
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

May 24, 2012
Northeast Community College
Norfolk, 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 MAY 24th, 2012. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:15 AM. 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. RON HUNTER, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ron Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Dr. Ron Hunter
Mary Lauritzen
Eric Seacrest

Dr. Joyce Simmons
W. Scott Wilson
John Winkleblack

Commissioners Absent

Colleen Adam
Clark Anderson
Riko Bishop

Carol Zink

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Katherine Green
Dr. Marshall Hill
Jason Keese

Dr. Carna Pfeil
Helen Pope
Mike Wemhoff

Dr. Michael Chipps greets Commissioners

GREETINGS BY DR. MICHAEL CHIPPS, PRESIDENT OF NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On behalf of Northeast Community College, Dr. Michael Chipps welcomed the Commissioners. A new *Fast Facts* brochure on Northeast Community College that is being distributed throughout the area was given to all those in attendance. Dr. Chipps showed a short presentation highlighting

Commissioner Bishop joined the meeting

information and data on NECC. Dr. Chipps graciously offered to give Commissioners and staff a tour of the college following the meeting.

Commissioner Bishop joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

*Minutes of April 12, 2012
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING
Commissioner Wilson moved that the April 12, 2012 minutes be approved. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Chairperson's Report

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Chair Hunter thanked the staff for the tremendous amount of work they put into the mailings that were sent to the Commissioners this past month.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

1. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Burwell High School in Burwell, NE
Delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
 - MATH 2000 Analytic Geometry & Calculus I (5 cr.)
- October 17, 2012 – May 3, 2013
2. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Bancroft Rosalie High School in Bancroft, NE
Delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition I (3 cr.)
-August 16, 2012 – December 21, 2012

Dr. Hill update on new commissioner search

Dr. Hill gave an update on replacing former Commissioner Dick Davis. He recently met with two candidates, both were interested, but one stood out. He has recommended this person to the governor and an appointment should be announced within a couple of weeks.

Dr. Hill discusses state authorization

Dr. Hill noted that he continues to be very active with the issue of state authorization. Today another national commission on the regulation of distance education will be announced. This commission is to be chaired by former US Secretary of Education Riley. Dr. Hill will participate on this commission. The concerns they face include difficulties institutions have gaining authority to operate in states in which they have online students.

*Katherine Green discusses
College Access Challenge Grant
Update*

COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT UPDATE

Katherine Green, College Access Challenge Grant Program Director, announced that two people will speak today relating to the College Access

*College access Challenge Grant
Update Continued*

Challenge Grant. She stated that the Commission was nearing the end of the grant year, which started in August. A request for proposals (RFP) was just recently issued where K-12 schools, non-profits, and institutions are asked to send in proposals to receive grants. The College Access Challenge Grant is funded through 2015. The RFP is designed to give subgrants for these last three years. The ACE Plus scholarship also is funded through this grant. Students receive \$500 the first year and \$1000 for the second year. Applications are received from students starting in April. Last year's total was \$230,000 for 317 scholarships; this year the Commission received 175 applications in the first week, amounting to \$115,000. An application to the US Department of Education for the next grant will be submitted this summer, and at the July commission meeting subgrantees will be considered for approval. The three current subgrantees that will continue to be funded for the next three years include Nebraska Methodist College, who spoke to the Commission last year. The other two are the Central Plains Center for Services and Ho-Chunk Community Development, who have representatives here today to provide updates on their programs.

*Nancy Ferguson, Central Plains
Center for Services*

Nancy Ferguson, Executive Director, and Andra White, Success Through Education supervisor, from Central Plains Center for Services spoke on the Success Through Education Program. This is a program designed to target youth transitioning out of the state foster care system in western Nebraska. The program is funded by the College Access Challenge Grant. A short DVD was shown demonstrating how the program is designed to change cycles of poverty and abuse by providing education to young people who otherwise may not have the opportunity to go to college. The program not only provides funding for education, but one-on-one support by caring staff assisting each student as they navigate through college. Ms. White noted that the impact of this program on the students so far has been tremendous, but the real impact will be down the road as these young people enter the work force and have the opportunity to be successful individuals in their communities. Ms. Ferguson thanked the commissioners for approving the funding for the services they are able to provide.

