/4/12-5/17/12
3. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from West Point High School in West Point, NE. Delivered to Dodge High School in Dodge, NE
 - SPCH 1110 Public Speaking (3 cr.) 1/4/12-5/11/12
4. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from West Point High School in West Point, NE. Delivered to Dodge High School in Dodge, NE
 - ENGL 2100 Introduction to Literature (3 cr.) 1/4/12-5/11/12

Kadi Lukesh presents 2nd quarter budget report

Ms. Kadi Lukesh, Bookkeeper/Budget Coordinator & Office Manager, briefed Commissioners on the Commission's second quarter report for fiscal year 2011-12. Ms. Lukesh explained that the second quarter report is comparable to past years prior to budget cuts.

Jason Keese speaks about current Legislative bills of interest

Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, briefed Commissioners on current legislative bills of interest. A [summary sheet](#) was distributed to Commissioners outlining the information discussed.

Tip O'Neill comments on LB 1034

Tip O'Neill, President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska responded to questions from Commissioner Simmons regarding LB 1034. Mr. O'Neill stated the bill would recreate a grant program that was repealed by the Legislature approximately ten years ago.

Dr. Hill discusses a bill that will be introduced by Senator Adams

Dr. Hill announced that there will be one more bill of interest introduced which is not listed on the summary sheet. The bill will be introduced by Senator Adams and will change language in the Postsecondary Institution Act to include the offering of graduate programs as well as baccalaureate programs for institutions listed as "authorized to operate on a continuing basis" due to their continuous operation for 20 years or more.

Public Hearing on matters of general concern

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony regarding Matters of General Concern.

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

Public Hearing on Consent Agenda items

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Hill reminded Commissioners of the items allowed to be presented on a consent agenda, and discussed the process of removing items for consideration by the Commissioners or approval of the consent agenda as a whole.

Chair Hunter closed the public hearing on Consent Agenda items.

Consent Agenda items approved

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the four items listed on the Consent Agenda: 1) Biennial review of statutory "minimum capital expenditure" definition for facility operating and maintenance costs; 2) Existing Program Review: UNK – Art & Art History (MAE); 3) Existing Program Review: PSC – Music (BA/BS); 4) Follow-up Report on existing instructional program: UNK – Music Education (MAEd). Commissioner Zink seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS
There was no testimony regarding Academic Programs Committee items.

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

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Repeal of Title 281, Chapter 1

Proposed Repeal of Title 281, Chapter 1, Rules and Regulations Concerning Authorization for Out-of-state Institutions to Offer Courses and Degree Programs in the State of Nebraska

Dr. Hill explains the repeal process

Dr. Hill explained the process of creating new rules, as well as the repeal of old rules in order to comply with last year's passage of LB 637.

Dr. Fimple answers questions about the new rule being drafted

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, answered questions from Commissioners about the repeal of Title 281, Chapters 1 and 2, and the draft of Chapter 7, which will replace the repealed chapters.

Dr. Hill shared information gained and changes made as the result of a conference call with the Nebraska Attorney General's office regarding the new Chapter 7. Language was added to the draft of Chapter 7 stating that the Commission will review and act upon the fee structure for private institutions every two years, and the fee structure will be posted on CCPE's website. The definition of "modification of authorization" was enhanced to say "such as, but not limited to....." followed by examples.

Repeal of Title 281, Chapter 2

Proposed Repeal of Title 281, Chapter 2, Rules and Regulations Concerning In-state Private Institutions

Draft of Title 281, Chapter 7

Approve Draft of Title 281, Chapter 7, Rules and Regulations for the Postsecondary Institution Act

Repeal of Title 281 Chapter 1 & 2, and draft of Title 281, Chapter 7 approved

Commissioner Zink moved to consider the repeal of Title 281, Chapter 1, the repeal of Title 281, Chapter 2, and the draft of Title 281, Chapter 7 as one vote for approval. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Kaplan University-Lincoln

Kaplan University-Lincoln's Application for Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed renewal application to operate in Nebraska.

Dr. Fimple gives an overview of the renewal process

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners and gave a general overview of what is required as far as financial stability, quality of programs, and teaching faculty. The financial statements were reviewed by Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration.

Dr. Hill explained the CIP (classification of instructional program) system and CCPE's decision-making process to include authorization of certain CIP codes to specific institutions.

