
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

March 1, 2012
Nebraska Department of Education
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 1, 2012. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M.

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

DR. RON HUNTER, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 8:38 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ron Hunter called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Riko Bishop
Dr. Ron Hunter	Mary Lauritzen
Eric Seacrest	W. Scott Wilson
Carol Zink	

Commissioners Absent

Clark Anderson
Dr. Joyce Simmons
John Winkleblack

Commission Staff Present

Miste Adamson-DaMoude	Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Katherine Green	Dr. Marshall Hill
Jason Keese	Dr. Barbara McCuen
Dr. Carna Pfeil	Helen Pope
Mike Wemhoff	

*Minutes of January 19, 2012
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Zink moved that the January 19, 2012 minutes be approved. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Commissioner Adam abstained with all other Commissioners present voting yes.

Chair Hunter read Dick C.E.
Davis Resolution

Dick C. E. Davis Resolution
approved

Chair Hunter reminder to turn in
financial statements

Dr. Hill speaks about out-of-
service area authorizations

Jason Keese report on
Legislative Update

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Hunter read a resolution to confer on Dr. Dick C. E. Davis the title of Honorable Commissioner Emeritus of Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Commissioner Davis served on the Commission for 20+ years. The resolution will be presented to Dr. Davis at a luncheon in his honor today.

Commissioner Adam moved to confer on Dick C. E. Davis the title of Honorable Commissioner Emeritus. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote on that motion was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Chair Hunter reminded the Commissioners that it is almost time to get their financial statements turned in. The statements are due on April 1 to the Accountability and Disclosure Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Hill introduced and welcomed Helen Pope, the new part-time Executive Assistant for the Commission.

Dr. Hill reported that the following out-of-service area applications have been authorized:

1. Offered by Wayne State College
Traditional Delivery at St. Matthew Catholic School in Bellevue, NE
 - EDU 568-93 A-Z Phonics (3 cr.) July 9, 2012 – July 13, 2012
2. Offered by Wayne State College
Traditional Delivery at St. Matthew Catholic School in Bellevue, NE
 - EDU 568-94 A-Z Writing & Comprehension (3 cr.) July 16, 2012 – July 20, 2012
3. Offered by Chadron State College
Traditional Delivery at Learner's Edge, Inc. in Omaha, NE
 - IN S501: Expanding the Classroom Walls I*
 - IN S501: Creating the Classroom of Choice*
 - IN S501: Expanding the Classroom Walls II*
 - IN S501: Expanding the Classroom Walls III*
 - IN S501: Coaching and Advising Excellence*
 - IN S501: Learning the Ropes: Teamwork in the Classroom*

(*under the condition that the following statement is included on all marketing materials: "These courses are considered as continuing education by CSC and are eligible for CSC in-service credit. Typically, these courses are not degree eligible. However, after review by the CSC academic program, they may be degree eligible at CSC depending upon the academic program selected by the student. Neither CSC nor LEI guarantee these courses will transfer into degree programs at other colleges or universities.")

Dr. Hill called on Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, to provide a legislative update. Jason stated that with a month

*Jason Keese report on
Legislative Update continued*

left in the legislative session, there are bills that we are still tracking. A summary sheet was distributed to the Commissioners outlining the information discussed.

Bills to watch:

LB 946 (Adams) Community College Aid Act has been passed and signed

LB 1144 (Ashford) Provide for career academy schools has been turned into an amendment to LB 870

LB 1019 (Harms) Appropriate state funds for construction projects at Chadron State and Peru State

LB 1089 (Nelson) Appropriate funds for construction of a new cancer research center at UNMC

LB 1066 (Hansen) Appropriate funds for planning and design of a veterinary diagnostic laboratory facility at UNL

LB 1055 (Hadley) Appropriate funds for a Kearney Division nursing and allied health professions facility

LB 1065 (Fulton) Appropriate facility construction funds for the Lincoln Division of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing

LB 1104 (Adams) Change the Postsecondary Institution Act

LB 1034 (Nordquist) Create the College Choice Grant Program

*Dr. Hill discusses state
authorization*

Dr. Hill spoke on his recent work with state authorization. The US Dept of Education, in rules issued last year, said that in order for institutions to participate in federal financial aid programs, they must receive authorization to operate in all of the states in which they currently operate. There have been issues nationwide with the implementation of these rules. Dr. Hill has been serving on a federal drafting team that is working on a reciprocity compact that would hopefully address these issues.

*Public Comment on Matters of
General Concern*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony regarding Matters of General concern.

