
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION January 21, 2016 Creighton University Omaha, Nebraska

Public notice of this meeting was given by posting notice on the Commission's website; posting notice on the State of Nebraska's online public meeting calendar; e-mailing news media; and keeping a current copy of the agenda in the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's office, listing the date, time, and location of the meeting.

Public notice of meeting

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE OF MEETING</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2016. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.</p> <p>AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. 8TH STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CAROL ZINK, CHAIR</p>
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Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Dwayne Probyn
Dr. John Bernthal	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Dr. Deborah Frison	Lori Warner
Dr. Ron Hunter	W. Scott Wilson
Mary Lauritzen	Carol Zink

Commissioners Absent

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	Jason Keese
Benjamin Civic	Helen Pope
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Gary Timm
Jill Heese	Mike Wemhoff

*Reverend Daniel Hendrickson,
Creighton University*

*Commissioner Lauritzen arrived at
8:40 a.m.*

*Dr. Hank Bounds, University of
Nebraska*

*Minutes of December 3, 2015,
Commission Meeting approved*

*Chair Zink discusses lunch and tour
arrangements*

WELCOME

Reverend Daniel Hendrickson, President of Creighton University, welcomed the Commissioners to Creighton University and the School of Dentistry. He stated his appreciation of the Commission's mission and goals that focus on higher learning, quality teaching, financial supports, and data collection. He noted the Commission's work is very important for the state and its higher learning institutions. Reverend Hendrickson thanked the Commissioners for coming to Creighton and offered to answer any questions.

PRESENTATION ON THE VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Dr. Hank Bounds, President of the University of Nebraska, thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to come speak at the meeting. He stated that Nebraska is a great place to be as it has a low unemployment rate, exceptional schools, an attractive lifestyle, and people with a good work ethic. The University of Nebraska is in a good place, boasting world-class institutes such as the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Buffett Cancer Center, and the Rural Futures Institute. He also spoke of the work the University is doing with the U.S. Department of Defense to help promote our national security. All of these are beneficial to our state, country, and the world.

Dr. Bounds stated that the University of Nebraska is facing some challenges. Those challenges include trying to increase student growth, competitive faculty compensation, creating opportunities so students and young people come to and stay in Nebraska, and the condition of the University's facilities. President Bounds noted the upside is greater than the challenges. They are going to the Legislature to request expansion of funds for those facilities needing updating or replacement. President Bounds answered questions from the Commissioners.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2015, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Wilson moved that the December 3, 2015, minutes be approved. Commissioner Probyn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Zink commented that after the Commission meeting, lunch is being provided in the School of Dentistry dining room. Then there will be a shuttle bus tour of the Creighton University campus, followed by a guided tour of the School of Dentistry led by Dr. Mark Latta, Dean of the School of Dentistry, and Dr. James Howard, Senior Associate Dean.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Michael Baumgartner reported that the following out-of-service area applications have been authorized.

1. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at Sidney High School in Sidney, NE
 - PSYC 1010 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)
Fall 2015
2. 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.)
1/11/16 - 5/5/16
3. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC in Columbus, NE
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)
1/11/16 - 5/4/16
4. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC in Columbus, NE
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - SPCH 1110 Public Speaking (3 cr.)
1/11/16 - 5/4/16
5. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at East Butler High School in Brainard, NE
Delivered to Bancroft-Rosalie High School in Bancroft, NE
 - MATH 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.)
1/11/16 - 5/4/16
6. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at NECC
Delivered to Lexington High School in Lexington, NE
 - SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)
1/11/16 - 5/11/16
7. Offered by Northeast Community College
Traditional delivery at North Bend Central High School in North Bend, NE
 - NURA 1110 Nurse Aide (3 cr.)
1/5/16 - 5/11/16

Jason Keese reviews Legislative bills of interest

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, who gave an update on Legislative bills that have been introduced since the January 6 opening of the Legislative session. Mr. Keese provided the Commissioners with a copy of the bills of interest, the 2016 Legislative session calendar, and an updated Legislative committee roster. He reported that January 20 was the final day of bill introductions and the Commission is tracking 11 bills this session. Mr. Keese briefly discussed each of those bills along with resolutions of interest and carryover bills from the last Legislative session.

Gary Timm presents second quarter budget report

Gary Timm, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer, presented the second quarter budget report as of December 31, 2015. Mr. Timm noted that we are in a good place in the budget, with 50% of the time passed and 50.6% of the budget spent. Three programs are assigned to the Commission: Oral Health Training Fund, Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), and Access College Early Scholarship (ACE), and will also be included in future budget reports. Mr. Timm reviewed the appropriations and current expenditures for each of those programs and answered Commissioner's questions.

