



MEETING MINUTES
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
BryanLGH College of Health Sciences
Room 204, 5035 Everett Street,
Lincoln, NE
Thursday, May 13, 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
Clark Anderson
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:

None.

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
Kadi Lukesh, Bookkeeper/Budget Coordinator, & Office Manager
Dr. Barbara McCuen, Research Coordinator
Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator
Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration
Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Joyce Simmons called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. at the BryanLGH College of Health Sciences, Room 204, 5035 Everett Street, in Lincoln, Nebraska on May 13. Attendance is indicated above.

II. WELCOME

Introductions

III. MINUTES

A. Action item Approve the March 11, 2010 meeting minutes

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK and second by Commissioner LAURITZEN to approve the March 11, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

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

B. Action item Approve the March 24, 2010 meeting minutes

Motion Motion by Commissioner ADAMS and second by Commissioner HUNTER to approve the March 24, 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. Updates and other reports

Commission Chairman Simmons announced that item VIII.B.3 Southeast Community College – Long Term Care Administration (Certificate, AAS) (Appendix 8) had been withdrawn at the request of the institution.

There was an Executive Committee meeting held May 13 prior to the meeting to discuss designating alternate members for each committee. The Commission will not be implementing this concept.

Commission Chairman Simmons commented on the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture-Curtis Education Center ground breaking.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Update on the sale of Dana College

Dr. Marshall Hill stated that the purchase of Dana College is dependent upon three things: 1) CCPE notification to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) that the Commission approved the change in ownerships or that such approval is not required; 2) the reaffirmation of accreditation (in essence the approval of the sale by the HLC) ensuring that accreditation will continue after the sale; and 3) the acceptance by the U.S. Department of Education of the new structure and its ability to participate in federal financial aid programs. He said that Dr. Fimple and he would be participating in the HLC site visit to Dana on May 13 and 14.

B. Legislative update

Ms. Katherine Green gave an update on the summary of bills and interim studies. One interim study that the Commission will be watching is LR 526, dealing with the Education Committee's review of Nebraska's higher education system.

Bills that passed this session included: LB 956, that made changes to the Nebraska Scholarship Act; and LB 1071, regarding sharing of education data, which passed without changes. The Community college bill, LB 1072, was the last major higher education bill that was passed.

C. Quarterly budget report

Ms. Kadi Lukesh reviewed the third quarter budget report with the Commission. Staff has held true to the proposed budget cuts that we reported to Senator Lavon Heidemann and the Legislative Appropriations Committee. Ms. Lukesh also expressed appreciation to the Division of Administrative Services (DAS) for reducing some of their annual charges to state agencies. DAS returned \$3,000 to the Commission because of those reductions.

D. Update on student loan changes

Mr. Ritchie Morrow stated that Congress passed legislation requiring that all loans must be made through the Direct Loan program. This would allow a savings for the federal government and additional funds would be available for student aid.

E. Updates and other reports

Dr. Hill mentioned there are three points of good news: 1) CCPE has negotiated lease terms for the next five years; 2) the Governor has designated CCPE to administer a second round of Federal College Access Challenge Grant funds; and 3) the state auditor finished the Commission's attestation review – no real big surprises were found.

Dr. Hill mentioned an issue that arose yesterday about Herzing University. Some institutions were not provided a courtesy notification about the public hearing. The Commission's legal obligations were met by publishing a notice in the Omaha and Lincoln papers. However, due to incomplete distribution of courtesy notifications, Dr. Hill is requesting that the Commission defer this action until another time.

Dr. Hill and Mr. Morrow answered questions from Commissioners about the Access College Early (ACE) program and the participation of Omaha schools.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Mr. Tip O'Neill, President, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska (AICUN), asked for a deadline for written communication with respect to the Herzing University application. Mr. O'Neill is concerned about the amount of student debt that students are borrowing.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Mr. David Ho, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Metropolitan Community College, gave a brief update on the Health Information Technology program and answered questions from Commissioners.

Mr. Terry Gaalswyk, Vice President of Educational Services, and Mr. Doug Mader, Business & Industry Curriculum & Training Specialist with Western Nebraska Community College, briefed Commissioners on the Wind Energy Technician program.

Dr. William (Bill) Getter, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Herzing University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, spoke on the Herzing University proposal and responded to issues addressed in the University of Nebraska letter plus answered questions from Commissioners.