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

*Public Comment on Consent
Agenda Items*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

There was no testimony regarding Consent Agenda Items.

Chair Hunter closed the public hearing on Consent Agenda Items.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Zink moved to approve the nine Action Items listed on

the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska: St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the baccalaureate level, limited to the BA in philosophy and certificate in pre-theology, for a period of five years (valid through March 15, 2017).**
- 2) Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska: Morningside College. Authorized to offer courses at the master's levels, limited to graduate courses in education, for a period of five years (valid through March 15, 2017). With the condition of the most recent audited financial statements and the U. S. Department of Education's composite financial score to be submitted by March 15, 2014.**
- 3) Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska: University of Missouri-Columbia. Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the master's level, limited to the Master of Arts in library science for a period of five years (valid through March 15, 2017).**
- 4) Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska: National American University. Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate and baccalaureate levels, limited to AAS and BS degrees in information technology, applied information technology, business administration, and criminal justice; the AAS in medical assisting; and the BS in health care management. Length of authorization for five years (valid through March 15, 2017).**
- 5) Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska: Herzing University. Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at a level less than associate, and at the associate and baccalaureate levels, limited to diplomas in Cisco networking, Microsoft networking, and network systems; diplomas and AS degrees in therapeutic massage, medical assisting, and medical billing and insurance coding; the AS degree in computer networking and security technology; the AS and BS degrees in business administration, computer science, criminal justice, and graphic design; and the BS degrees in health care management and health information management. Length of authorization five years (valid through March 15, 2017).**
- 6) Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska: ITT Technical Institute. Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate and baccalaureate levels, limited to the following AAS degrees and BS degrees: computer drafting and design, computer electronics and engineering technology, criminal justice, computer network**

systems, nursing, paralegal studies, visual communications, digital entertainment gaming design, electronics communication engineering technology, information systems security and project management. Length of authorization five years (valid through March 15, 2017).

- 7) **Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska: Lesley University.** Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the master's level, limited to Master of Education degree in technology in education and curriculum and instruction. Length of authorization five years (valid through March 15, 2017).
- 8) **Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska: Gallup University.** Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the master's levels, limited to the Master of Arts in organizational Leadership, the Master of Business Administration, and the Master of Education, as well as graduate certificates in leadership foundation, leadership operations, leadership strategy, and strengths-based education. Length of authorization two years (valid through March 15, 2014).
- 9) **Existing Program Review: MPCC – Graphic Design (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)**

Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony regarding Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee items.

Chair Hunter closed the Public Hearing on Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee items.

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

The University of Nebraska –Lincoln – Innovation Campus 4-H Building Redevelopment

Commissioner Bishop opened the discussion and introduced Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, who presented a summary of the Capital Construction Project Proposals. Commissioner Bishop noted that the Committee was enthusiastic about this opportunity, but to keep in mind that we need to be fair in our allocations of resources.

*University of Nebraska
Innovative Campus 4-H Building
approval*

Commissioner Bishop read the Committee’s recommendation to approve the request of the University of Nebraska - Innovation Campus 4-H Building as outlined in the governing-board-approved program statement and follow-up emails stating that the University will not request operating and maintenance funds for this project. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Innovation Campus Life Science Research Collaboration Center

Dr. Hill and Mr. Wemhoff discussed the Legislative process of appropriating funds for Innovation Campus projects.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Innovation Campus Life Science
Research Collaboration Center
approval*

Commissioner Bishop read the Committee’s recommendation to approve the request of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Innovation Campus Life Science Research Collaboration Center Project as outlined in the governing-board-approved program statement and follow-up emails stating that the University will not request operating and maintenance funds for this project. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*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 Hunter closed the Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information committee items.

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

*2012 Nebraska Higher Education
Progress Report*

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Commissioner Lauritzen noted that this is an important piece of information for the Commissioners to keep as well as it being provided to the target audience.

*Dr. McCuen presentation on
2012 Nebraska Higher Education
Progress Report*

Dr. Barbara McCuen, Research Coordinator, gave a presentation on the 2012 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report.

Dr. Hill noted that most of the trends are moving in the right direction. Commissioner Seacrest recommended that on page S1 in the Executive Summary, the wording of the second goal be changed to read: “Increase the percentage of students who persist and successfully complete....” It was agreed to change the wording as suggested by Commissioner Seacrest.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the report and its distribution. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Commission Meeting break

Chair Hunter requested a five-minute break.

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dave Crouse University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dave Crouse, interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and Jane Meza, Professor and Chair of Biostatistics at UNMC, introduced themselves and offered to answer any questions the Commissioners might have in regards to the proposed UNMC PhD Biostatistics Program.

