
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

March 13, 2014

The Apothecary Building
140 No. 8th Street, 5th Floor
Lincoln, Nebraska

Public notice of meeting

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 MARCH 13, 2014. THE INFORMATION SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. AND THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AT 10:00 A.M., AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 P.M.

AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. 8TH STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

INFORMATION SESSION

Information Session called to order at 8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colleen Adam called the information session to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam
Dr. Deborah Frison
Mary Lauritzen
Dwayne Probyn
Eric Seacrest

Dr. Joyce Simmons
Lori Warner
W. Scott Wilson
Carol Zink

Commissioners Absent

Dr. Ron Hunter

Commission Staff Present

Jason Keese
Dr. Carna Pfeil

Gary Timm

DISCUSSION

Dr. Pfeil speaks about the search process for a new Executive Director

Dr. Carna Pfeil, Interim Executive Director, gave the Commissioners an update on the search process for a new Executive Director in light of the Appropriations Committee's proposed budget allocation. Commissioners discussed the position's job description, the characteristics they are seeking

in an Executive Director, and the challenges and opportunities the next Executive Director will face.

Chair Adam called for break at 9:50 a.m.

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Regular Commission Meeting

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Adam called the Commission meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Chair Adam called the regular Commission meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Chair Adam stated that items D, E, and F under the Executive Committee's report are to be removed from the agenda.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Dr. Ron Hunter

Commission Staff Present

Benjamin Civic	Helen Pope
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	James Schiltz
Jill Heese	Gary Timm
Jason Keese	Mike Wemhoff
Dr. Carna Pfeil	

Lori Warner and Dwayne Probyn sworn in as new Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS OATH OF OFFICE

The Secretary of State's office requires all Commissioners to take and sign an oath of office. Lori Warner of South Sioux City, and Dwayne Probyn of Papillion, were sworn in as Commissioners by Benjamin Civic, College Access Challenge Grant Program Director. Chair Adam welcomed Commissioners Warner and Probyn as voting members of the Commission and thanked them for their commitment to higher education in Nebraska.

Minutes of January 23, 2014 Commission meeting approved

MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2014 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Wilson moved that the January 23, 2014 minutes be approved. Commissioner Zink seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Simmons abstained, with all other Commissioners present voting yes.

Chair Adam discusses one available Commission seat

Chair Adam speaks about the Wednesday evening work session

Chair Adam appoints Commissioner Warner and Commissioner Probyn to the Budget Committee

Dr. Pfeil speaks about out-of-service area applications

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Adam mentioned that we are close to a full Commission, with one spot still available. We are awaiting an appointment by the Governor, as Riko Bishop's chair has not been filled.

The Commissioners held a work session last evening to discuss SARA, low-producing programs, and filling the vacant executive director's position.

Chair Adam announced that she is appointing Commissioner Warner to the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee. She appointed Commissioner Probyn to this committee as well, noting that this will be short term, as the committee terms will be ending June 30, 2014, with new committee assignments beginning July 1, 2014.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Carna Pfeil, Interim Executive Director, reported that the following out-of-service area applications have been authorized:

1. 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 II
-Summer 2014
2. 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 IV
-Summer 2014
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
-Summer 2014
4. Offered by Chadron State College (professional development courses for educators)
Traditional Delivery at Learner's Edge, Inc. in Omaha, NE
 - INS 501: Teaching with ARTitude
-Summer 2014
5. Offered by Chadron State College (professional development courses for educators)
Traditional Delivery at Learner's Edge, Inc. in Omaha, NE
 - INS 501: Leadership and Learning
-Summer 2014

Jason Keese comments on current legislative bills of interest

Dr. Pfeil asked Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, to brief the Commissioners on current Legislative bills of interest. A summary sheet was distributed to Commissioners outlining information discussed. Mr. Keese stated that we are on the 43rd day of the 60-day Legislative session, with April 17 being the last day of the session. We started the session tracking 14 higher education related bills, with 6 bills now being closely monitored.

Public Comment on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony regarding Matters of General Concern.

Chair Adam closed the Public Comment 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 Adam closed the Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

UNL Environmental Restoration Science – BS

Follow-up Report on an existing instructional program – University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Environmental Restoration Science – BS

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Commissioner Zink introduced Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, to give background information on the program. Dr. Fimple presented the program, noting that in the recent year they had five graduates with a refocusing on the program. The program is appropriate for UNL given its land grant status, agricultural importance and Nebraska vegetation, providing there is student demand.

