



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education**  
**State Capitol**  
**Room 1113, Lincoln, NE**  
**Thursday, January 20, 2011**  
**9:00 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:**

Clark Anderson  
Riko Bishop  
Dr. Dick C. E. Davis  
Mary Lauritzen  
W. Scott Wilson  
John Winkleblack  
Carol Zink

**Commissioners Absent:**

Colleen Adam  
Dr. Ron Hunter  
Eric Seacrest  
Dr. Joyce Simmons

**Commission Staff Present:**

Angela Dibbert, Executive Assistant  
Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer  
Dr. Marshall Hill, Executive Director  
Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator  
Kadi Lukesh, Bookkeeper/Budget Coordinator, & Office Manager  
Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration  
Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Dick Davis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. at the State Capitol, Room 1113, Lincoln, Nebraska on January 20. Attendance is indicated above.

**II. WELCOME**

Introductions

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Action item Approve the December 9, 2010 meeting minutes**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ANDERSON and second by Commissioner ZINK to approve the December 9, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

Result A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0 with Commissioner Bishop abstaining.  
Motion carried.

**IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**A. Commission standing Committees—Membership for 2011**

**1. Action item Ratification of committee rosters**

Motion Motion by Commissioner BISHOP and second by Commissioner ZINK to approve the ratification of the 2011 committee roster as presented.

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

**2011 CCPE Committee Rosters**

**Executive Committee**

Joyce Simmons (Chair)  
Ron Hunter (Vice Chair)  
Colleen Adam  
Dick Davis

**Academic Programs Committee**

Ron Hunter  
Mary Lauritzen  
Eric Seacrest  
Joyce Simmons

Carol Zink

**Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee**

Clark Anderson  
Riko Bishop  
Dick Davis  
Eric Seacrest  
John Winkleblack

**Planning and Consumer Information Committee**

Colleen Adam  
Clark Anderson  
Ron Hunter  
Mary Lauritzen  
Scott Wilson

**B. Updates and other reports**

Commissioner Davis presented a service award to Dr. Marshall Hill for his five years of service with the Commission.

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

1. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Central Community College in Columbus, NE, delivered to Madison High School in Madison, NE:
  - *ENGL 2100, Introduction to Literature (3 credits) (January 10 to May 5, 2011)*
2. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Central Community College in Columbus, NE, delivered to West Point/Beemer High School in West Point, NE:
  - *ECON 2110, Principles of Macroeconomics (3 credits) (January 10 to May 6, 2011)*
3. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Central Community College in Columbus, NE, delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE:
  - *HIST 2020, American History After 1877 (3 credits)*
  - *SPCH 1110, Public Speaking (3 credits)*
  - *ARTS 1010, Introduction to Visual Arts (3 credits)*
  - *ECON 2110, Principles of Macroeconomics (3 credits)*
    - *(January 10 to May 6, 2011)*
4. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Central City High School in Central City, NE, delivered to Wahoo

High School in Wahoo, NE:

- *MATH 2060, Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (5 credits) (January 10 to May 6, 2011)*

**B. Quarterly budget report**

Ms. Kadi Lukesh reported on the status of the Commission's administrative budget at the end of the second quarter. Ms. Lukesh noted that Commissioner travel expenses were higher than last year. This is because there was an extra fall Commission meeting due to the institutional budget review and recommendation process.

**C. Legislative update**

Mr. Jason Keese presented the Commission with the Legislative update.

Bills to watch:

- LB 58 (Adams) – CCPE will collaborate with Neb. DoE, public colleges/universities, and school districts to study the need for uniform policies and practices regarding dual enrollment courses and career academies.
- LB 59 (Adams) – Puts into law the agreement among community colleges regarding distribution of state aid for biennium. State funding is allocated by percentages.
- LB 372 (Adams) – Allows the University of Nebraska to offer expanded number of certificates, providing they are approved by CCPE and consist primarily of courses above associate-level; community colleges are solely responsible for offering certificates comprised of courses at the associate-degree level or below.
- LB 547 (Cook) – A study to develop a funding formula for community colleges, beginning with 2013-15 biennium. Does not indicate who will conduct the study.
- LB 637 (Adams) – Would clarify split authority with Neb. DoE and allow CCPE authority (with exemptions) over any private institution seeking to offer a bachelor's degree or higher in Nebraska. CCPE also would continue to approve any programs offered by out-of-state public institutions that lead to an associate's degree or higher. This legislation would also comply with new rules of the U.S. DoE.
- LB 657 (Janssen) – Would repeal 4-year-old law that allows some

undocumented student immigrants to pay in-state insitution. Under current law, students are eligible if they graduated from a Nebraska high school; lived in the state at least three years; and are pursuing or promise to pursue legal status.

