

# MINUTES

## COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

March 8, 2011  
Nebraska State Capitol Building, Room 1113  
1445 K Street – Lincoln, Nebraska

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.

*Public notice of meeting*

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON MARCH 8, 2011. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M.

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

DR. JOYCE D. SIMMONS, CHAIR

*Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.*

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

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

#### **Commissioners Present**

Colleen Adam	Riko Bishop
Dr. Dick Davis	Dr. Joyce Simmons
W. Scott Wilson	John Winkleblack
Carol Zink	

#### **Commissioners Absent**

Clark Anderson	Dr. Ron Hunter
Mary Lauritzen	Eric Seacrest

#### **Commission Staff Present**

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

*Minutes of January 20, 2011  
Commission meeting approved*

### **MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2011 COMMISSION MEETING**

**Commissioner Zink moved that the January 20, 2011 minutes be approved. Commissioner Winkleblack seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioners Simmons and Adam abstained with all other Commissioners present voting yes.**

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chair Simmons asked Dr. Marshall Hill for comments regarding MHEC (Midwestern Higher Education Compact).

*Dr. Hill speaks re MHEC*

Dr. Marshall Hill briefed Commissioners on MHEC and its areas of emphasis. One area is cost reduction for institutions, schools, public libraries, city and local government. Another area of emphasis is a student exchange program that allows students to attend many out-of-state institutions without paying all of the higher tuition and fees. Dr. Hill discussed the annual membership fee and benefits derived from it, then asked any Commissioners interested in serving as one of Nebraska's MHEC representatives to please contact him.

Commissioner Adam requested that there be periodic reports from the Commission's MHEC representative to update everyone on its activities.

Chair Simmons reminded Commissioners and staff of the luncheon with the Nebraska Board of Education following the Commission meeting today.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Out-of-service area authorizations*

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

- 1) Offered by Mid-Plains Community college via two-way video originating from Brady High School in Brady, NE, delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE: ENGL 1020 Expository Writing II. January 17 to May 13, 2011.
- 2) Offered by Central Community College via correspondence format to inmates at the State Penitentiary: ENGL 098 Basic Writing, HIST 201 American History to 1877, MATH 091 Basic Math I, MATH 092 Basic Math II, MATH 094 Pre-Algebra, MATH 113 Elementary Algebra, MATH 114 Intermediate Algebra, MATH 115 College Algebra, PSYC 181 Introduction to Psychology. January 10 to May 6, 2011.

*Jason Keese speaks re Legislative bills of interest*

Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, briefed Commissioners on current Legislative bills of interest and their progress. A [summary sheet](#) was distributed to Commissioners outlining the information discussed.

*LB 617*

Dr. Hill discussed his opposition to LB 617 (to create an Administrative Rules Review Committee of the Legislature) and the letter he sent in that respect, which stated adding another step to the rules adoption process is unworkable.

*LB 637*

Dr. Hill described LB 637 (to adopt the Postsecondary Institution Act and change provisions relating to CCPE) and shared his experience at the Legislative hearing. He believes three bills will be merged into a committee priority bill regarding higher education: LB 58, LB 372, and LB 637.

*Dr. Hill relates information about meetings with Appropriations Committee members.*

Dr. Hill reported he has been able to meet with all but one member of the Appropriations Committee to plead our case for not cutting CCPE's budget. He discussed MHEC dues and proposed that lottery funds be used for the cost of administering financial aid programs.

*Commissioner Bishop left the meeting at this time (9:00 a.m.)*

*Dr. Pfeil discusses statutory quorum requirements to vote during meetings.*

Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director of Finance & Administration, reviewed statutory requirements for voting on action items during Commission Meetings.

*Dave Ho speaks re new accreditation criteria from the Higher Learning Commission*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

David Ho, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Metropolitan Community College, addressed the Commissioners as a member of the Higher Learning Commission's Board of Trustees. They have posted proposed new accreditation criteria on their website ([hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)) and will be hosting seven public forums to receive comments from the public and institutions. For the first time there will be minimum expectations embedded within the criteria.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

*Athletic Training:  
Dr. Blanke from UNO*

#### **Athletic Training (BS, MA) at University of Nebraska at Omaha**

Dr. Dan Blanke, Director, School of Health, Physical Education & Recreation at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, spoke in favor of the proposed programs. He stated these are programs already in existence as concentrations, but because of accrediting requirements they need to be stand-alone degrees.

*Melanie McGrath from UNO*

Melanie McGrath, Assistant Professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, spoke in favor of the proposed programs. She stated this proposal is merely a title change; there is no change in the curriculum.