*Brenda Conway, Ho-Chunk
Community Development
Corporation*

Brenda Conway, Community Project Coordinator for the Ho-Chunk Community Development Corporation, briefed the commissioners on the progress of the Challenging our Youth to Succeed Program. This is a non-profit organization located in Winnebago, Nebraska. She is working with guidance counselors and students at Winnebago and Walthill High Schools. A majority of the students are Native American and choose to stay in their community and not pursue college; many do not graduate from high school. This program is designed to help them understand GPAs and what courses and credits they need to graduate high school so they may transition into college. Many students are not aware there is funding and support available to them to further their education. College visits, volunteering in their communities, and providing information on educational funding available to them are a few of the things Ms. Conway has been working on with the students. Challenges that she faces are lack of parental involvement, turnover in faculty at the schools, places and times to meet with the students, students' lack of remedial skills, and not being career ready. The

program is funded by the College Access Challenge Grant. Ms. Conway expressed her gratitude to the commission for the opportunity to continue this program for the next three years.

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

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Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the three items listed on the Consent Agenda:

1) Renewal of Authorization to Operate in Nebraska: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate, baccalaureate, and master's levels, limited to associate and baccalaureate programs in aviation management, professional aeronautics, and technical management, and to the Master of Aeronautical Science through May 31, 2017.

2) Follow-up report: University of Nebraska at Kearney - Math/Science Education (MSE). Continue the program.

3) Follow-up report: Western Nebraska Community College - Health Information Technology (AAS, Diploma). Continue the program.

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

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

Dr. David Crouse, University of Nebraska Medical Center

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Dave Crouse, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, representing the University of Nebraska Medical Center, offered to answer any questions on the master's program in Emergency Preparedness.

Dr. William Mahoney, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dr. William Mahoney, Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, spoke on behalf of the Information Assurance master's program. He noted there has been an undergraduate degree in place for five years and they are ready to go to the next level.

Dr. Timothy Wei, University of Nebraska- Lincoln

Dr. Timothy Wei, Dean of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln College of Engineering, introduced himself and Dr. David Jones, Associate Dean, on

behalf of the proposed independent PhD programs in the College of Engineering.

Chair Hunter closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen represented the Academic Programs Committee in the absence of Commissioner Zink.

UNMC Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Emergency Preparedness (MS)

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Emergency Preparedness (MS).

UNMC Emergency Preparedness (MS) proposal

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to Commissioners. She noted that in addition to public health and emergency response agencies, hospital accrediting bodies have added emergency preparedness to the requirements for continued accreditation. Commissioner Lauritzen noted that a 2005 study found there was a lack of partnerships between public health and emergency response agencies in their service areas which made communication difficult between the academic and the actual field. She asked if this has improved since then.

Sharon Medcalf, UNMC

Sharon Medcalf, Associate Director of the Center for Preparedness Education at UNMC College of Public Health, stated they have been working in the continuing education environment for approximately ten years. LB 692 created 18 new public health departments, requiring each to hire an emergency response coordinator. In 2002 post- 9/11 dollars were used to form a training center designed to strengthen the relationship between the hospitals, first responders, and public health. The training center was instrumental in teaching how to respond to a disaster as a community.

Emergency Preparedness (MS) approved

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

UNO Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Information Assurance (MS)

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Information Assurance (MS).

UNO Information Assurance (MS) proposal

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to Commissioners. In 2007 the Commissioners approved the bachelor's degree, and there are two masters programs that have concentrations in Information Assurance, so UNO has a foundation for adding a master's degree.

Dr. William Mahoney, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dr. William Mahoney, Assistant Professor at UNO, noted that federal agencies are looking for information assurance graduates and are particularly

interested in the advanced degrees. There is a scholarship program available that pays for students to go through this program, assuming they will go to work for a government agency.

