



## WORK SESSION

**Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education  
Baylor Evnen Curtiss Gruit & Witt Law Firm – Boardroom  
1248 O Street, Suite 600 (Wells Fargo Building)  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

Public notice of work session

Public notice of time and place of work session 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 WORK SESSION ON MARCH 12, 2014. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 P.M.

AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 NORTH 8<sup>th</sup> STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

COLLEEN ADAM, CHAIR

Work session called to order at 5:05 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Colleen Adam called the work session to order at 5:05 p.m. She welcomed new Commissioners Probyn and Warner and asked them to say a little about themselves. She asked the Commissioners and staff to do the same.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Colleen Adam	Lori Warner
Dr. Deborah Frison	W. Scott Wilson
Mary Lauritzen	Carol Zink
Dwayne Probyn	

### **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Ron Hunter

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Benjamin Civic	Dr. Carna Pfeil
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Gary Timm
Jason Keese	Mike Wemhoff

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Dr. Pfeil and Dr. Fimple present information on State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement

Commissioner Seacrest arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Commissioner Simmons arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Commissioner Zink discusses low-producing degree programs

Mr. Civic's presentation on Nebraska's Open Meeting Laws

Dr. Pfeil speaks on the search for a new Executive Director

### **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT**

Chair Adam asked Dr. Carina Pfeil, Interim Executive Director, and Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, to present information about the first item of discussion, State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and the Coordinating Commission's role in this process on behalf of the State of Nebraska. Dr. Pfeil and Dr. Fimple answered questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Adam called for a break at 6:30 p.m. for the Commissioners and staff to eat dinner.

Chair Adam called for the work session to resume at 7:05 p.m.

### **LOW-PRODUCING DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Commissioner Zink, Chair of the Academic Programs Committee, introduced the next topic, low-producing degree programs. Dr. Pfeil and Dr. Fimple presented background information and information about the history of the Commission's decision-making process regarding low-producing degree programs.

Dr. Pfeil and Dr. Fimple answered questions from Commissioners. Commissioner Zink thanked everyone for their input and concluded the discussion by offering the Commissioners additional information on low-producing degree programs for them to consider in the future. She said the Academic Programs Committee would bring forward a proposal to the full Commission at a future meeting.

### **NEBRASKA'S OPEN MEETING LAWS**

Benjamin Civic, College Access Challenge Grant Program Director, gave a brief presentation on Nebraska's open-meeting laws and answered questions from Commissioners.

### **NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH**

Commissioner Adam asked Dr. Pfeil to speak briefly on the final topic, the search for a new Executive Director of the Coordinating Commission. She said the Legislature's Appropriations Committee had recommended an allocation of \$10,000 to the Commission to help fund the search for, and hiring of, a new Executive Director. The Commission had requested roughly \$70,000. Dr. Pfeil said because of this, the Commission needed to reevaluate how it would conduct its search process. The Commission would not be able to hire a search consultant and

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therefore three related items would be removed from the agenda for the March 13<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

Dr. Pfeil said the Commissioners would further discuss their options at the 8:00 a.m. information session preceding the regular Commission meeting Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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