



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education**  
**Southeast Community College,**  
**Continuing Education Center**  
**Room 302-303**  
**Lincoln, NE**  
**Thursday, March 11, 2010**  
**8:30 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:**

Colleen Adam  
Riko Bishop  
Dr. Dick C. E. Davis  
Dr. Ron Hunter  
Mary Lauritzen  
Eric Seacrest  
Dr. Joyce Simmons  
W. Scott Wilson  
John Winkleblack  
Carol Zink

**Commissioners Absent:**

Clark Anderson

**Commission Staff Present:**

Angela Dibbert, Executive Assistant  
Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer  
Katherine Green, Planning and Policy Coordinator  
Dr. Marshall Hill, Executive Director  
Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator  
Dr. Barbara McCuen, Research Coordinator  
Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator  
Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration  
Kermit Spade, Data Analyst  
Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Joyce Simmons called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. at the Southeast Community College, Continuing Education Center, Room 302/303, in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 11. Attendance is indicated above.

## II. WELCOME

Introductions

## III. MINUTES

### A. Action item Approve the January 25, 2010 meeting minutes

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK and second by Commissioner HUNTER to approve the January 25, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

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

## IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### A. Presentation of plaque to former Commission Chairman, Colleen Adam

### B. Updates and other reports

Commission Chairman Simmons announced that two items would be removed from the agenda. First, under the Academic Programs Committee report, consideration of the MAE degrees in French and German under Item XI-D(6) was withdrawn at the request of the committee.

Second, under the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee report, Item XIII-C(1) was withdrawn at the request of the committee.

Commission Chairman Simmons announced the new Chairman for the Academic Programs Committee is Carol Zink and the new Chairman for the Planning and Consumer Information Committee is Mary Lauritzen.

## V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### A. Out-of-service area authorizations

1. Offered by Northeast Community College via two-way video originated from Burwell High School in Burwell, NE, delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE:
  - *MATH 2000, Analytic Geometry & Calculus I (5 credits) (January 11 – May 21, 2010)*

2. Offered by Northeast Community College via two-way video originated from Rock County High School in Bassett, NE, delivered to Cody-Kilgore High School in Cody, NE:
  - *ENGL 2200, Survey of English Literature I (3 credits) (January 11 – May 3, 2010)*
3. Offered by Northeast Community College via on-site instruction at North Bend Central High School in North Bend, NE:
  - *AGRI 1020, Introduction to Farm Management Records (4 credits) (January 11 – May 17, 2010)*
4. Offered by Northeast Community College via two-way video originated from Wayne High School in Wayne, NE, delivered to Hooper-Logan View High School in Hooper, NE and Dodge High School in Dodge, NE:
  - *PSYC 1810, Introduction to Psychology (3 credits) (January 11 – May 20, 2010)*
5. Offered by Northeast Community College via two-way video originated from West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE, delivered to Dodge High School in Dodge, NE:
  - *SPCH 1110, Public Speaking (3 credits) (January 13 – May 25, 2010)*

**B. Legislative update**

Ms. Katherine Green gave an update on the following bills:

LB 21 – This bill was introduced last session. It would change our Nebraska State Grant program from just providing money to students who were Pell eligible to reaching students who were just above Pell eligible. This bill was reintroduced via LB 956, which also changes the program's name to the Nebraska Opportunity Grant.

Community College bills. A recent agreement may resolve Metropolitan Community College lawsuit and cause a change to the statues this year via LB 1072.

LB 935 – The State Budget bill, which is expected to be debated next week.

LB 977 – This bill is requiring new state buildings to use Energy Star standards. It will also require any capital construction projects of the State Colleges, University, or state agencies to be Energy Star compliant. Mr. Mike Wemhoff briefed Commissioners on Leadership Energy and Environment Design (LEED) and Energy Star standards.

**C. Updates and other reports**

Dr. Marshall Hill mentioned that Metropolitan Community College has agreed to withdraw their lawsuit and thanked staff for all their help in dealing with it. Also, next week the State Auditors will be in our office for about two weeks.

Dr. Hill announced that University of Nebraska at Kearney had initiated the process to discontinue the MAE programs that have been removed from the Commission's agenda for today. The University must complete a final step before the programs are discontinued.

Dr. Hill mentioned LB 957, which would require public institutions of higher education to reach agreement on memoranda of understanding with the Nebraska Department of Education about sharing data.

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

No testimony.

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

**VIII. PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Lauritzen announced the Planning and Consumer Information committee consists of Colleen Adam, Clark Anderson, Ron Hunter, and Scott Wilson.