UNL Environmental Restoration Science – BS approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve continuation of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Environmental Restoration Science – BS program, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2018. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

NCTA Horticulture Systems – AS, AAS, Certificate

Follow-up Report on an existing instructional program – Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture – Horticulture Systems – AS, AAS, Certificate

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the program, noting this program has undergone several difficulties, many having been corrected, including creating an advisory council and improving recruiting. They have had significant faculty turnover. NCTA provided a three-year plan for the program with goals targeting enrollments, retention, and reviewing current programming.

Commissioner Simmons moves to amend APC Committee recommendation to include budget requirements

Commissioner Zink reads the Committee recommendation

NCTA Horticulture Systems - AS, AAS, Certificate in-depth review and added budget items

Peru State College – Math - BS, BA

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Peru State College – Math - BS, BA approved

MPCC – Diesel Technology - AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Academic Programs committee members noted this is a prime example of the kind of low-producing programs discussed at the workshop. Commissioner Frison stated that when the Commission asks the college to focus on addressing the issues we expect to see an in-depth review. Dr. Fimple stated when we ask for an in-depth review, we essentially are requesting information they would provide for a new proposal.

Commissioner Simmons moved to amend the Committee recommendation to include budget requirements consistent with the Academic Programs Committee’s new program budget item considerations.

Commissioner Zink read the amended Committee recommendation: An in-depth review, focusing on consistency with role and mission and the Statewide Comprehensive Plan; need and demand for the program; avoidance of unnecessary duplication; adequacy of resources, and program cost and funding sources due June 30, 2014. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted yes.

Chair Adam called for a vote on the committee recommendation with the stated amendment.

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved for an in-depth review of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Horticulture Systems, AS, AAS, Certificate program, which includes the amendment proposed by Commissioner Simmons to add budget items. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Follow-up Report on an existing instructional program – Peru State College - Math – BS, BA

Dr. Fimple presented the program and noted a consistent shortage of math teachers in Nebraska. Commissioner Zink stated that in the future, the committee may want to ask more in-depth questions so the schools’ report to the Commission shows a broader picture for the Academic Programs Committee and full Commission.

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve continuation of the Peru State College Math – BS, BA program, with the next regular program review date due June 30, 2016. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Follow-up Report on an existing instructional program – Mid-Plains Community College – Diesel Technology – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Dr. Fimple stated data reported in 2010 contained some discrepancies due to new employees. The corrected SCH/FTE data provided meets the Commission thresholds.

MPCC – Diesel Technology,
AAS, Diploma, Certificate
approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve continuation of the Mid-Plains Community College Diesel Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate program, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2017. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Existing Program Review

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Dr. Pfeil approved the continuation of the following existing programs, whose productivity fell within the Commission thresholds or where significant justification was provided if below the thresholds.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Black Studies – BGS, BA

General Studies – BGS

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Cellular and Integrative Physiology – MS, PhD

Cancer Research – MS, PhD

Nursing – BSN, MSN, Graduate Certificate, PhD

Cytotechnology – Graduate Certificate

Biochem and Molecular Biology – MS, PhD

Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience – MS, PhD

Pathology and Microbiology – MS, PhD

Medicine – BSM, MD

Environmental Health, Occupational Health and Toxicology – PhD

Clinical Laboratory Science – BS

Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy – MS, PhD

Metropolitan Community College

Apprentice-Related Technology – AAS

Western Nebraska Community College

Aviation Airframe/Powerplant Maintenance – AOS, Diploma, Certificate

Central Community College

Library and Information Services – Certificate

Existing Program requiring additional review - University of Nebraska Medical Center – Nanomedicine for Diagnosis and Therapy – Graduate Certificate

UNMC – Nanomedicine for
Diagnosis and Therapy –
Graduate Certificate

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Fimple stated this was a new program that the Commission approved in 2008. There are some drawbacks, including students entering the program must have already completed or be in the process of completing a Ph.D. or MS program. The committee recommended a report on student demand and inviting a UNMC representative to a Commission meeting to answer questions on the program.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to postpone consideration of the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Nanomedicine for

