
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

October 13, 2016
Nebraska State Capitol
Lincoln, Nebraska

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Public notice of meeting

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2016. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M.

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

CAROL ZINK, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Carol Zink called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Gwenn Aspen
Dr. John Bernthal
Dr. Deborah Frison
Dr. Ron Hunter

Dwayne Probyn
Dr. Joyce Simmons
W. Scott Wilson
Carol Zink

Commissioners Absent

Colleen Adam
Mary Lauritzen

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner
Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Jason Keese
Kadi Lukesh

Helen Pope
Gary Timm
Mike Wemhoff

*Minutes of September 8, 2016,
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2016, COMMISSION MEETING
Commissioner Simmons moved that the September 8, 2016, minutes be approved. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all eight Commissioners present voting yes. The motion carried.

*Chair Zink mentioned absent
Commissioners*

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Zink reported that Commissioners Adam and Lauritzen had other commitments and could not attend the meeting. Commissioner Simmons will fill in for Commissioner Adam as chair for the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee.

*Out-of-service area applications
authorized*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

1. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Arthur Cty High School in Arthur, NE
Delivered to Garden County High School in Oshkosh, NE
 - SPAN 1020 Beginning Spanish II (5 cr.)
8/22/16 - 5/11/17
2. Offered by Northeast Community College
Traditional delivery at North Bend Central High School in North Bend, NE
 - NURA 1110 Nurse Aide (3 cr.)
8/16/16 - 12/20/16

*Kadi Lukesh presents the first
quarter budget report*

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Kadi Lukesh, Budget Coordinator & Office Manager, to present the first quarter budget report. Ms. Lukesh addressed the permanent salary category, which will be adjusted by the next quarter report, as the allocations haven't been received yet for the Gap Assistance program, which is lottery funded. First quarter payments, such as Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) dues, contributed to the large amount of operating expenses. Ms. Lukesh gave a brief overview of the budget for Oral Health Training, the Nebraska Opportunity Grant program (NOG), the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE) program, and the Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) grant.

*Dr. Baumgartner discussed
Comprehensive Plan Metrics
Advisory committee*

Dr. Baumgartner stated the Comprehensive Plan Metrics Advisory Committee met last week to discuss the plan's metrics, data sources, and calculations. In attendance were representatives from the University of Nebraska, the State Colleges, and all of the community colleges. With good input from the meeting, some changes will be made based on feedback that was received. Dr. Baumgartner noted that close to 90 percent of the plan's metrics section has been accepted as written.

Dr. Baumgartner speaks about September 20 hearings on the Comprehensive Plan and Sen. Pansing Brooks interim study resolution

On September 20, hearings were held before the Legislature's Education Committee on the Comprehensive Plan updates and Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks' interim study resolution. Dr. Baumgartner and Commission Chair Zink testified on the Comprehensive Plan changes and responded to questions from the State Senators. Regarding the interim study resolution, Dr. Baumgartner focused specifically on the regulation of postsecondary education in the state and the Commission's role. As a result of the study resolution and follow-up received from Sen. Pansing Brooks' office, they are moving forward on a bill addressing surety bonds and tuition recovery for certain for-profit colleges. Sen. Pansing Brooks is interested in presenting that legislation during the 2017 session.

Dr. Baumgartner mentioned FAFSA participation rate increase

Dr. Baumgartner commented that high schools continue to sign up for the FAFSA Completion Initiative, noting that J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, reported 129 high schools have enrolled, covering 15,000 seniors, or 63 percent of the 2017 graduating class. Participation has increased because of the change in the FAFSA filing dates. This year is the first time students are able to file for the subsequent school year by October 1 instead of January 1.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke about ITT Tech

ITT Tech has turned over all of their electronic transcripts to Parchment, which is a company that supplies records for students and institutions to fulfill transcript requests quickly. The University of Nebraska is now working directly with Parchment and the school's bankruptcy trustee. In the meantime, Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, and Mr. Morrow continue to counsel students on their options and monitor U.S. Department of Education notices to help students obtain their degrees.

Dr. Baumgartner and Chair Zink will attend MHEC meeting in November

Chair Zink and Dr. Baumgartner will attend the MHEC meeting in St. Louis in November. Mr. Morrow will attend the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs (NASSGAP) conference next week.

Dr. Baumgartner announced two significant staff anniversaries

Dr. Baumgartner reported that CCPE has two significant anniversaries to celebrate this month. Ms. Lukesh will be recognized for 40 years of service to the State of Nebraska, and Dr. Fimple will be recognized for 20 years of service.