Dr. Baumgartner speaks about meeting WSC president

Dr. Baumgartner reported he had the opportunity recently to meet the new Wayne State College president, Dr. Marysz Rames, to discuss her priorities for the college. Dr. Rames has an impressive background in student services leadership in South Dakota. She is working with Commissioner Warner as an advisor, on increasing opportunities at the South Sioux City College Center, where the Commission meeting will be held in July.

Dr. Baumgartner discusses FAFSA Completion Initiative

J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, is leading the FAFSA Completion Initiative in Nebraska. High school agreements are coming in at a good pace, and more high schools are expected as students begin to fill out FAFSAs for the 2016-17 school year.

Dr. Baumgartner states next Commission meeting at UNK will include a presentation from Accelerate Nebraska representatives

Dr. Baumgartner noted that on March 10, the Commission meeting will be held at the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus. Following the meeting we plan to tour the health education facility. In addition, former Speaker of the Legislature Greg Adams and former Nebraska Labor Commissioner and Director of Economic Development Catherine Lang, both with Accelerate Nebraska organization, will be presenting the results of a study of state and regional education, as well as the state's labor needs and strategies to meet those needs.

Dr. Baumgartner announces public hearing

On February 18, 2016, a public hearing will be held at the LaVista Public Library about a request to operate a new campus in the state. Hope International University from California is going to take over the operations of Nebraska Christian College. This will come for Commission approval at a later date. All Commissioners are invited to attend the public hearing.

Dr. Baumgartner discusses formation of Nebraska Education and Workforce Roundtable

Dr. Baumgartner commented that Governor Ricketts has announced the formation of the Nebraska Education and Workforce Roundtable. The roundtable will be led by a steering committee consisting of Governor

Ricketts, President Bounds, Education Commissioner Blomstedt, Education Committee Chair Senator Kate Sullivan, EducationQuest CEO Liz Koop, and Reinke Manufacturing CEO Chris Roth. There are 18 additional members of the roundtable, including Dr. Baumgartner as the Commission's member. The Roundtable will focus on one or two priority issues at a time and get underway in 2016.

Public Comment on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

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

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

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

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

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

David Lechner, University of Nebraska

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Simmons, Committee Chair, acknowledged Commissioners and staff who participated in the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid committee conference call.

University of Nebraska 2016 Capital Plan

David Lechner, Senior Vice President and CFO of the University of Nebraska, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2016 Capital Plan for the University of Nebraska, which has been introduced in the Legislature as LB 858. He walked the Commissioners through some of the details of the plan, noting previous successful partnerships between the University of Nebraska and the State starting with LB 1100 and LB 605. Since those are coming to an end, they are seeking to continue that partnership with the State and move forward with LB 858.

Mr. Lechner reviewed preliminary proposed building projects, funding strategy, and the goals for growth and quality of modern student learning spaces. He answered questions from the Commissioners.

Benjamin Civic presents the Ace Plus Scholarship Overview

ACE Plus Scholarship Overview of AY 2011-2012 through AY 2015-2016

Benjamin Civic, Occupational Education Specialist and CACG Program Director, presented the ACE Plus Scholarship overview for the past five academic years of awarding this scholarship. Mr. Civic stated the scholarship program is funded by the federal College Access Challenge Grant (CACG), which will be discontinued this year. Mr. Civic gave an overview of student qualifications, recipient awards, and the academic success of ACE Plus scholarship recipients, noting that almost 90% of

scholarship recipients attend colleges in Nebraska. The unmet financial need for 2015-2016 was \$85,500. Mr. Civic answered questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Zink called for a break at 10:30 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m.

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony on Academic Programs Committee Items.

Chair Zink closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items.

Commissioner Probyn acknowledges APC committee

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Probyn, Committee Chair, acknowledged Commissioners and staff who participated in the Academic Programs Committee conference call.

Improving Teacher Quality State Grant Program

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple present the program

Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) State Grant Program

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the recommendations for ITQ funding. The purpose of the ITQ State Grant Program is to improve student academic achievement by ensuring teachers are highly qualified and have access to professional development in core academic subjects. The independent evaluation panel that met in December reviewed eight proposals submitted by partnerships from UNL, UNK, and Creighton University. Four of those project proposals were recommended for funding:

- Micro-Credential Based Professional Development to Support Writing Composition
- Primarily Math: Investing in Greater Nebraska
- Improving Teacher Quality through Biomedical Engineering BLAST! Workshops
- Helping Middle School Science Teachers Create Content-based Digital Games on the Structure and Energy of Matter

Improving Teacher Quality State Grant Program approved

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) State Grant Program Awards. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Central Community College

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple present the program

Central Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Heavy Equipment Operator (diploma)

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Deborah Brennan, Executive Vice President of Central Community College, and Dr. Nathan Allen, Dean of Business, Skilled and Technical Sciences, came forward to discuss the need and details of the program.