Deborah Smith-Howell University of Nebraska at Omaha

Deborah Smith-Howell, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at UNO, gave an overview and specific data about the proposed PhD in Exercise Science Program. She then introduced Daniel Blanke, Director of the School of Health Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) at UNO, Dr. Kris Berg, Graduate Programs Chair for graduate programs in HPER, and Dr. Nick Stergiou, Isaacson Professor at UNO, who is an expert in biomechanics.

Chair Hunter closed the public hearing on the Academic Programs items.

Committee Members announced

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zink announced the members of the Academic Programs Committee. Colleen Adam, Ron Hunter, Mary Lauritzen, Eric Seacrest, and Carol Zink will serve on the committee during 2012.

UNO Exercise Science (PhD) proposal

UNO Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Exercise Science (PhD)

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to Commissioners.

Commissioner Zink noted that the Academics Programs Committee felt that the physical facilities and faculty are more than adequate in quality and quantity to support this doctoral program.

Dr. Hill suggested that the *Need Analysis on Career Placement and Jobs Outlook* provided by UNO be appended to the document and included in the files.

Commissioner Zink moved to approve the University of Nebraska Omaha's new instructional program Exercise Science (PhD) and additional printed information regarding *Need Analysis on Career Placement and Jobs Outlook* be used as an addendum for statement of need. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

UNMC Biostatistics (PhD) proposal

UNMC Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Biostatistics (PhD)

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to Commissioners.

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center's new instructional program UNMC-Biostatistics (PhD). A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Commission broke for lunch

At 11:20 a.m. the Commission broke for lunch. Commissioner Seacrest stated that he will not return to the meeting following lunch.

Commission Meeting resumed

Chair Hunter called the Commission meeting back to order at 1:26 p.m. following the break for the luncheon to honor Dick C.E. Davis.

Sioux Falls Seminary Renewal of Authorization

Sioux Falls Seminary Application for Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed renewal application to operate in Nebraska.

Dr. Fimple presents the application

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners. She stated that as a reminder this proposal was initially approved last July. Therefore the information which we have is for only the intervening six months. The classes are held at Grace University, which is covering the overhead. The faculty from Sioux Falls Seminary are teaching the classes, so there is little cost to the Seminary. When this was approved in July, the Committee had concerns about the financial stability of the institution. Dr. Fimple noted that all evidence shows their financial situation has worsened.

Commissioner Zink stated that the Committee discussed the financial situation of Sioux Falls Seminary at length. Because of the brief length of time they have been operating in Omaha, the Committee felt they needed to give the Seminary additional time to demonstrate whether they can become successful.

Dr. Hill explained that due to the severity of the institution's financial situation, a strongly worded letter of concern will be sent to the institution, and follow-up telephone calls will be made by him and Associate Director Carna Pheil.

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the renewal of Sioux Falls Seminary's Authorization to Operate in Nebraska with the conditions listed below. A roll call was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

The length of authorization two years (valid through March 15, 2014), Sioux Falls Seminary shall:

- 1) provide the composite financial score from the U.S. Department of Education for 2010-11 and subsequent years as soon as they are available,**
- 2) submit its annual audited financial statements for the years ending**

Dr. Fimple application presentation continued

June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013 by December 31, 2012, and December 31, 2013, respectively, and

3) notify the Commission of any actions taken by the U.S. Department of Education, the Higher Learning Commission, or the institution's primary lender.

Commissioner Zink comments on Consent Agenda

Commissioner Zink mentioned that the Consent Agenda today was all Academic Programs Committee items, and wanted the Commission to know that they were discussed at length, and that the Committee agreed that they be placed on the Consent Agenda.

BryanLGH Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator Application

BryanLGH College of Health Sciences Application to Modify a Previous Authorization to Operate - Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed modification to an authorization to operate in Nebraska.

Dr. Fimple presents application

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners. This is a proposal for a Master of Science in Nursing, with the emphasis on Nurse Educators. The program would be open only to those who already have a bachelor of science in nursing. The program would focus on training these nurses to be teachers of nurses, pairing advanced nursing classes with education and methodology courses. She was impressed by the extensive statistics and information given in the application.

Dr. Hill stated that prior to the passage of LB 637 last year, BryanLGH by virtue of being a regionally accredited institution could have added these programs without a Commission review. This demonstrates how the process that LB 637 established is flexible enough to accommodate different situations. He stated that the staff have no concerns regarding these programs.

