



MEETING MINUTES
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Monday, January 25, 2010
9:15 a.m. (CST)

Videoconference locations:

Chadron: Chadron State College – Burkheiser (far east building on campus) Room 109, 10th & Main Streets

Hastings: Hastings Public Library, 2nd Floor, 517 West 4th Street

Lincoln: NET, Room 132, 1800 N. 33rd Street

Norfolk: Northeast Community College, MaClay Bldg., Room 122, 801 E. Benjamin Ave.

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 each location and its location was announced.

Commissioners Present:

Colleen Adam (Hastings)
Riko Bishop
Dr. Ron Hunter (Chadron)
Mary Lauritzen (Norfolk)
Dr. Joyce Simmons
W. Scott Wilson
John Winkleblack (Norfolk)
Carol Zink

Commissioners Absent:

Clark Anderson
Dr. Dick C. E. Davis
Eric Seacrest

Commission Staff Present:

Angela Dibbert, Executive Assistant
Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer
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

Commission Chairman Dr. Joyce Simmons called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. at NET, Room 132 in Lincoln, Nebraska on January 25, 2010. Attendance is indicated above.

II. WELCOME

Introductions

III. MINUTES

A. Action item Approve the December 10, 2009 meeting minutes

Motion Motion by Commissioner WILSON and second by Commissioner ZINK to approve the December 10, 2009 meeting minutes as presented.

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

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Recognition and Thanks to Chair Colleen Adam

Chairman Simmons thanked and recognized Colleen Adam for her two years of service as chair.

B. Announcement of 2010 committee assignments

2010 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
John Winkleblack
Carol Zink

Alternates: Scott Wilson, Riko Bishop, Clark Anderson, Joyce Simmons

Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee

Clark Anderson
Riko Bishop
Dick Davis
Eric Seacrest
Joyce Simmons

Alternates: Ron Hunter, John Winkleblack, Scott Wilson, Colleen Adam

Planning and Consumer Information Committee

Colleen Adam
Clark Anderson
Ron Hunter
Mary Lauritzen
Scott Wilson

Alternates: Carol Zink, Dick Davis, Riko Bishop, Joyce Simmons

C. Updates and other reports

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Out-of-service area authorizations

1. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Central Community College, Columbus, NE, delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE:
 - *HIST 2020, American History After 1877 (3 credits) (January 11 – May 6, 2010)*
2. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Lakeview High School, Columbus, NE, delivered to Wahoo High School, Wahoo, NE:
 - *SOCI 1010, Intro to Sociology (3 credits) (January 11 – May 6, 2010)*
3. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Central Community College, Columbus, NE, delivered to Wahoo High School, Wahoo, NE:
 - *ENGL 1010, English Composition (3 credits) (January 11 – May 5, 2010)*
4. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Central Community College, Columbus, NE, delivered to Wahoo High School, Wahoo, NE:
 - *ENGL 2100, Introduction to Literature (3 credits) (January 11 – May 6, 2010)*

B. Quarterly budget report

Ms. Kadi Lukesh stated that this second quarter has been challenging. CCPE has to decrease the budget by \$39,626 and will do this by decreasing the following: providing no raises, one less Commission meeting a year, reduce travel by holding Commission meetings in the Lincoln and Omaha area, not replacing outdated equipment and software, decreasing subscriptions to professional publications, decreasing memberships to professional organizations, require staff to pay dues to professional organizations they are required to join as a part of maintaining their credentials, and will decrease the frequency of financial aid audits from each year to every other or every third year.

Dr. Carna Pfeil stated that CCPE is watching the budget daily. Dr. Pfeil mentioned there might need to be furloughs to make it through the year, but are trying everything not to have to resort to that. CCPE is renegotiating our rent, which will hopefully decrease by about 6%. Mike Wemhoff, Kadi Lukesh, and Dr. Pfeil have been looking at other places to lease in case no negotiation is made.

NOTE: Commissioner Bishop joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

C. Legislative update

Dr. Pfeil said that Katherine Green will be sending out a list of bills of interest. Dr. Pfeil gave an update on the following bills:

Community College Bills -

LB 1072 (Adams): Main bill that addresses the LB 340 recommendations. Incorporates most recommendations, except for governor/coordination changes.

LR 299 (Ashford): Proposed constitutional amendment to limit community college areas to no more than three – as defined by the Legislature.

LB 1082 (Cornett): Similar to LB 1072, but incorporates what we understand to be Metropolitan Community College's desired changes in the formula. Replaces the current formula with a new, simple distribution: 20% of funds divided equally between all the areas; 80% distributed in proportion to census population of the Community College area.

LB 1058 (Howard): Introduced on behalf of Metro. Essentially replaces REUs with FTEs in the formula.