Kaplan University-Lincoln's application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Kaplan University-Lincoln's application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska. They are authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate and baccalaureate levels, limited to the programs listed below, and to any programs in CIP series 11, 30, 42, 43, 44, and 52 through January 31, 2017. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Programs

Associate Degree in Accounting
Associate Degree in Business
Associate Degree in Criminal Justice
Associate Degree in Human Services
Associate Degree in Information Technology
Associate Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies
Associate Degree in Medical Assisting
Associate Degree in Medical Office Management
Associate Degree in Medical Transcription
Associate Degree in Nursing
Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies
Bachelor Degree in Business
Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice
Bachelor Degree in Health Care Administration
Bachelor Degree in Health Sciences
Bachelor Degree in Human Services
Bachelor Degree in Information Technology
Bachelor Degree in Psychology
Certificate in Computer Support Technician
Certificate in Office Management
Diploma in Practical Nursing

Kaplan University-Omaha

Kaplan University-Omaha's Application for Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed renewal application to operate in Nebraska.

Dr. Fimple presents the application

Dr. Fimple noted there is a slight difference in programs authorized between Lincoln and Omaha, but other than that, the Kaplan information is the same for both.

Kaplan University-Omaha's application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Kaplan University-Omaha's application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska. They are authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate and baccalaureate levels, limited to the programs listed below, and to any programs in CIP series 09, 11, 30, 43, 44, and 52 through January 31, 2017. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Programs

Associate Degree in Accounting
Associate Degree in Business

Associate Degree in Criminal Justice
Associate Degree in Human Services
Associate Degree in Information Technology
Associate Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies
Associate Degree in Medical Assisting
Associate Degree in Medical Office Management
Associate Degree in Medical Transcription
Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies
Bachelor Degree in Accounting
Bachelor Degree in Business
Bachelor Degree in Communication
Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice
Bachelor Degree in Health and Wellness
Bachelor Degree in Health Care Administration
Bachelor Degree in Human Services
Bachelor Degree in Information Technology
Certificate in Computer Support Technician
Certificate in Medical Billing and Coding
Certificate in Office Management
Diploma in Dental Assistant
Diploma in Practical Nursing

University of Phoenix

University of Phoenix’s Application for Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed renewal application to operate in Nebraska.

Dr. Fimple discusses the application

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners and answered general questions.

University of Phoenix’s application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve University of Phoenix’s application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska. They are authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the baccalaureate and master’s levels, limited to BS degrees in business, management, and information technology, and master’s degrees in business administration, management, and information systems through January 31, 2017. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Baker University

Baker University’s Application for Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed renewal application to operate in Nebraska.

Dr. Fimple comments on the application

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners. This application is unique because Baker University hasn’t begun offering courses at an actual building within the Omaha area yet. Baker University has begun advertising online courses, which Dr. Fimple believes is their way of making their name known in the Omaha area prior to setting up a facility. When Baker University was initially approved by the Commission there were

concerns about financial stability that resulted in conditions being placed on the approval; the financial concerns are still present, so the recommendation includes those original conditions as well as the new language for approval.

Baker University's application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Baker University's application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska, retaining the 2010 conditions listed below. They are authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate, baccalaureate, and master's levels, limited to the AA in Business, the Bachelor of Business Administration, the Master of Business Administration, and the Master of Arts in Education through January 31, 2017. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

2010 Conditions

1. Baker University provide annual audited financial statements at the time they submit their annual report to the Commission for a period of three years
2. An adequate facility is located and Commission staff visit the location prior to offering courses
3. Vitae for staff hired for the Omaha location are submitted to the Commission
4. Approval is received from the Higher Learning Commission

University of Oklahoma

University of Oklahoma's Application for Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed renewal application to operate in Nebraska.

Dr. Fimple presents the application

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners. The majority of students are active or retired military; however, civilian students occasionally attend their programs. Because the University chooses to open their programs to the general public, they must receive the Commission's approval to operate.

University of Oklahoma's application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve University of Oklahoma's application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska. They are authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the master's level, limited to the Master of Arts with emphases in economics and international relations, and the Master of Human Relations with corresponding graduate certificates through January 31, 2017. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

BryanLGH College of Health Sciences

BryanLGH College of Health Sciences' Application for Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed renewal application to operate in Nebraska.

