MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

May 19, 2011
Nebraska Methodist College, Clark Room 3218
720 N. 87th Street – Omaha, 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 MAY 19, 2011. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.

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

DR. JOYCE D. SIMMONS, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Joyce Simmons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Clark Anderson
Riko Bishop	Dr. Ron Hunter
Dr. Dick Davis	Mary Lauritzen
Eric Seacrest	Dr. Joyce Simmons
W. Scott Wilson	John Winkleblack

Commissioners Absent

Carol Zink

Commission Staff Present

Angela Dibbert	Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Katherine Green	Dr. Marshall Hill
Kadi Lukesh	Dr. Carna Pfeil
Mike Wemhoff	

Dr. Dennis Joslin greets Commissioners

GREETINGS BY DR. DENNIS JOSLIN, PRESIDENT OF NEBRASKA METHODIST COLLEGE

2011 marks Nebraska Methodist College's 120th anniversary and 5th year in the present location. Nebraska Methodist College enrollment in the last five years has increased 40%. Dr. Joslin briefed Commissioners on the success of Nebraska Methodist College's distance education programs.

Minutes of March 8, 2011 Commission meeting approved

MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2011 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Adam moved that the March 8, 2011 minutes be approved. Commissioner Hunter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioners Anderson, Bishop, Hunter, and Lauritzen abstained with all other Commissioners present voting yes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Simmons speaks about Nebraska College Access Summit

Chair Simmons spoke about the Nebraska College Access Summit that was held at the Cornhusker on May 12, 2011. The Summit was hosted by the P-16 Initiative and EducationQuest for the purpose of discussing education topics in Nebraska and nation wide. Others from the Commission that attended were Dr. Hill, Dr. Pfeil, and Dr. Fimple.

Dr. Marshall Hill mentioned that Jamie Merisotis, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Lumina Foundation, made the following recommendations: 1) Nebraska should adopt goals that have specific outcomes/targets to be reached in terms of enrollments, graduation rates, changing of the ethnic balance, and so on; 2) Nebraska should implement performance funding for movement toward some of those goals; and 3) a standard metric should be used to evaluate progress.

Dr. Kathleen Fimple added that it was clear that we needed a data system.

COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT UPDATE

Ms. Green speaks about CACG and ACE Plus Scholarship

Ms. Katherine Green, Program Director, College Access Challenge Grant, stated that the Annual Performance Report was sent in to the U.S. Department of Education. Ms. Green briefed Commissioners about the ACE Plus Scholarship. ACE Plus awards scholarships to former ACE recipients that are full-time students in college.

Ms. Kinney-Walker presents a power point on the College Challenge program

Ms. Allison Kinney-Walker, Project Director for College Challenge at Nebraska Methodist College, gave a Power Point presentation. Ms. Kinney-Walker talked about the partnerships, programs, and progress of their program. The program is funded, in part, by the College Access Challenge Grant.

The partnership is between: Nebraska Methodist College, St. Luke United Methodist Church, and Burke High School. The programs are: 1) after-school tutoring/mentoring; 2) outreach events including: FAFSA Night, ACT preparation; leadership council; college visits; and social/cultural events; and 3) college savings program. Progress includes: 156 students served—average attendance is 75 students; 74% of students increased their GPA or stayed the same; 94% of seniors will be attending college; and in the college savings program—students have saved $4,702 toward college.

Mr. Pruitt speaks about College 101

Mr. Chris Pruitt, Dean of Enrollment Management and Project Director for College 101 at Grace University, gave a brief overview of their program. The goal is to make sure that students know about education. The program is funded by the College Access Challenge Grant.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kadi Lukesh speaks about quarterly budget report

Ms. Kadi Lukesh, Bookkeeper/Budget Coordinator & Office Manager, briefed Commissioners on the Commission's operating budget. Spending in the third quarter for the most part was uneventful. One item to note was that the Commission contracted with Larry Scherer, a former Commission employee, to assist with the revisions of LB 637 regarding out-of-state postsecondary education and new private postsecondary institutions within the state.