Dr. Jack Huck, President, Southeast Community College, talked about the dilemma of clinical placement sites for health education programs in Nebraska and answered questions from Commissioners.

Dr. David Crouse, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Nebraska Medical Center, commented on the issue of clinical sites and answered questions from Commissioners.

NOTE: Adjourned for break at 10:36 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

VIII. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Dr. Fimple explained each proposal and answered questions from Commissioners.

A. Proposal for an out-of-state institution to offer programs in Nebraska

1. Action item Herzing University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin – Lincoln Campus

Diploma:

- Medical Assisting
- Medical Billing and Insurance Coding
- Cisco Networking
- Microsoft Networking
- Network Systems

Associate of Science:

- Medical Assisting
- Medical Billing and Insurance Coding
- Business Administration
- Computer Networking & Security Technology
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Graphic Design
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Surgical Technology

Bachelor of Science:

- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Graphic Design
- Health Care Management
- Nursing

2. Action item Herzing University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin – Omaha Campus

Diploma:

- Cisco Networking
- Microsoft Networking
- Network Systems

Associate of Science:

- Business Administration
- Computer Networking & Security Technology
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Graphic Design
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Surgical Technology

Bachelor of Science:

- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Graphic Design
- Health Care Management
- Nursing

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK and second by Commissioner SEACREST to defer the Herzing University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin request for Lincoln and Omaha Campuses to offer programs in Nebraska until a special Commission meeting to be scheduled in June.

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

B. Proposals for New Instructional Programs:

1. Action item Metropolitan Community College – Health Information Technology (Diploma)

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the Metropolitan Community College – Health Information Technology (Diploma) program.

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

2. Action item Southeast Community College – Energy Generation Operations (AAS)

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve Southeast Community College – Energy Generation Operations (AAS) program.

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

3. Action item ~~Southeast Community College – Long Term Care Administration (Certificate, AAS)~~ Withdrawn at the request of the institution.

4. Action item Western Nebraska Community College – Wind Energy Technician (Certificate)

Mr. Mader responded to questions from Commissioners about the grant

funding for this program.

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve Western Nebraska Community College – Wind Energy Technician (Certificate) program.

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

5. Action item University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Music (PhD)

Dr. John Richmond, Director, and Dr. Glenn Nierman, Associate Director, School of Music, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, provided information on how they work with music educators in Nebraska and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Music (PhD) program.

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

6. Action item University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars (Certificate)

Dr. John Markwell, Professor and Associate Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, explained the reasoning behind the certificate and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars (Certificate) program.

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

7. Action item University of Nebraska Medical Center – Public Health (Graduate Certificate)

Dr. Ayman El-Mohandes, Dean, College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center, explained that Nebraska's public health system is unique. Dr. El-Mohandes answered a variety of questions from Commissioners.

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center – Public Health (Graduate Certificate) program.

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

C. Proposals for New Organizational Units:

1. Action item University of Nebraska Medical Center – Center for Global Health and Development

Dr. Ayman El-Mohandes, Dean, College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center, gave a brief description of why the University of Nebraska Medical Center should be involved in global health and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center – Center for Global Health and Development.

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

2. Action item University of Nebraska Medical Center – Center for Staphylococcal Research

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center – Center for Staphylococcal Research.

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

3. Action item University of Nebraska-Lincoln – University of Nebraska-Boys Town Center on Child and Family Well Being

Dr. John Bernthal, Professor and Chair, and Ms. Kristin Duppong Hurley, Assistant Research Professor, Department of Special Education and Communic Disorders, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, explained the funding of the center and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln – University of Nebraska-Boys Town Center on Child and Family Well Being.