*Information Assurance (MS)
approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha's new instructional program, Information Assurance (MS). A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*UNL Architectural Engineering
(PhD) proposal*

UNL Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Architectural Engineering (PhD)

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Architectural Engineering (PhD).

Dr. Hill thanked the colleagues from the University for assisting with the large number of engineering program proposals at the meeting. Four of the seven proposed programs will be voted on today. In the next few weeks we will receive additional materials from the University in response to questions about the other proposals. Those will be reviewed and brought to the July Commission meeting.

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to Commissioners. An overview is located in the front of the Architectural Engineering proposal. This overview shows ABET accreditation, need and demand, requirements related to curriculum, and engineering salaries at a bachelor's degree level. This overview applies to each of the four engineering program proposals.

Commissioner Winkleblack inquired if recently announced UNL Business College limits on transfer credits apply to these engineering programs as well. Dean Wei responded that they accept transfer students at all levels.

Dr. Hill requested information on the recent UNL external review on the engineering programs. Dr. Susan Fritz, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs from the University of Nebraska- Lincoln stated the Provost's Office organized the review of post-graduate programs within the University system. Two expert members of the National Academy of Engineering teamed with a third person, a senior faculty member from the medical center. They spent the day meeting with faculty and administration asking questions about the programs. There was an affirmation that offering stand-alone doctoral engineering programs is a common practice.

*Architectural Engineering (PhD)
approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska –Lincoln new instructional program, Architectural Engineering (PhD). A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*UNL Biological Engineering
(PhD) proposal*

UNL Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Biological Engineering (PhD)

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Biological Engineering (PhD).

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to Commissioners. This program has three specializations; agricultural engineering, biomedical engineering, and biological systems engineering.

Biological Engineering (PhD) approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska - Lincoln new instructional program, Biological Engineering (PhD). A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

UNL Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (PhD) proposal

UNL Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (PhD)

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (PhD).

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to Commissioners. Biomolecular engineering is grouped with chemical engineering rather than biological engineering because it requires an understanding of biological process-based technologies *in light of chemical principles*. There has been an increase in demand for biomedical engineers and a decrease in chemical engineers. Funding from the National Institutes of Health enticed chemical engineers into the “bio” field.

Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (PhD) approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska - Lincoln new instructional program, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (PhD). A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

UNL Civil Engineering (PhD) proposal

UNL Proposal for a New Instructional Program: Civil Engineering (PhD)

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the proposed request to offer a new instructional program, Civil Engineering (PhD).

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to Commissioners. There are five areas of specialization under this major. She referenced a need for the program based on a 2009 American Society of Civil Engineers report. This report indicated roads, wastewater, and bridges as the top three infrastructure concerns for Nebraska. As a side note, Dr. Fimple stated the Nebraska Transportation Center is related to this program. It was created to connect all of the research on all the NU campuses that are related to transportation services. It is housed at UNL because the majority of the research is conducted there. The Commission allowed engineering to count as a discipline for improving teacher quality grants, since engineers are scientists with a math and science background. UNL has been funded by the Commission for three years for grants coming out of the Nebraska Transportation Center.

Civil Engineering (PhD) approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska - Lincoln new instructional program Civil Engineering (PhD). A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Title 281, Chapter 1 Repeal

Approve the repeal of Title 281, Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Rules and Regulations Concerning Authorization for Out-of-state Institutions to Offer Courses and Degree Programs in the State of Nebraska

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the repeal of Title 281, Chapter 1, Rules and Regulations Concerning Authorization for Out-of-state Institutions to Offer Courses and Degree Programs in the State of Nebraska. The action required is a final vote in order to forward the rules to the attorney general, the governor, and secretary of state.

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal. A public hearing was held, chaired by Commissioner Bishop. During that time changes could be made, but none were needed. One result of LB 637 was the repeal of statutes. Rules 1 and 2 addressed those statutes and so also must be repealed. New statutes are in place. Rule 7 will be the rules on how the new statutes are implemented. Under Rule 7 the attorney general has stated that application forms that institutions use to apply for renewal or initial authorization have to be attached to the rule. The rule included in the agenda does not have the applications but was distributed to the Commissioners.