LB 1034 (Cook): Introduced on behalf of Metro to define tuition and fees.

Other Higher Ed Legislation –

LB 956 (Adams): Changes to the Nebraska State Grant Program

- Renames the program to the Nebraska Opportunity Grant
- Increases the maximum award back to 50 percent tuition and fees at UNL (currently 25 percent)
- Increases eligibility to \$6,000 EFC (expected family contribution on the FAFSA), with a 2.5 percent annual growth factor. Currently students must be Pell-eligible, which means an EFC of no more than \$4,617.

LB 745 (Avery): Changes to State Grant Program

- Excludes for-profit institutions from participation in the Nebraska State Grant program.
- In 2008-09, this bill would have excluded 2,180 students receiving a total of \$2.1 million.

LB 1001 (Janssen): In-state tuition for undocumented immigrants

- Repeals the provision and requires any student receiving resident tuition at a public institution to be a U.S. citizen.

LB 1062 (Janssen): Tuition Equalization Grant Program

- Creates a new program to provide grants to low-income Nebraska students attending nonprofit, nonpublic undergraduate institutions.

D. Updates and other reports

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

No testimony.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

No testimony.

VIII. BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

A. Biennial facility operating and maintenance cost inflationary adjustment:

Mr. Mike Wemhoff explained the facility operating and maintenance cost inflationary adjustment and answered questions from Commissioners.

1. **Action item Retain the facility operating and maintenance cost threshold of \$85,000 per year through December 31, 2011**

Motion Motion by Commissioner LAURITZEN on behalf of the Committee to retain the facility operating and maintenance cost threshold of \$85,000 per year through December 31, 2011.

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

IX. PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Korinne Tande, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Nebraska State College System reported that the Chadron State College theater program has gone up from 24 majors to 33 majors and increased graduates by one. Wayne State College has reported that it will eliminate its theater program.

X. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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

A. Improving Teacher Quality state grant program

1. **Action item Recommendations for 2010 awards**

Motion Motion by Commissioner HUNTER on behalf of the Committee to approve the Improving Teacher Quality state grant program recommendations for 2010 awards.

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

B. **Action item Annual Reports from Private Institutions**

1. **Kaplan University – Omaha**
2. **Kaplan University – Lincoln**
3. **Mount Marty College – Yankton, SD**

Motion Motion by Commissioner HUNTER on behalf of the Committee to accept

the annual reports from private institutions and extend authorization to operate through May 31, 2011 for Kaplan University-Lincoln.

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

C. Existing Program Review

1. Information Items Program continuations approved by the Executive Director:

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Accountancy (MPA); Accounting (BSBA); Actuarial Science (BA, BS, BSBA, MS); Business (MA, MBA, PhD); Business Administration (BSBA); Economics (BA/BS, BSBA, MA, PhD); Finance (BSBA); International Business (BSBA); Management (BSBA); Marketing (BSBA)
- University of Nebraska at Kearney: Business Administration (BA/BS, BS, MBA); Economics (BA, BS)
- Chadron State College: Business (BA, BSE)
- Peru State College: Business Administration (BA, BS, BAS)
- Wayne State College: Business Administration (BA, BS)
- Central Community College: Business Administration (AAS, Diploma, Certificate); Drafting (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)
- Metropolitan Community College: Accounting (AAS); Bookkeeping (Certificate); Business Management (AAS, Diploma, Certificate); Business Transfer (AS)
- Mid-Plains Community College: Business (AAS, Certificate)
- Northeast Community College: Accounting (AA, AAS, Diploma, Certificate); Business (AAS, Diploma, Certificate); Business Administration (AA); Drafting (AAS)
- Southeast Community College: Business Administration (AAS); Computer Aided Design Drafting (AAS)

2. Action item Metropolitan Community College: Financial Planning (Certificate)

Motion Motion by Commissioner HUNTER on behalf of the Committee to continue the Metropolitan Community College: Financial Planning program with a report on number of graduates due November 1, 2013.

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

D. Action item Follow-up reports on existing instructional programs

1. **Wayne State College – Theatre (BA, BS)**
2. **Chadron State College – Theatre (BA, BSE)**
3. **Peru State College – Art (BS)**

Motion Motion by Commissioner HUNTER on behalf of the Committee to continue the programs, with the expectation that the next regular program review, for theater will provide evidence of increased demand for the programs.

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

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

1. Reasonable and Moderate Extensions
NECC – Banking Services (AAS)
NECC – Business – Insurance Option (AAS)
2. Programs Discontinued by the Institution
PSC – Business Administration Technology (BT) (replaced by BAS)

XI. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be March 11, 2010 and will be held at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska.

XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT of regular Commission meeting

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK and seconded by Commission WILSON to adjourn the meeting.

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

Adjourned at 10:31 a.m.