UNMC – Nanomedicine for
Diagnosis and Therapy –
Graduate Certificate postponed

Diagnosis and Therapy Program – Graduate Certificate until the next Commission meeting, when a representative from UNMC can be present to answer questions and defend the program. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

MCC – Art, AA, and Theatre –
AA, Certificate

Existing Program requiring additional review - Metropolitan Community College – Art – AA, and Theatre – AA, Certificate

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the program stating MCC has future plans for expanding their Elkhorn Valley Campus to become a Center of Excellence for the MCC Arts programs. This expansion and development of the Elkhorn Valley Campus is included in their 2010 Master Plan and 2011 Implementation Plan.

MCC – Art, AA, and Theatre –
AA, Certificate postponed
pending report on student
demand

Commissioner Seacrest made a motion to postpone taking action on the programs – Metropolitan Community College’s Art – AA, and Theatre – AA, Certificate, pending a report on student demand due September 15, 2017. Commissioner Warner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Annual Reports for Institutions
Holding a Recurrent
Authorization to Operate in
Nebraska

Information Item: Annual Reports for Institutions Holding a Recurrent Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

Dr. Fimple discusses institutions

Dr. Fimple stated under new legislation the institutions are required to report annually. This list is the first group presented this year. Basic information is requested and a summary has been compiled of recent accreditation activity. No action is required.

Chair Adam requests moving to
BC& F Committee item

Due to time restraints, Chair Adam requested that at this point in the meeting, we move to the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee item to be addressed.

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

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

Jack Huck, President of
Southeast Community College
discusses Career Academy
Center and answers
Commissioner’s questions

Jack Huck, President of Southeast Community College, came forward to speak on the Southeast Community College / Lincoln Public Schools District Career Academy Center. He noted that he will be retiring in June and during his career at SCC he has enjoyed working with the Commission staff and Commissioners. About five years ago SCC started career academies at rural schools. Currently they are working with 37 rural school districts in 15 counties. He met with Dr. Steve Joel, Superintendent of Lincoln Public Schools, about 18 months ago to discuss providing career education opportunities to junior and senior high school students in Lincoln. They researched models around the country and came up with the Southeast Community College/Lincoln Public Schools/Lincoln Campus Career Academy Center. Mr. Huck answered questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Adam closed the Public Hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Southeast Community College /
Lincoln Public Schools – Career
Academy Center

**Southeast Community College / Lincoln Public Schools – Career
Academy Center**

Mr. Wemhoff presents the
proposal

Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, presented the proposal, noting that for any reason the project’s guaranteed maximum price does significantly go over the proposal cost, it could come back to the Commission as a change in scope and we would be required to approve or disapprove the use of additional tax dollars beyond what is included in the SCC/LPS original proposal.

Southeast Community College /
Lincoln Public Schools – Career
Academy Center approved

Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, recommended approval of Southeast Community College’s proposal for the Lincoln Campus Career Academy Center and parking lot expansion as outlined in the program statement dated January 21, 2014. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Chair Adam called for other
Academic Programs Committee
items

Chair Adam requested the Commission return to the Academic Programs Committee remaining agenda items.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Information Item

Information Item: Report on program name change, reasonable and moderate extensions, and other institutional activities relating to existing programs

Program Name Change

Program Name Change

1. NECC – Broadcasting, Audio, and Video Production to
Media Arts

Reasonable and Moderate
Extensions

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. NECC – Information Technology
 - Information Technology General (Certificate)
 - Information Security (Certificate)
 - IBMi Application Development (Certificate)
 - Web and Visual Application Development (Certificate)
 - Technical Services Support (Certificate)
2. NECC – Media Arts
 - Digital Cinema and Media (AAS)
 - AVID Pro Tools Music Production (Certificate)
 - Broadcast Production (Certificate)
 - Media Production (Certificate)
 - Recording Studio Production (Certificate)

Reasonable and Moderate
Extensions continued

- Video Production (Certificate)
- 3. NECC – Criminal Justice (AAS)
- 4. NECC – Health, Physical Education and Recreation concentrations
 - Physical Education-Teacher Education (AA)
 - Athletic Training (AS)
 - Exercise Science (AS)
 - Pre-Dietetics (AS)
- 5. NECC – Academic Transfer
 - Mass Media (AA)
- 6. CCC – Community Health Worker (Certificate)
- 7. CCC – Early Childhood
 - Infant/Toddler (Certificate)
- 8. UNL – Supply Chain Management Systems (Graduate Certificate)
- 9. UNL – Business Analytics (Graduate Certificate)