Repeal of Title 281, Chapter 1 approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the repeal of Title 281, Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Rules and Regulations Concerning Authorization for Out-of-state Institutions to Offer Courses and Degree Programs in the State of Nebraska. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Title 281, Chapter 2 Repeal

Approve the repeal of Title 281, Administrative Code, Chapter 2, Rules and Regulations Concerning In-state Private Institutions

Commissioner Lauritzen commented that a great amount of work goes into this. Dr. Marshall Hill, Executive Director, noted that numerous staff hours of work went into LB 637 and the rules and regulations. He stated that compared to other states, Nebraska is in great shape with rational, reasonable, and defensible policies.

Repeal of Title 281, Chapter 2 approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the repeal of Title 281, Administrative Code, Chapter 2, Rules and Regulations Concerning In-state Private Institutions. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Adoption of Title 281, Chapter 7

Adopt Title 281, Administrative Code, Chapter 7, Rules and Regulations for the Postsecondary Institution Act

Adoption of Title 281, Chapter 7 approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve adoption of Title 281, Administrative Code, Chapter 7, Rules and Regulations for the Postsecondary Institution Act. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Name Changes, Minor Programs, Program Mergers, New Focus on Existing Program and Award Deletions

Information Items: Report on name changes, deletions, reasonable and moderate extensions, and other institutional activities relating to existing programs

Program Name Changes

UNL – International Studies (BA, BS) to
Global Studies (BA, BS)

PSC – Sport Management & Exercise Science to
Sport & Exercise Science

PSC – Human Performance and Systems Management option in Business to
Management option

SCC – Emergency Medical Services/Paramedic to *Paramedic*

New Minor Programs

CSC – Military Science

PSC – Journalism

Program Mergers

PSC – Merge K-9 Special Education and 7-12 Special Education endorsement options into one
K-12 Special Education endorsement option

SCC – Merge Graphic Design and Visual Publications into one
Graphic Design/Media Arts

New Focus within an Existing Program

PSC – Law & Society in Criminal Justice program

PSC – Educational Studies in Education program

SCC – Baking/Pastry in Food Service/Hospitality program

Program Award Deletion

CCC – Medical Assisting diploma (will continue to offer AAS)

Commissioner Lauritzen concluded the Academic Programs Committee report on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee.

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.

Adjourned for break at 11:30 a.m. Meeting resumed at 11:40 a.m.

Planning and Consumer Information Committee

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen noted that the commission assumed responsibility for the Supplemental Forms Report and stated that the information included

makes this a remarkable report we are very proud of. She introduced Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance and Administration, to present the Supplemental Forms Report.

Dr. Pfeil presents Supplemental Forms Report

Dr. Pfeil gave a brief explanation of the history of Supplemental Forms. In 1976, Dave Wagaman, Senior Budget Analyst for the governor's budget office, wanted more information than what was in the budget documents the institutions submitted biennially. He created forms to supplement the data provided in the biennial budget reports. Dr. Pfeil displayed and discussed three of the five parts: Enrollment, Tuition & Fees, and Student Financial Aid. The other two are Utilities and O & M for the Fiscal Plant, and the Off-Campus Report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Approval of recommended salary increases

Approve salaries for Dr. Marshall Hill, executive director, and Dr. Carna Pfeil, associate director for finance & administration

The Commissioners agreed not to go into executive session to discuss salaries. Chair Hunter stated that the Commission is limited on raises based on the budget the state approves.

Recommended salary increase approved

Chair Hunter moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve salaries for Dr. Marshall Hill, Executive Director, and Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Next Commission Meeting: July 19, 2012

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2012. The meeting will be held at Peru State College, Peru, Nebraska.

Commissioner Lauritzen comments

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lauritzen reminded the Commissioners and staff that Deb Fischer, a former commissioner for CCPE, is running for the United States Senate against former Nebraska State Governor Bob Kerrey.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.