Public Comment on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

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

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost, University of Nebraska came forward to state there are representatives present for all three programs that are up for consideration and they are available to answer Commissioners' questions.

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

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

Commissioner Frison acknowledged
APC committee

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Frison, Academic Programs Committee Chair, acknowledged those who attended the recent committee conference call. She introduced Dr. Fimple to present an overview of each program proposal.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Gerontology (PhD)

Dr. Fimple presented the program, noting UNO has offered gerontology programs since 1973 and currently has the only gerontology program in the state. With the aging population, need for gerontology services, and with over 50 students enrolled in UNO's master's program in gerontology, the demand for the PhD program should be high.

University of Nebraska at Omaha
New Instructional Program –
Gerontology (PhD) approved

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal for a New Instructional Program – Gerontology (PhD). A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Gender and Leadership (undergraduate certificate)

Dr. Fimple presented the program, stating that in 2011 there was a change in statute allowing the University of Nebraska to offer certificates above the associate degree level. The Gender and Leadership program is intended for undergraduate students but would be open to high school graduates, students with an associate degree, and students with limited undergraduate credits. Dr. Fimple noted there are three existing gender and leadership courses that are paired with community service to provide hands-on and practical experience. This program would be offered online, with the intention of appealing to non-traditional students. Initial funding for the program came from a grant from University of Nebraska Online Worldwide, along with a UNO Information Services grant. Commissioner Aspen expressed her concern that having a certificate at UNO that a high school graduate with only one prerequisite class could take, would dilute UNO's brand as a four-year university, and questioned if the students taking these courses would obtain the skill set needed in business. In response, Dr. Jackson commented that these issues are examined carefully by the University. Candice Batton, UNO Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, added that English 1150 also serves as a means to ensure that students have the appropriate skill set required to pursue the coursework and be successful. Peggy Jones, Associate Professor and Associate Director, Women's and Gender Studies, stated that these courses are a base for preparation for broad leadership skills, in business and other areas.

Dr. David Jackson, University of
Nebraska

Candice Batton, University of
Nebraska at Omaha

Peggy Jones, University of Nebraska
at Omaha

University of Nebraska New
Instructional Program – Gender and
Leadership (undergraduate
certificate) approved

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal for a New Instructional Program – Gender and Leadership

(undergraduate certificate). A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Simmons and Aspen voted no. The remaining six Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Melanie Simpson, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

*University of Nebraska – Lincoln
New Instructional Program –
Complex Biosystems (PhD)
approved*

University of Nebraska – Lincoln – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Complex Biosystems (PhD)

Dr. Fimple presented the program proposal, commenting that there is a specialization in bioinformatics at UNL, which is the closest thing to a complex biosystem program. The current specialization is not meeting the needs of students or employers. This program would provide an interdisciplinary approach within multiple life science fields, preparing students for a full range of career opportunities. Melanie Simpson, Willa Cather Professor of Biochemistry, answered Commissioner Probyn's question regarding STEM, stating biosystems is one of the most rapidly growing areas of demand and sought-after skillsets in the workforce.

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska - Lincoln's proposal for a New Instructional Program – Complex Biosystems (PhD). A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

2015-2016 Existing Program Review

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Commissioner Frison stated that for the benefit of the Commissioners, a handout of common higher education acronyms has been distributed. Dr. Fimple presented an overview of the 2015-2016 Existing Program Review, pointing out that institutions have various reasons for not meeting target thresholds. A list of accepted justifications is included in the report.

*Renaming of Program or
Department*

Report on Name Changes and Other Institutional Activities Relating to Existing Programs

Dr. Fimple noted that both centers that were dissolved were grant funded.

A. Renaming of Program or Department

1. UNO - Information Assurance program to *Cybersecurity program*
2. UNL - Department of Art and Art History to *School of Art, Art History, and Design*
3. UNK - Department of Music and Performing Arts to *Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance*
4. UNK - Department of Art and Art History to *Department of Art and Design*
5. UNO - School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation to *School of Health and Kinesiology*

Dissolved Center

B. Dissolved Center

1. UNL - Center for At Risk Children's Services
2. UNL - National Center for Information Technology in Education

Public Hearing on Budget,
Construction, and Financial Aid
Committee Items

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

There was no testimony on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid
Committee Items.

