
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

January 24, 2013

Videoconference sites:

Chadron State College in Chadron, NE

NET Studio in Lincoln, NE

Vocational Rehabilitation in North Platte, NE

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 24, 2013. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 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 9:05 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ron Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Riko Bishop*

Dr. Deborah A. Frison*

Dr. Ron Hunter (Chadron)

Eric Seacrest (North Platte)

W. Scott Wilson*

Carol Zink*

(*Lincoln site)

Commissioners Absent

Colleen Adam

Clark Anderson

Mary Lauritzen

Dr. Joyce Simmons

John Winkleblack

Commission Staff Present

Ben Civic

Dr. Kathleen Fimple

Dr. Marshall Hill

Jason Keese

Kadi Lukesh

Dr. Carna Pfeil

Helen Pope

Mike Wemhoff

Chair Hunter stated that with him in Chadron was Terry Gaalswyk, Chief Academic Officer from Western Nebraska Community College. From the North Platte site, Commissioner Seacrest introduced Dr. Jody Tomanek, Chief Academic Officer at Mid-Plains Community College, North Platte campus.

*Minutes of December 6, 2012
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Wilson moved that the December 6, 2012 minutes be approved. Commissioner Zink seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*Chair Hunter requests committee
assignment preferences*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Hunter requested the Commissioners give him their preferences for committee assignment. Those assignments will be announced at the March Commission meeting.

*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 Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC in Columbus, NE
Delivered to Burwell High School in Burwell, NE
 - ENGL 1020 Writing and Research (3 cr.)
-January 7, 2013 – May 2, 2013
2. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Traditional Delivery at Arapahoe High School in Arapahoe, NE
 - MATH 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.)
-January 14, 2013 – May 19, 2013
3. Offered by Chadron State College (professional development
courses for educators)
Traditional Delivery at Learner's Edge, Inc. in Omaha, NE
 - INS 501: Service Learning: From Community to the
Classroom
-May 30, 2013 – August 1, 2013
4. Offered by Chadron State College (professional development
courses for educators)
Traditional Delivery at Learner's Edge, Inc. in Omaha, NE
 - INS 501: Expanding the Classroom Walls I
-May 30, 2013 – August 1, 2013
5. Offered by Chadron State College (professional development
courses for educators)
Traditional Delivery at Learner's Edge, Inc. in Omaha, NE
 - INS 501: Expanding the Classroom Walls 2
-May 30, 2013 – August 1, 2013
6. Offered by Chadron State College (professional development
courses for educators)
Traditional Delivery at Learner's Edge, Inc. in Omaha, NE
 - INS 501: Expanding the Classroom Walls 3

*Out-of-service authorizations
continued*

-May 30, 2013 – August 1, 2013

7. Offered by Chadron State College (professional development courses for educators)

Traditional Delivery at Learner's Edge, Inc. in Omaha, NE

- INS 501: Classroom of Choice
-May 30, 2013 – August 1, 2013

8. Offered by Chadron State College (professional development courses for educators)

Traditional Delivery at Learner's Edge, Inc. in Omaha, NE

- INS 501: Coaching and Advising Excellence
-May 30, 2013 – August 1, 2013

9. Offered by Chadron State College (professional development courses for educators)

Traditional Delivery at Learner's Edge, Inc. in Omaha, NE

- INS 501: Learning the Ropes
-May 30, 2013 – August 1, 2013

*Kadi Lukesh presents 2nd quarter
budget report*

Kadi Lukesh, Bookkeeper/Budget Coordinator & Office Manager, gave an overview of the CCPE's second quarter budget report for fiscal year 2012-13. Ms. Lukesh noted two items of interest. First, \$12, 259.00 of the general fund appropriations will be returned to the state treasury when LB194 is passed this legislative session. Because of savings in the state insurance fund, two months of premiums were not charged to either employees or the Commission. Second, staff travel is high due to most travel being done in late summer and early fall.

*Jason Keese speaks about
current Legislative bills of
interest*

Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, briefed the Commissioners on current legislative bills of interest. A summary sheet was distributed to Commissioners outlining the information discussed. He noted that out of close to 700 bills introduced, 21 bills are directly or very closely related to higher education.

Dr. Hill noted that Mr. Keese keeps close track of these bills and their passage through the system. The Commissioners will be informed when bills of interest are scheduled for hearings. Talking-point testimony is developed for any bills that CCPE staff will testify on. Also, a fiscal note is prepared detailing what our assessment is of the financial impact of a bill on the Commission and other entities.

*Ben Civic speaks about the rural
initiative development trip*

Dr. Hill stated that this week Dr. Pfeil, Ben Civic, College Access Challenge Grant Program Director, and Jason Keese traveled to western Nebraska to meet with school officials regarding a rural initiative funded by the College Access Challenge Grant. He called on Mr. Civic to give an update. Mr. Civic stated that funding approved by the Commission for the rural initiative includes about \$11,000 for planning of the project this year. For 2013-14, \$100,000 is allocated. There are currently five school districts that have expressed interest: Chase County, North Platte, Gering, Scottsbluff, and Valentine. During their meetings with

representatives from the schools, they discussed the College Access Challenge Grant program, requirements and how funding is allocated. Mr. Civic stated this initiative will give the participating schools an opportunity to increase their college-going rates.

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.

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.