Department Reorganization

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1. UNK – Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work to
Department of Criminal Justice
Department of Social Work

Discontinued program

Discontinue

1. NECC – Audio and Recording Technology (Diploma, Certificate)

Commission Meeting lunch
break

Chair Adam called for a short break at 12:30 p.m. for the Commissioners to gather boxed lunches and return to the table. The meeting resumed at 12:45 p.m.

Public Hearing on Planning and
Consumer Information
Committee Items

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

There was no testimony regarding Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

Chair Adam closed the Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Items.

Commissioner Lauritzen
discusses higher education
information

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen stated that one of the great things the Commission does is pull together information that tells the story of higher education in Nebraska and the progress that is made from high school graduation through college.

Ms. Heese presents the 2014
*Nebraska Higher Education
Progress Report*

2014 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, presented the 2014 *Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*, and answered questions from the Commissioners.

2014 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the **2014 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report**, to include a summary that indicates the work needed in various sectors. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Mr. Schiltz presents the Community College Peer Report

Community College Peer Report

James Schiltz, Data Analyst, gave a presentation on the *Community College Peer Report*, and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Community College Peer Report approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the **Community College Peer Report**. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Amendment to the Commission's Bylaws presented

Approval of Amendment to the Commission's Bylaws

Commissioner Zink provided notice to amend the Commission's Bylaws at the January Commission meeting. There were two versions of the terms of office proposed. She read Article II, Section 1. Elections of the Commission Officers Bylaws: The members of the Commission shall annually elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-1409. The terms of office shall begin July 1 of each year and end June 30 of the following year. The amendment will take effect immediately and new elections will be held in July 2014.

Amendment to the Commission's Bylaws approved

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve changing the Commission's Bylaws Article II, Commission Officers, Section 1. Elections, the terms of office to read: The terms of office shall begin July 1 of each year and end June 30 of the following year. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Charge to the Search Committee

Dr. Pfeil speaks about changes to the document

Charge to the Search Committee

Dr. Pfeil reported there have been changes made to this document. The assistance of a search consultant wording has been taken out of item number 3, and a sentence in item number 6 was changed to read: The final pool of applicants will consist of up to four final candidates to be interviewed by the full Commission.

Charge to the Search Committee approved

Commissioner Probyn made a motion to approve the Charge to the Search Committee with the following changes: The assistance of a search consultant wording has been taken out of item number 3, and a sentence in item number 6 was changed to read: The final pool of applicants will consist of up to four final candidates to be interviewed by the full Commission. Commissioner Zink seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Executive Director Position
Description

Commissioner Lauritzen notes
changes to the documents

Executive Director position
description approved

Executive Director Position Description

Commissioner Lauritzen recommended a change to bullet three on the executive director position description to include the news media.

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Executive Committee moved to approve the Executive Director Position Description, with the addition of “news media” to bullet three. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Next Commission Meeting
May 1, 2014

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2014 at Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska.

Commissioner Zink distributes
articles of interest

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Zink distributed two articles of interest from the Wall Street Journal, *Can This Online Course Get Me A Job?*, and, *Low-Cost Loans Entice Students More for the Cash Than a Degree*.

Commissioner Lauritzen
discusses visiting with Shane
Pekny regarding CACG projects

Commissioner Lauritzen stated that she recently spoke with Shane Pekny, a Grant Writer at Boys Town who frequently does freelance writing for *Nebraska Life* and other publications. He was very interested in the work the Commission does. She sent him a summary of the projects the Commission is involved in through the College Access Challenge Grant Program, with the hope that he will get the word out about some of the programs, for instance, the Young Men of Distinction and the Young Gifted Black Girls Program. Commissioner Frison suggested that an attendee from one of the program’s conferences be invited to a Commission meeting to share their thoughts on the program with the Commissioners.

Chair Adam expresses gratitude

Chair Adam thanked the Commissioners and staff for the time and effort that was put into making the three meetings come together and be productive. She welcomed new Commissioners Warner and Probyn, and complimented new staff members that presented reports for a job well done.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.