**Chair Zink closed the public hearing on Budget, Construction, and
Financial Aid Committee Items.**

Commissioner Simmons
acknowledged Commissioners and
staff on committee conference call

Wayne State College

Mike Wemhoff presented the
proposal

Dr. Jodi Kupper Nebraska State
College System

Wayne State College – Applied
Technology Center and Benthack
Hall Renovation approved

Postsecondary Education Operating
Budget Recommendations for 2016-
2017 Deficit Request

Gary Timm presented the deficit
request

Commissioner Simmons read the
committee recommendation

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Simmons acknowledged Commissioners and staff that
were in attendance for the committee conference call.

**Wayne State College – Applied Technology Center and Benthack Hall
Renovation**

Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, commented this is a two-project, two-
phase proposal. The first project is the Center for Applied Technology, a
new facility to support the Industrial Technology program. The second
piece of this proposal is the renovation of Benthack Hall, which will be
completed when industrial technology moves out of the building. The
Industrial Technology program is the only four-year program (UNL- IANR
offers a 2+2 program) in Nebraska in which students can become
certified teachers within that field. The Benthack Hall renovation would
bring the building up to code and improve the quality of space for
academic programs within the building. Mr. Wemhoff was joined by Jodi
Kupper, Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning & Partnerships, and
Steve Hotovy, Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Information Technology.
Dr. Kupper answered Commissioners questions.

**Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and
Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Wayne State College’s
proposal – Applied Technology Center and Benthack Hall
Renovation. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners
present voted yes. The motion carried.**

Chair Zink called for a break at 10:04 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:15
a.m.

**Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations for
2016-2017 Deficit Request**

Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, presented the deficit
request, noting it identifies a specific dollar amount based off not only an
effective date of the regulation, but the specific dollar threshold.

Commissioner Simmons read the committee recommendation: *The
Commission recommends funding this request on a one-time basis in the
amount of \$206,752 for 2016-17. This amount should not be included in
the base amount as the NSCS has included the annualized cost in its
2017-19 operating budget request. Additionally, if passage of H. R. 6094,
which would delay implementation of the new regulation from December*

1, 2016, until June 1, 2017, occurs, the Commission would recommend no funding for this request.

Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations for 2016-2017 Deficit Request approved

Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the *Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations for 2016-2017 Deficit Request*. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Postsecondary Education Operating and State Aid Budget Recommendations for the 2017-2019 Biennium

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Mr. Timm presented the Recommendations

Mr. Timm presented the recommendations stating that due to the time frame to complete the recommendations, the institutions and the Commissioners were given the committee draft at the same time. The institutions responded with comments and potential changes. Mr. Timm provided the Commissioners a handout with the details of the recommended changes and gave a brief overview of the institutional requests, and the Commission recommendation. Mr. Timm provided information on each section of the recommendations and answered Commissioners' questions. Several suggestions for modifications to the document were taken into consideration and will be implemented.

Postsecondary Education Operating and State Aid Budget Recommendations for the 2017-2019 Biennium approved

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the *Postsecondary Education Operating and State Aid Budget Recommendations for the 2017-2019 Biennium* with the recommended changes stated during discussion and noted by Mr. Timm. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization for the 2017-2019 Biennium for the Nebraska State College System, University of Nebraska, and Nebraska College of Agriculture

Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization for the 2017-2019 Biennium for the Nebraska State College System, University of Nebraska, and Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Mr. Wemhoff presented the Recommendations and Prioritization report

Mr. Wemhoff reviewed each of the five sections of the Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization document. The Commission places high priority on fire and life safety, completion of partially funded projects, and adequate funding of ongoing and continued upkeep of existing State-supported facilities. Ongoing routine maintenance and deferred repair are two areas that need attention for the upcoming biennium. Mr. Wemhoff answered Commissioners' questions.

Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization for the 2017-2019 Biennium for the Nebraska State College System, University of Nebraska, and Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture approved

Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the *Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization for the 2017-2019 Biennium for the Nebraska State College System, University of Nebraska, and Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture*. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2017 Commission Meeting Dates

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Dr. Baumgartner presented the proposed 2017 Commission Meeting Dates.

2017 Commission Meeting Dates approved

Chair Zink, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the 2017 Commission Meeting Dates with modifications made as needed. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Next Commission meeting is December 1, 2016

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2016, at the Apothecary Building, 5th Floor Loft, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Commissioner Probyn comments

Commissioner Frison comments

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Probyn thanked staff and fellow Commissioners for the amount of effort and work that goes into preparation for the conference calls and the reports that were presented at the meeting. Dr. Frison added her appreciation for the flexibility of the staff when it came to rescheduling the conference call due to phone system issues.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zink adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.