The Commission had paid $90,000 of the $95,000 MHEC dues for 2010-11. The remaining $5,000 will be taken out of the Sunmart fund to cover the 2010-11 MHEC dues.

Dr. Hill speaks about Legislative bills of interest

Dr. Hill briefed Commissioners on current Legislative bills of interest and their progress. A summary sheet was distributed to Commissioners outlining the information discussed.

LB 617

Administrative Procedure Act was amended, requiring that the Commission provide a report to the Legislature on the status of any pending regulations.

LB 699

Changes to the Supreme Court judicial districts. Commissioner districts are determined by judicial districts but this change would not affect current Commissioners unless a Commissioner moves.

LB 58

The dual-enrollment study has been rolled into LB 637. This was signed by the Governor.

LB 372

Legislation regarding undergraduate certificates was also rolled into LB 637.

LB 386

This bill provides job training grants for interns. This is a good thing and will allow opportunities for many college students.

LB 637

LB 637 was designed to modernize, streamline, and clarify statues under which the Commission approves out-of-state institutions to operate in Nebraska. The bill also establishes a complaint resolution process.

LR 198

This bill calls for an examination of the governance and coordination of postsecondary education in Nebraska.

Dr. Pfeil discusses biennial budget

Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director of Finance & Administration, spoke about the biennial budget. The Governor signed the budget, in which CCPE will have to cut $60,000 each year of the biennium.

Dr. Pfeil mentioned that Dr. Hill and the Executive Committee will be meeting after the Commission meeting to discuss the budget cuts and operating ideas.

Dr. Hill's updates and other reports

Dr. Hill spoke briefly about the IPEDS workshop and that Chair Simmons has appointed Commissioner Carol Zink as the representative for MHEC.

Adjourned for break at 11:08 a.m. Meeting resumed at 11:21 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony regarding Matters of General Concern.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE ITEMS

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

Chair Simmons moved that the public hearing on Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee items be closed.

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Mike Wemhoff speaks about MCC Master Plan of Campuses

Mr. Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, stated that in the past Commissioners have commented that they would like a better understanding of facilities in general. Metropolitan Community College just recently completed its master plan of campuses will present its long-range facilities plan.

Jim Grotrian presents a power point of MCC Master Plan of Campuses

Mr. Jim Grotrian, Executive Vice President, Metropolitan Community College, gave a power point presentation on Master Plan of Campuses. MCC chose JJR as the firm to update its master plan with a fresh new look. MCC wanted to best utilize existing campuses, avoid unnecessary duplication, and reduce expenses from campus to campus. JJR looked very closely at what programs MCC has at each location and how the programs fit into the future for MCC.

University of Nebraska Medical Center—Eppley Cancer Institute Renovation Proposal

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

Mike Wemhoff presents the proposal

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

Proposal for Eppley Cancer Institute 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 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Steve Kollar from ITT Technical Institute

Mr. Steve Kollar, Director at ITT Technical Institute, spoke regarding the proposed Electrical Engineering and Communications Technology program. He explained the change in credit hours for this program.

Commissioner Hunter moved that the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee items be closed.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

ITT Project Management Administration

ITT Technical Institute's proposal for a new instructional program: Project Management Administration (BS)
The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Project Management Administration (BS).

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

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

Proposal for Project Management Administration (BS) approved (ITT)

Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from ITT Technical Institute for a new instructional program: Project Management Administration (BS). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

ITT Business Management

ITT Technical Institute's proposal for a new instructional program: Business Management (BS)
The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Business Management (BS).

Dr. Fimple reviews the proposal

Dr. Fimple provided background information regarding the proposal.

Proposal for Business Management (BS) approved (ITT)

Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from ITT Technical Institute for a new instructional program: Business Management (BS). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

ITT Technical Institute's proposal for a new instructional program: Electrical Engineering and Communications Technology (BS)
Due to a concern that the name of the program may be misleading to students, the committee did not provide a recommendation for action.

Dr. Fimple discusses the proposal

Dr. Fimple discussed the proposal. Recent conversations with ITT identified a demand for the program.