BryanLGH Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing Education Application approval

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve BryanLGH College of Health Sciences Application to Modify a Previous Authorization to Operate - Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

BryanLGH Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences Application

Application to Modify a Previous Authorization to Operate BryanLGH College of Health Sciences – Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed modification to an authorization to operate in Nebraska.

Dr. Fimple presents application

Dr. Fimple presented the application to Commissioners and answered general questions.

BryanLGH Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences Application approval

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve BryanLGH College of Health Sciences Application to Modify a Previous Authorization to Operate - Bachelor of Science

in Biomedical Sciences. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Approval of Fees for Authorization to Operate

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The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed Fees for Authorization to Operate.

Dr. Fimple presents report

Dr. Fimple presented the New Fee Schedule to the Commissioners.

Dr. Hill explained that this schedule is a result of the negotiation between our office and the staff at the Attorney General's office, who originally wanted our fees to be in our rules, which would have meant our going through rule changes and public hearings in order to change fees. When we agreed to have the Commissioners approve by action item a set of fees and agree to do that every two years, and put those two points in our rules, the AG's staff agreed to that approach.

Fees for Authorization to Operate approval

Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the Fee Schedule for Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

2010-11 Existing Program Review

Information Item: 2010-11 Existing Program Review

Commissioner Zink presented the 2010-11 Existing Program Review and offered to answer general questions.

Chadron State College

Language Arts – BSE

Literature – BA

Theatre – BA, BSE

Peru State College

English – BA/BS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

English – BA, BAE, MA, MFA

Family Studies and Interior Design – BS

Speech – BA/BS, BS, BAE

Journalism – BA/BS

Theatre – BA, BAE, BFA, BM

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Athletic Training – BSEH

Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management – BHRT

Nutrition – BSEH, MS, PhD

Nutrition and Health Sciences – MS

Child, Youth, and Family Studies – BSEH, MS

English – BA, BS, MA, PhD

Textiles, Clothing & Design – BSEH, MA, MS

Theatre Arts – BFA, BA, MFA

University of Nebraska at Omaha

2010-11 Existing Program
Review continued

English – BA, BGS
Advanced Writing – Graduate Certificate
Teach English to speakers of other languages – Graduate Certificate

Wayne State College
English – BA, BS

Central Community College
Visual Communications – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Metropolitan Community College
Electronic Imaging & Media Art – AAS
Graphic Communication Arts & Design – AAS
Photography – AAS, Certificate
Video/Audio Communication Arts – AAS, Certificate

Northeast Community College
Graphic Design – AAS

Southeast Community College
Graphic Design – AAS
Visual Publications – AAS

*Update on Public Hearing for
Rules of Postsecondary
Institution Act*

**Information Item: Update on Public Hearing for Rules for
Postsecondary Institution Act**

Dr. Fimple discusses programs

Dr. Kathleen Fimple stated that LB 637 required the Commission to develop administrative rules. A draft of those rules was approved by the Commissioners in January. We have to hold a public hearing and then bring the rules back for a vote by the Commission. Technical problems were found in the statute that require a legislative change. Governor's office staff suggested that we wait until the bill passes and include the new changes in the rules; Commission staff agreed. Those rules will be brought to the Commissioners in April and, except for a few small changes, will be essentially what was approved in January. A public hearing will then be held and the final rules can be voted on in May.

*Program Merger, Programs
Discontinued by Institutions,
Degree Deletion and Department
Name Changes*

**Information Items: Program Merger, Programs Discontinued by
Institutions, Degree Deletion, and Department Name Changes**

Dr. Fimple discusses programs

Dr. Fimple noted that the University's programs listed as discontinued were due for program review this year. When we did not receive them she contacted the University and was told that these were discontinued in 2008.

*Next Commission Meeting: April
12, 2012*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012. The meeting will be held at the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska.

*Commissioner Adam thank you
to Commission Staff*

*Dr. Hill continued support of
Careers for Kids Program*

*Commissioner Wilson inquiring
about new Commissioner search*

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Adam thanked the Commission staff for organizing the luncheon for Dick C. E. Davis.

Dr. Hill stated that with the full support of the Commission, the staff will continue the work that it does assisting the Careers for Kids Program at the Omaha Public Schools.

Commissioner Wilson inquired as to where we are with replacing Dr. Davis's position on the Commission. Dr. Hill stated that Dr. Davis and Freddie Gray, a member of the Omaha Public Schools Board, have been solicited by the Governor's office to help find candidates. They have identified a few possibilities, and within the next few weeks we should know more. He has passed on to the Governor's staff his view that it is more important to have the right person in this position than rush a decision.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.