LR 51CA (Heidemann) – Would divert 22 percent of lottery funds from Environmental Trust Act to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for Innovation Campus. Funds for education remain at 44 percent.

LB 374 (Flood) – Governor’s proposed budget: NOG and ACE funding remain level; CCPE operating budget reduced \$60,000 both years.

**D. Updates and other reports**

Mr. Keese gave a brief report on CCPE website traffic, with data provided by Duncan Hsu. Data included numbers of page views for specific pages, when the site is being viewed, and by whom.

Dr. Marshall Hill talked briefly about the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), which has been sending information to Commissioners. ACTA is an independent, non-profit organization committed to academic freedom, excellence, and accountability at America’s colleges and universities. It has a conservative point of view.

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

No testimony.

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

Mr. Paul Sedlacek, Associate General Counsel, National American University, talked briefly about the proposal from NAU to offer programs in Nebraska and answered questions from Commissioners.

**VIII. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

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

Dr. Hill made comments about the approval of out-of-state institutions to operate in Nebraska. (See attached document)

**A. Proposal from an out-of-state institution to offer programs in Nebraska:**

1. Action item National American University, Rapid City, SD

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the application of National American University, with the following conditions: prior to NAU offering courses: 1) Commission staff conduct a site visit of the proposed facility as part of NAU's statutory obligation to demonstrate that facilities are adequate; 2) vitae for faculty hired for the Omaha location are submitted to the Commission to verify that NAU is following its published Faculty Qualification Guidelines; and 3) approval is received from the Higher Learning Commission.

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

*NOTE: Adjourned for break at 10:18 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:31 a.m.*

**B. Proposal for an off-campus center with a long-term commitment:**  
**1. Action item Mid-Plains Community College – Ogallala Extended Campus**

Dr. Jody Tomanek, Area Vice President for Educational Services & Student Development, Mid-Plains Community College joined by conference call. Dr. Tomanek gave a brief statement on the Ogallala extended campus and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the proposal from Mid-Plains Community College for an off-campus center with a long-term commitment in Ogallala.

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

**C. Annual Report from new institution**  
**1. Action item Creative Center (Omaha)**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to accept the annual report, with the next annual report due February 1, 2012.

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

**D. Improving Teacher Quality state grant program**  
**1. Action item Recommendations for 2011 awards**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the 2011 Improving Teacher Quality state grant program recommendations as presented.

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

**E. Request to make a change to role and mission statutes**

- 1. Action item University of Nebraska has requested a change to the role and mission statutes of the university and of the community colleges to allow the university to offer certain undergraduate certificates above the associate degree level**

Dr. Linda Pratt, Executive Vice President & Provost, University of Nebraska gave a brief explanation of the request and answered questions from Commissioners.

*NOTE: Commissioner Bishop stepped out at 11:25 a.m.*

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to recommend to the Legislature that the role and mission statutes of the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska community colleges be amended as indicated below.

**85-943. University of Nebraska; associate degree, diploma, and certificate-in-course; programs authorized; conditions; exception.**

The University of Nebraska may continue to offer the associate degree, diploma, and certificates ~~in course~~ in agriculturally related fields, radiologic technology, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine technology, and engineering technology if approved by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education pursuant to sections 85-1413 and 85-1414 upon the demonstration of a compelling need and unique capacity by the university to offer such programs. The University of Nebraska shall not offer associate degrees or less than associate-degree-level diplomas or certificates ~~in course~~ in other than authorized and approved programs. The University may, however, if approved by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education pursuant to sections 85-1413 and 85-1414, offer certificates within fields in addition to those specified in this section, provided the preponderance of courses comprising those certificates are beyond the associate degree level.

**85-961. Community Colleges; responsibility in less than baccalaureate degree program areas.**

The community colleges shall have, except in specified program areas authorized by statute and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, sole responsibility for the award of associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates comprised of courses at the associate-degree level or below, and ~~in less than baccalaureate degree program areas~~ approved by the commission pursuant to sections 85-1413 and 85-1414.

Result A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0, with Commissioner Bishop not voting.  
Motion carried.

**IX. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regular Commission meeting will be March 8, 2011 at the State Capitol, Room 1113 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Zink commented on an article from The Wall Street Journal, "Avoiding Disaster for Low-Income Students" and distributed copies to Commissioners.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT of regular Commission meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.