Dr. Barbara McCuen presented the *2010 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report* and answered questions from Commissioners.

**A. Action item *2010 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report***

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| Motion         | Motion by Commissioner LAURITZEN on behalf of the Committee to approve the <i>2010 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report</i> .                                |
| Amended Motion | Motion by Commissioner LAURITZEN seconded by Commissioner DAVIS to approve the <i>2010 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report</i> with identified corrections. |
| Result         | A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.  |

## IX. PRESENTATION BY EDUCATIONQUEST FOUNDATION

### A. EducationQuest Foundation's New Initiatives with 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – presentation by Christine Denicola, J.D., Executive Vice-President, Grant-Outreach-Scholarships and Daphne Hall, Vice-President for College Access and Planning Programs

Ms. Denicola and Ms. Hall talked about the variety of free services that EducationQuest offers to students and/or parents and answered questions from Commissioners.

*NOTE: Adjourned for break at 10:57 a.m. Back on the record at 11:05 a.m.*

## X. PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Korrine Tande, Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs, Nebraska State College System, provided additional information on the Library Media Specialist program at Chadron State College.

Dr. Hesham Ali, Professor and Dean, College of Information and Science and Technology, University of Nebraska at Omaha, provided supportive information on the proposed University of Nebraska at Omaha School of Interdisciplinary Informatics.

## XI. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zink introduced the Academic Programs Committee consisting of Eric Seacrest, Mary Lauritzen, John Winkleblack, Ron Hunter, and herself.

Dr. Fimple explained the proposals and answered questions from Commissioners. She also provided information on the agriculture programs supplied by Dr. Steve Waller. Dr. Waller left the meeting prior to the public hearing item to keep a previous commitment.

### A. Proposal for a new organizational unit

#### 1. Action item University of Nebraska at Omaha – School of Interdisciplinary Informatics

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha School of Interdisciplinary Informatics.

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

**B. Existing Program Review**

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

- Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture: Agriculture Production (AAS, AS, Certificate); Agribusiness Management Systems (AAS, Certificate); Veterinary Technology Systems (AAS, Certificate)
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Mechanized Systems Management (BS); Agricultural Engineering (BSAE); Biological Systems Engineering (BSBS); Fisheries & Wildlife (BSFW); Natural Resource Sciences (MS, PhD)
- University of Nebraska at Omaha: Management Information Systems (BGS, BIS/BCS, MS)
- Chadron State College: Organizational Management (MS); Social Science (BS)
- Peru State College: Organizational Management (MS)
- Wayne State College: Social Science (BA, BS)
- Central Community College: Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)
- Metropolitan Community College: Culinary Arts & Management (AAS, Diploma, Certificate); Hospitality & Restaurant Leadership (AAS)
- Southeast Community College: Food Service/Hospitality (AAS)

**2. Action item for existing program review**

- a. **Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture: Horticulture Systems (AAS, AS, Certificate)**
- b. **University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Mechanized Systems Management (MS); Agricultural and Bio Systems Engineering (MS); Water Science (BSWS); Grazing Livestock Systems (BSGL); Grassland Ecology and Management (BSGE); Rangeland Ecosystems (BSRE)**
- d. **Wayne State College: Organizational Management (MS)**
- e. **Metropolitan Community College: Leadership & Supervision (AAS)**
- f. **Mid-Plains Community College: Fire Science Technology (AAS, Diploma)**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the recommendations for action items “b”, “d”, and “e” for existing program reviews with a report due March 15, 2012, action item “a” continue with a report due September 30, 2013, and action item “f” continue with a report due September 30, 2011.

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

**c. Chadron State College: Library Information (BA, BSE)**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve an in-depth review with the possibility of eliminating the program, due September 30, 2010.

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

**C. Action item Follow-up reports on existing instructional programs and organizational units**

**1. University of Nebraska at Omaha: Art & Art History (BAH)**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the University of Nebraska at Omaha Art & Art History (BAH) program.

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

**2. University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Ethnic Studies (BA)**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Ethnic Studies (BA) program.

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

**3. University of Nebraska at Kearney: Philosophy (BA)**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the University of Nebraska at Kearney Philosophy (BA) program.

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

**4. University of Nebraska at Omaha: Political Science (MS)**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the University of Nebraska at Omaha Political Science (MS) program.

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

**5. University of Nebraska at Omaha: Women's Studies (BA)**

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the University of Nebraska at Omaha Women's Studies (BA) program.