Central Community College- New Instructional Program – Heavy Equipment Operator (diploma) approved

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Central Community College’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Heavy Equipment Operator (diploma). A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Omaha
Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the program

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Follow-up Report on an Existing Instructional Program – Urban Studies (MS)

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the follow-up report, noting the program has been continued for several years with enrollment and graduation rate fluctuations. Both declined when UNO initiated an online only format. UNO recently returned to a campus-based program instead of online only format. Deborah Smith-Howell, Associate Vice Chancellor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, stated they found this is not a program that works well online. The strength of this program is with the UNO students and local community.

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Follow-up Report – Urban Studies (MS) approved

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s Follow-up Report on an Existing Instructional Program – Urban Studies (MS), with the next program review in 2019. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

Existing Program Review

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

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Educational Psychology (MA, EdS)
Mixed Methods Research (graduate certificate)
Psychological Studies in Education (PhD)
Human Services
 Gerontology (PhD)
 Medical Family Therapy (PhD)
 Nutrition and Health Sciences (PhD)
 Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design (PhD)
 Child, Youth, and Family Studies (PhD)
 Communication Disorders (PhD)
 Leadership Studies (PhD/EdD)

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Counseling and School Psychology (MSE, EdS)
Instructional Technology (MSE)

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Counseling (MA, MS)
Library Science (BGS, BSED)

Chadron State College
School Counseling (MEd)
Community Mental Health Counseling (MAE)

Wayne State College
Counselor Education (MSE)
Human Service Counseling (BA, BS)

Central Community College
Human Services (AAS, diploma, certificate)

Metropolitan Community College
Human Services (AAS, certificate)

Southeast Community College
Human Services (AAS)
Long Term Care Administration (AAS, certificate)

Western Nebraska Community College
Human Services (AAS, AA)

*SARA Institutional Application
Approved by the Executive Director
and Other Institutional Activity*

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and Other Institutional Activity**

Dr. Fimple reported that Grace University's application is in process, and she has received the full application from Midland University. She expects an application soon from Union College.

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

*Reasonable and Moderate
Extensions*

A. **Reasonable and Moderate Extensions**

1. UNO - Department of Biomechanics
2. UNO - Department of Management
3. UNO - Department of Marketing and Entrepreneurship
4. UNO - American Government (graduate certificate)

Institution Name Change

B. **Institution Name Change**

Doane College to *Doane University* (effective May 9, 2016)

Teach Out Update

C. **Teach Out Update**

University of Phoenix has closed all Nebraska campuses since all students have been taught out.

Discontinued Centers

D. **Discontinued Centers**

1. UNL - Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education in the College of Education and Human Sciences
2. UNL - Center for Ergonomics and Safety Research in the College of Engineering

*Public Hearing on Planning and
Consumer Information Committee
Items*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION
COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony on Planning and Consumer Information Items.

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

*Commissioner Lauritzen
acknowledges committee members*

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen acknowledged Commissioners and staff that were on the Planning and Consumer Information committee conference call.

2015 Factual Look at Higher Education In Nebraska – Faculty and Salaries

Commissioner Lauritzen introduced Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, to report on the faculty and salaries section of the *2015 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*.

*Jill Heese presented the 2015
Factual Look at Higher Education in
Nebraska – Faculty and Salaries*

Ms. Heese gave a PowerPoint presentation, stating that this report is the final section of the *Factual Look*. It covers faculty and salaries from fall 2004 through fall 2014, with data coming from IPEDS, focusing on 10-year trends. The *Factual Look* is now primarily an online publication, with data corresponding to each section available for download from the Commission's website. Ms. Heese answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Next Commission meeting is March
10, 2016*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 2016, at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Commissioner Probyn comments

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Probyn commented that on Friday December 18, 2015, the Wall Street Journal published an article of interest titled "In Nebraska, a View of Full Employment."

Dr. Baumgartner comments

Dr. Baumgartner noted to keep in mind that the tour of the School of Dentistry is being done primarily because the Commission has received \$8 million in funds to contract with entities for the Oral Health Training and Services Fund in the state. Creighton and UNMC will submit applications for that money.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zink adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.