Dr. Hill comments on the proposal

Dr. Hill suggested that perhaps ITT could agree that in all publications and in all advertisements about this program there is a visible asterisk referring to language that we would agree upon that says this program does not prepare students for a career as licensed engineers or similar language.

Mr. Kollar responded that he could take this back to the marketing people to see if he could add the asterisk, but is not sure what will happen.

Dr. Hill suggested that the Commission consider an approval contingent upon ITT Technical Institute's willingness to insert in materials provided to Nebraska students that clarifies the program does not prepare students for professional licensure.

Proposal for Electrical Engineering and Communications Technology (BS) approved (ITT)

Commissioner Seacrest moved that the Commission approve the proposal from ITT Technical Institute for a new instructional program: Electrical Engineering and Communications Technology (BS), contingent upon ITT 's willingness to insert on materials provided to students in Nebraska clarification that this does not prepare students for professional licensure. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Adam and Wilson voting no with all other Commissioners present voting yes.

Proposal for a letter to ITT concerning the program name of Electrical Engineering and Communications Technology (BS)

Commissioner Seacrest moved that there be a letter expressing Commission concern regarding the program name and suggesting a name change. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

ITT Information Systems and Cybersecurity (BS)

ITT Technical Institute's proposal for new instructional program: Information Systems and Cybersecurity (BS)

The Academic Programs Committee recommended approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Information Systems and Cybersecurity (BS).

Commissioner Winkleblack left the meeting at this time (12:38 p.m.)
Commissioner Winkleblack rejoined the meeting at this time (12:40 p.m.)

Proposal for Information Systems and Cybersecurity (BS) approved (ITT)

Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from ITT Technical Institute for a new instructional program, Information Systems and Cybersecurity (BS).

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 Medical Center
Clinical Perfusion Education – Masters of Perfusion Science
Medical Family Therapy – Post-baccalaureate Certificate

University of Nebraska at Kearney
Philosophy – BA
Physics & Physical Science – BA/BS, BSE, BS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Philosophy – BA, BS
Physics – BA, BS
Physics and Astronomy – MS, PhD

University of Nebraska at Omaha
Philosophy – BA, BS, BGS
Religion – BS, BGS

Central Community College
Medical Lab Technician – AAS

Southeast Community College
Medical Lab Technician – AAS

Action item for Existing Program Reviews
The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the programs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha – Physics (BA, BGS, BS); Physics Engineering (BS).

University of Nebraska at Omaha
Physics – BA, BGS, BS
Physics Engineering – BS

Existing Program Review approved (UNO)

Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve continuation of the following programs from the University of Nebraska at Omaha – Physics (BA, BGS, BS); Physics Engineering (BS). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

The Academic Programs Committee recommended to postpone the decision on Southeast Community College – Laboratory Science Technology (AAS), with a report due October 31, 2011 on need and justification for the program including placement rates.

Southeast Community College
Laboratory Science Technology – AAS

Existing Program Review postponed (SCC)

Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to postpone the decision on Southeast Community College – Laboratory Science Technology (AAS), with a report due October 31, 2011. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

WNCC Auto Body Technology

Western Nebraska Community College's Follow-up Report on Auto Body Technology
The Academic Programs Committee recommended continuation of the program, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2015.

Follow-up report on Auto Body Technology at WNCC accepted

Commission Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the program Western Nebraska Community College—Auto Body Technology, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2015. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

Information Items: Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

UNL – Early Childhood Special Education – graduate certificate
UNL – Autism Spectrum Disorders and Severe Disabilities – graduate Certificate
UNL – Mixed Methods Research – graduate certificate
CCC – Quality Technology – diploma and certificate

Program Name Changes

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CCC – Quality program to *Quality Technology*
CCC – Industrial Technology program to *Mechatronics*

Program Deletions

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CCC – Renewable Fuels Technology

Next Commission Meeting: July 21, 2011

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2011. The meeting will be held at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, Nebraska.

Meeting adjourned 1:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.