*Doctor of Nursing Practice:  
Dr. Crouse from UNMC*

#### **Doctor of Nursing Practice at University of Nebraska Medical Center**

Dr. David A. Crouse, Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at University of Nebraska Medical Center, spoke in favor of the proposed program. Dr. Crouse stated this is another step toward expansion of its college of nursing.

*Dr. Thompson from UNMC*

Dr. Sarah Thompson, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at University of Nebraska Medical Center, spoke in favor of the proposed program. She said this proposal falls in line with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's requirement to have this degree in place by 2015.

*Language Interpretation:  
David Ho from MCC*

#### **Language Interpretation (certificate) at Metropolitan Community College**

David Ho spoke in favor of the proposed program. He clarified that this program is not about an exotic foreign language they are going to teach,

nor about sign language. He stated this program is designed to be of use when a foreign language is being spoken and interpretative skill is required.

*Library Information Management:  
Dr. Tande speaks for CSC*

**Library Information Management (BA, BSE) at Chadron State College**  
Dr. Korinne Tande, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs at the Nebraska State College System, stated she was available for any questions regarding this program.

*Dr. Veath from CSC*

Dr. Lois Veath, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Chadron State College, spoke regarding the low enrollment concerns. Dr. Veath stated this will never be a large program, but it is a necessary program. She said this field will be transformed within the next decade, with librarians serving as facilitators of access to information.

**Chair Simmons moved that the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee items be closed.**

### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

*MCC Language Interpretation  
Certificate*

**Metropolitan Community College's Proposal for a new instructional program: Language Interpretation Certificate**  
Due to the lack of requested additional information, the committee did not provide a recommendation for action.

*Dr. Fimple reviews the proposal*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple discussed the proposal and information that has been received since the Academic Committee conference call. All courses would be new with approximately 10 students per year attending. Nebraska does not require certification to be an interpreter, however there are national bodies that do provide certification testing.

*Kelly Varguez from MCC*

Kelly Varguez, faculty member and Dean from Metropolitan Community College, discussed the certification process. She stated that language interpretation certification is rather new and has only been in place since the 1990s. As time goes on, more entities are requiring some sort of certification before allowing someone to work as an interpreter. According to Ms. Varguez, the program is intended for students who are already fluent in more than one language. It has components in memory retention, listening and speaking at the same time, understanding terminology and the ability to render it properly, and a code of ethics.

*Proposal for Language  
Interpretation certificate approved  
(MCC)*

**Commissioner Davis moved that the Commission approve the proposal from Metropolitan Community College for a new instructional program: Language Interpretation certificate. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*UNMC Doctor of Nursing Practice*

**University of Nebraska Medical Center’s proposal for a new instructional program and new degree: Doctor of Nursing Practice**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program and new degree, Doctor of Nursing Practice.

*Dr. Fimple reviews the proposal*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the proposal to Commissioners.

*Dr. Thompson from UNMC*

Dr. Sarah Thompson, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, answered questions regarding possible expansion of faculty as a result of this new program. She stated that individuals certainly can make more money in a practice setting rather than in an academic one. UNMC is working out contracts in which part of the faculty member’s time is paid from the faculty line and the other is paid from a practice that supplements their salary.

*Proposal for Doctor of Nursing Practice approved (UNMC)*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska Medical Center for a new instructional program and new degree, Doctor of Nursing Practice. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*UNO Athletic Training BS & MA*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha’s proposal for a new instructional program: Athletic Training (BS & MA)**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Athletic Training (BS & MA).

*Dr. Fimple reviews the proposal*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple provided background information regarding the proposal. This program needs to be in place in order for UNO to keep its accreditation for athletic training.

*Proposal for Athletic Training (BS & MA) approved (UNO)*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a new instructional program, Athletic Training (BS & MA). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Existing Program Review approved by the Executive Director*

**Existing Program Review**

Executive Director, Dr. Marshall Hill approved continuation of the following existing programs, whose productivity fell within Commission thresholds.

**University of Nebraska at Omaha**

Accounting – BSBA, MAcc  
Business Administration – MBA, MBE  
Economics – BA, BGS, BS, BSBA, MA, MS  
Business Economics – BSBA  
Real Estate & Land Use Economics – BSBA  
Banking – BSBA  
Banking & Financial Markets – BSBA  
Banking & Finance – BSBA  
Business Finance – BSBA

Investment Science & Portfolio Management – BSBA  
Entrepreneurship – BSBA  
Small Business Management – BSBA  
Personnel Management – BSBA  
Management – BSBA  
Human Resources Management – BSBA  
Marketing – BSBA

Northeast Community College

Administrative Assistant – AAS, AA, Diploma, Certificate

Central Community College

Business Technology – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Mid-Plains Community College

Business Technology – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Metropolitan Community College

Administrative Assistant – AAS

Office Professional – AAS

Office Technology – Certificate

Southeast Community College

Office Professional – AAS

Motorcycle, ATV & Personal Watercraft Technology – Diploma

*CSC Library Information  
Management*

**Chadron State College's In-Depth Review of the Library Information  
Management program**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program with encouragement to Chadron State College to further their efforts to increase enrollments and graduates. The Academic Programs Committee moved the next regular program review to June 30, 2013.