Dr. Fimple comments on the application

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners and answered general questions.

BryanLGH College of Health Sciences' application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve BryanLGH College of Health Sciences' application for renewal of authorization to operate in Nebraska. They are authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels, limited to nursing, sonography, health care management, simulation education, and health professions completion at the associate and baccalaureate levels, and nurse anesthesia at the master's and doctoral levels through January 31, 2017. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Existing Program Review approved by the Executive Director

Existing Program Review

Executive Director Dr. Marshall Hill approved continuation of the following existing programs, whose productivity fell within Commission thresholds.

Chadron State College

Art – BA, BSE

Music – BA, BSE

Peru State College

Art – BA/BS

Wayne State College

Art – BA, BS

Music – BA, BS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Art & Art History – BA, BFA, BAE

Music – BA, BAE, BFA, BM

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Art – BA, BFA, MFA

Art History & Criticism – BA

Music – BA, BM, BMED, MM, DMA

Dance – BA

ITQ state grant program

Improving Teacher Quality state grant program

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the evaluation panel's recommendations for funding on projects presented.

Dr. Fimple discusses the projects submitted for funding

Dr. Fimple discussed each of the seven projects that were submitted for funding.

1. Geography Education Professional Development Workshops by WSC/Bertolas This project was funded two years ago for two summers and was a huge success with 80 participants.
2. Going the Distance: An Interactive Online Teacher Development Project for Teachers of World Languages by UNL/Moeller The concern from the evaluation panel was that this proposal discussed the growing Latino population in Nebraska, but it focused on French.

3. Connecting for Change: Multiple Literacies for Multiple Teachers by UNO/Edwards The panel was concerned about the use of iPads and the problems presented when there aren't enough for every student in a classroom.
4. Nebraska Blast! Improving Teacher Quality through STEM workshops by UNL/Barker This is a new project that will have four different workshops focusing on earth and space science, robotics engineering, aeronautics and aviation, and high-altitude ballooning.
5. Mathematics: Learning the Power of Mathematical Computation by UNO/Hodge This is a new project, but one of the principal participants has had several successful projects in the past.
6. New Literacies in Elementary Classrooms Today by UNL/Trainin This project was rejected last year because the evaluation panel felt it was disjointed and not well focused. The project director made several adjustments and resubmitted a more complete proposal.
7. Engaging Learners Across Nebraska by NETA/Blankenship This is a project we have seen quite often, but it always focuses on new areas.

The evaluation panel recommended funding for programs #1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as listed above.

ITQ evaluation panel's recommendations for funding of projects approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to concur with the evaluation panel's recommendation for funding of the projects in the amounts listed below. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

1. Geography Education Professional Development Workshops by WSC/Bertolas for \$67,400
2. Engaging Learners Across Nebraska by NETA/Blankenship for \$62,872
3. New Literacies in Elementary Classrooms Today by UNL/Trainin for \$66,045
4. Nebraska Blast! Improving Teacher Quality through STEM workshops by UNO/Barker for \$85,448
5. Mathematics: Learning the Power of Mathematical Computation by UNO/Hodge for \$69,802

Information Item: Program Review Update: Actions in 2011

Existing Programs

Approved	84
Returned for additional review	13
Reported as discontinued	6 + 3 centers
Follow-up review	12

New Programs

Programs Approved	14
Centers Approved	2
Reasonable & moderate Extensions reviewed	9

Program Review Update for 2011

Reasonable and Moderate Extension

Information Items: Reasonable and Moderate Extension

UNL – Early Literacy (Graduate Certificate)

Department Elimination

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UNL – Department of Industrial and Management Systems Engineering

Program Deletions

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UNL – Plant Protection Sciences

UNL – Industrial Engineering

UNL – Industrial & Management Systems Engineering

UNL – Manufacturing Systems Engineering

*Next Commission Meeting:
March 1, 2012*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Nebraska Department of Education in Lincoln, Nebraska.

*Dr. Hill speaks about a
replacement Commissioner*

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

As requested by Commissioner Wilson, Dr. Hill provided an update on Karen Davis, who was appointed by Governor Heineman to replace Commissioner Dick Davis.

Meeting adjourned 10:23 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.