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

D. Existing Program Review:

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

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Architectural Engineering (BSAR, MAE); Civil Engineering (BSCE, MS); Construction Engineering Technology (BSCT); Electrical Engineering (BSEE, MS); Electronics Engineering (BSEL); Engineering (MENG, PhD); Engineering Interdisciplinary Studies (BS); Engineering Mechanics (MS); Environmental Engineering (MS); Industrial Engineering (BSIE); Industrial and Management Systems Engineering (MS); Manufacturing Systems Engineering (MS); Mechanical Engineering (BSME, MS); Telecommunication Engineering (MS); Construction Management (BSCM)
- University of Nebraska at Kearney: Industrial Technology (BS)
- Chadron State College: Design and Technology Education (BA, BSE)
- Wayne State College: Industrial Technology (BS)
- Central Community College: Quality Control (AAS, Certificate); Industrial Technology (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)
- Metropolitan Community College: Architectural Design Technology (AAS, Diploma); Mechanical Design Technology (AAS, Diploma, Certificate)
- Southeast Community College: Architectural Engineering Technology (AAS); Land Surveying & Civil Engineering (AAS); Nondestructive Testing Technology (AAS); Manufacturing Engineering Technology (AAS)
- Western Nebraska Community College: Business (AAS, AA, AOS, AS)

2. Action item for existing program review

- a. University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Chemical Engineering (BSCH, MS)
- b. Metropolitan Community College: Civil Engineering Technology (AAS, Certificate, Diploma)
- c. Western Nebraska Community College: Welding Technology (AAS, AOS, Certificate, Diploma)

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to approve the recommendations for action items: a. continue, with a report on program efficiency, focusing on SCH/FTE due September 30, 2011; b. continue, with a report on enrollments and number of graduates due October 15, 2012; and c. continue, with a report on student demand and number of completers due October 15, 2012.

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

E. Report on name changes, deletions, reasonable and moderate extensions, and other institutional activities relating to existing programs.

1. Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

SCC – Home Visitor/Family Advocate (Certificate)

NECC – Drafting-Industrial Facility Design option (AAS)

2. Name Changes

UNL – Department of Geosciences to *Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences*

3. Administration Change

UNMC – Master of Public Health program from Joint Status (UNMC/UNO) to UNMC, and from the University of Nebraska Graduate College to the UNMC College of Public Health as a Professional Degree

UNL & UNO – Cooperative PhD program in Psychology will now be a Joint PhD program

NOTE: Commission Chairman Simmons announced a break for lunch and then changed the order of the agenda to item XIII so that Dr. Pfeil could attend a conference call.

NOTE: Adjourned for lunch at 12:08 p.m. Meeting resumed at 12:29 p.m.

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

No testimony.

XIII. BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

A. 2011-2013 Biennial Areas of Emphasis:

1. **Action item Approve the proposed Areas of Emphasis for use by the Commission in the review of institutional biennial operating budget requests**

Dr. Carna Pfeil explained the 2011-2013 Biennial Areas of Emphasis for institutions' operating budget requests and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion Motion by Commissioner DAVIS on behalf of the Committee to approve the Areas of Emphasis for use by the Commission in the review of institutional biennial operating budget requests.

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

B. *Prioritization Process to Sequence Appropriations for Approved Capital Construction Projects:*

Mr. Mike Wemhoff explained the prioritization process and the 2011-2013 biennial operating budget and capital construction budget deadlines.

1. **Action item Approve the *Prioritization Process to Sequence Appropriations for Approved Capital Construction Projects* for use in developing the Commission's 2011-2013 biennial capital construction budget recommendations of institutional requests**

Motion Motion by Commissioner DAVIS on behalf of the Committee to approve the *Prioritization Process to Sequence Appropriations for Approved Capital Construction Projects* for use in developing the Commission's 2011-2013 biennial capital construction budget recommendations of institutional requests.

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

C. 2011-2013 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Construction Budget Deadlines

1. **Information item Commission staff provides institutions with key deadlines related to the biennial operating budget and capital construction budget requests**

D. Action item Approve proposed amendment to NAC Title 281, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations Concerning the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act

Ms. Katherine Green explained the rule change, that would give institutions more flexibility in providing funding to students and answered questions from Commissioners.

Mr. Morrow explained the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP)/Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) need-based programs and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion Motion by Commissioner DAVIS on behalf of the Committee to approve the amendment to NAC Title 281, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations Concerning the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act.

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

Motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS

No testimony.

X. PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Barbara McCuen presented Section B of the *2009-2010 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska* and answered questions from Commissioners.

A. Information item Presentation on Section B of the 2009-2010 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska

XIV. FUTURE MEETINGS

There will be a special Commission meeting sometime in June.

The next regular Commission meeting will be August 5, 2010 and will be held at College of Saint Mary, Omaha, Nebraska.

XIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lauritzen handed out a fact sheet and brochure about Northeast Community College.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT of regular Commission meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.