*ITQ state grant program
Dr. Fimple discusses the projects submitted for funding*

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Improving Teacher Quality state grant program

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, discussed each of the five proposals submitted for funding. She noted that this program is funded under No Child Left Behind Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

1. Coaching for Sustainability: Peer Coaching Science Inquiry in Rural Schools The panel was pleased this project will target rural schools.
2. Mathemantics II: Learning the Power of Mathematical Communication Phase II This project was successful last year and will offer teachers professional development to help students better understand the concepts behind mathematical computations.
3. Technology Education in Digital and Global Environments (Tech EDGE) The focus of this program is on language arts and learning the use of new literacies.
4. Working Together to Improve Writing Across the State This project has been funded several times, but with a new director it will focus on improving writing skills of Nebraska students.
5. Teachers Training Workshops: Enriching Science Education in Nebraska Schools through Hands-On Experiments in NanoScience

The evaluation panel recommended funding for projects 1, 2, 3, and 4. Project 5 did not have the required signatures from university and K-12 representatives.

*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. Coaching for Sustainability: Peer Coaching Science Inquiry in Rural Schools for \$79,000
2. Mathemantics II: Learning the Power of Mathematical Communication Phase II for \$68,900
3. Technology Education in Digital and Global Environments (Tech EDGE) for \$76,430
4. Working Together to Improve Writing Across the State for \$59,996.75

*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 the Commission thresholds or provided significant justification if below the thresholds.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Public Health – Graduate Certificate, MPH
Community Oriented Primary Care– Graduate Certificate
Emergency Preparedness– Graduate Certificate
Infectious Disease Epidemiology– Graduate Certificate
Maternal and Child Health– Graduate Certificate

Central Community College

Nursing – ADN
Nursing – Practical - Diploma

Metropolitan Community College

Nursing – AAS
Nursing – Pracical – Certificate

MidPlains Community College

Nursing – ADN
Nursing – Practical – Diploma

Northeast Community College

Nursing – ADN
Nursing – Practical – Diploma

Southeast Community College

Nursing – AAS
Nursing – Practical – Diploma

Western Nebraska Community College

Nursing – ADN, AS
Nursing – Practical – Diploma
Cosmetology – AOS, Diploma, Certificate
Nail Technology - Certificate

*MPCC Early Childhood
Education Program – AAS,
Diploma, Certificate*

**Mid-Plains Community College – Follow-up Report on Early
Childhood Education Program – AAS, Diploma, Certificate**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program, with a report on enrollments and graduation rates due by October 15, 2014.

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented a brief overview of state day care licensure and training requirements for directors and teachers. She also provided summary information about Nebraska’s early childhood programs at the six community colleges.

*Dr. Jody Tomanek Mid-Plains
Community College*

Dr. Jody Tomanek shared with the Commissioners that they are pleased with the increase in certificates being awarded. The certificate program was started to help students achieve credentials who want to start a daycare in their home but did not plan to go on to acquire a full diploma or bachelor’s degree. They also help students take transferrable courses to continue their education at UNK. She noted that they have an early education childhood center at McCook Community College where students get “hands-on” experience. The center will undergo an internal audit this year to determine additions or changes that could be made to this program.

*MPCC Early Childhood
Education Program – AAS,
Diploma, Certificate approved*

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve Mid-Plains Community College’s Early Childhood Education Program – AAS, Diploma, Certificate, with a report on enrollments and graduation rates due by October 15, 2014, at which time the Commission may request an in-depth review or take other action. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*WNCC Early Childhood
Education Program – AA, AAS,
Certificate*

**Western Nebraska Community College – Follow-up Report on Early
Childhood Education Program – AA, AAS, Certificate**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program, with a report on enrollments and graduation rates due by October 15, 2014.

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the program to Commissioners, noting the Child Development Associate credential is nationally recognized and that is where Western Nebraska Community College has been placing its emphasis.

*Mr. Terry Gaalswyk from
Western Nebraska Community
College*

Mr. Terry Gaalswyk spoke briefly on the Early Childhood Education program at Western Nebraska Community College noting that the college’s partnership with high schools to offer career academics in this field has been successful. The college is also investigating the

*WNCC Early Childhood
Education Program approved*

possibility of converting the Child Development Associate credential to a certificate program.

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve Western Nebraska Community College's Early Childhood Education Program with a report on enrollments and graduation rates due by October 15, 2014, at which time the Commission may request an in-depth review or take other action. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

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

*Craig Boroff from Central
Community College*

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE ITEMS

Craig Boroff, College Facilities and Construction Manager at Central Community College, introduced himself, and offered to answer questions from the Commissioners.

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

*CCC – Hastings Campus –
Platte Building – Hospitality
Management & Culinary Arts
renovation and addition*

*Mr. Wemhoff presents project
summary*

*CCC – Hastings Campus –
Platte Building – Hospitality
Management & Culinary Arts
renovation and addition
approved*

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Central Community College / Hastings Campus – Platte Building – Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts renovation and addition

Commissioner Bishop opened the discussion and introduced Mike Wemhoff, CCPE Facilities Officer, who presented a summary of the project.

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, recommended approval of the Central Community College's proposal for the Hastings Campus Platte Building Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts program renovation and addition as outlined in the program statement dated October 8, 2012 (Revised December 4, 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.

*Next Commission Meeting
March 14, 2013*

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th, 2013. The meeting will be held at Metropolitan Community College, Fort Omaha Campus, Omaha, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.