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

**6. University of Nebraska at Kearney: French (BA, BAE)**

- Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the University of Nebraska at Kearney French (BA, BAE) program until the next regular review due June 30, 2011. At that time, the Commission will review the enrollment and graduation rates and consider whether it should initiate the process to discontinue the program.
- Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.

**7. Mid-Plains Community College: Early Childhood Education (AAS, Diploma)**

- Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve an in-depth review of the Mid-Plains Community College Early Childhood Education (AAS, Diploma) program, focusing particularly (but not exclusively) on student demand for the program and additional opportunities for students, such as a certificate program: due October 15, 2010.
- Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.

**8. University of Nebraska Medical Center: Center for Advanced Surgical Technology**

- Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to accept the report on the University of Nebraska Medical Center Center for Advanced Surgical Technology.
- Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.

- D. Information item Courses offered in Nebraska by out-of-state institutions 2008-2009**
- E. Report on name changes, deletions, reasonable and moderate extensions, and other institutional activities relating to existing programs.**

**1. Reasonable and Moderate Extensions**

- MCC – Criminal Justice – Private Security (AAS)
- MCC – Culinary Arts-Culinary Competition (Specialist Diploma)
- MCC – Horticulture-Organic Gardening (Specialist Diploma)
- MCC – Horticulture-Arbiculture (Specialist Diploma)

MCC – Horticulture-Plant Production and Propagation (Specialist Diploma)  
MCC – Horticulture-Professional Landscape Design (Specialist Diploma)  
WNCC – Academic Transfer-Vocal Performance (AA)  
NECC – Business-Insurance Services (Certificate)  
UNO – Business Administration-Bioscientist (Graduate Certificate)

2. Name Changes

MCC – Culinary Arts-Bakery Fundamentals (Specialist Diploma) to  
*Culinary Arts-Baking and Pastry Foundations (Specialist Diploma)*  
MCC – Horticulture-Nursery Management (AAS, Specialist Diploma) to  
*Horticulture-Horticulture Management (AAS, Specialist Diploma)*  
MCC – Information Technology-IBM iSeries Systems (Certificate) to  
*Information Technology-IBM i Systems (Certificate)*

3. Deletions

MCC – Criminal Justice-Nebraska Law Enforcement Training (AAS)  
MCC – Electrical Technology-Information Transport System (Specialist  
Diploma)  
MCC – Horticulture-Floriculture (Certificate)  
MCC – Horticulture-Landscape Development (Certificate)  
MCC – Horticulture-Nursery Management (Certificate)  
MCC – Electronics Technology-CISCO Certified Network Professional  
(Specialist Diploma)  
MCC – American Sign Language-English Interpreter Preparation (AAS)  
UNL – Rangeland Ecosystems (BSRE)

**XII. PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

No testimony.

**XIII. BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Davis read the following statement regarding the removal of action item XIII-C(1):

As announced earlier, Agenda Item XIII-C(1) has been removed from today's agenda. The Budget Committee recommended its removal during a conference call yesterday after determining we did not have enough information to consider a recommendation today.

The removed item is a proposal from the University of Nebraska at Omaha to issue revenue bonds to finance the purchase of Scott Village II student housing complex to be constructed at UNO's Pacific Street location. The Commission must recommend to the Legislature whether it recommends approval or recommends disapproval. The Legislature has the final approval authority. After today's Commission meeting, members of the Commission's Budget Committee will be meeting with university representatives to discuss the proposal. Following the

meeting, the Committee will develop its recommendation for consideration by the full Commission. We will likely schedule a special video conference meeting of the Commission to act on this proposal. Commissioners will be notified about that schedule and videoconference sites as soon as possible. The information also will be posted on the Commission's web site.

**A. 2008-09 Nebraska State Grant Final Report**

Mr. Ritchie Morrow reported on the 2008-09 Nebraska State Grant Year-end Report and answered questions from Commissioners. Mr. Morrow reported that 14,106 students received the Nebraska State Grant, which was an increase from last year.

**B. Informational item Update on construction projects at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture – Dr. Weldon Sleight, Dean**

Dr. Sleight gave a brief presentation on the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture construction projects and answered questions from Commissioners.

**XIV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will likely be March 18, 2010 and will be held by videoconference. (NOTE: That meeting was subsequently re-scheduled for March 24. MAH-03/23/10)

The following Commission meeting will be May 13, 2010 and will be held at the BryanLGH College of Health Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**XIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

No testimony.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT of regular Commission meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.