*Dr. Fimple reviews the report*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple reviewed the report and is encouraged to see that graduate numbers have increased, though still not at threshold levels.

*Dr. Veath from CSC*

Dr. Lois Veath, Vice President for Academic Affairs, stated that many of the students in the Library Information Management program are from other states, including Wyoming and South Dakota. Dr. Veath stated Chadron State College has not previously marketed this program nationally, but that is something they will look at doing in the future.

*In-Depth review of Library  
Information Management at CSC  
accepted*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the program and encourage Chadron State College to further their efforts to increase enrollments and graduates. The next regular program review date will be moved to June 30, 2013. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Adjourned for break at 10:09 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:18 a.m.*

*Out-of-State Institutions report*

**Annual Report of Programs and Courses Offered in Nebraska by Out-of-State Institutions**

Dr. Kathleen Fimple stated this is probably the last time we will see this report in its current format due to statutory changes proposed in the current legislative session.

*Reasonable and Moderate Extensions*

**Information Items: Reasonable and Moderate Extensions**

NECC – AA degree-concentration in Mass Communication

NECC – AA degree-concentration in Personal Training

NECC – AA degree-concentration in Human Services

*UNO Public Administration*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha’s Follow-up Report on Public Administration (BGS, PhD)**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program.

*Dr. Fimple presents the report*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the report.

*Follow-up report on Public Administration at UNO accepted*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the program. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Myotherapy Institute*

**Myotherapy Institute’s Annual Report**

The Academic Programs Committee recommended accepting the report.

*Dr. Fimple presents the report*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the report information, and stated that the Commission has not received any complaints regarding this institution.

*Annual Report from Myotherapy Institute accepted*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to accept the report. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

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

*Rebecca Koller from NU*

Rebecca Koller, Director of Facilities for the University of Nebraska system, introduced herself and said she will be available for any questions regarding the Poynter Hall or Wittson Hall renovation proposals.

**Commissioner Davis moved that the Public Hearing on Budget, Construction and Financial Aid committee items be closed.**

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

*CCC’s Harlan Building Diesel Technology addition and parking expansion*

**Central Community College’s Hastings Campus – Harlan Building Diesel Technology addition and parking expansion project proposal**

The Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee recommended approval of the proposal.

Mike Wemhoff presents the proposal

Mike Wemhoff presented the proposal information and stated this project would help relieve the cramped conditions of CCC's transportation program. There was concern with the original proposal's source of funding. CCC has agreed to revise the funding sources and limit transfers into the Capital Improvement Fund to student tuition dollars only.

Larry Glazier from CCC

Larry Glazier from Central Community College's Business Office responded to a question regarding the withdrawal of sponsorship from Werner Enterprises. He stated ownership changed hands at the company and resulted in changes to its business model.

Proposal for the Harlan Building Diesel Technology addition and parking expansion at CCC approved

**Commissioner Davis, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the proposal. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

UNMC's Poynter Hall Renovation

**University of Nebraska Medical Center's Poynter Hall Renovation Proposal**

The Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee recommended approval of the proposal.

Mike Wemhoff presents the proposal

Mike Wemhoff presented the proposal information and stated that Poynter Hall is the oldest building on campus. After renovation, this building would be ideal for the Psychiatry department to move into.

Proposal for Poynter Hall Renovation at UNMC approved

**Commissioner Davis, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the proposal. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Commissioner Bishop rejoined the meeting at this time (10:35 a.m.)*

UNMC's Wittson Hall Renovation

**University of Nebraska Medical Center's Wittson Hall Renovation Proposal**

The Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee recommended approval of the proposal.

Mike Wemhoff presents the proposal

Mike Wemhoff presented the proposal information and answered general questions from Commissioners.

Proposal for Wittson Hall Renovation at UNMC approved

**Commissioner Davis, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the proposal. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

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

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

**Commissioner Adam moved that the Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information committee items be closed.**

## **PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

### **2011 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report**

The Planning and Consumer Information Committee recommended approval of the report.

*Dr. McCuen presents a power point of the Progress Report*

Dr. Barbara McCuen reported highlights from the [2011 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report](#) in a [Power Point](#) presentation.

*2011 Progress Report approved*

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

*Next Commission Meeting:  
May 19, 2011*

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011. The meeting will be held at Nebraska Methodist College in Omaha, Nebraska.

*Meeting adjourned 11:38 a.m.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.