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# MINUTES

## COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

June 25, 2015

Chadron State College  
Scottsbluff Room, Student Center  
1000 Main Street  
Chadron, Nebraska

*Public notice of meeting*

Public notice of this meeting was given by posting notice on the Commission's website; posting notice on the State of Nebraska's online public meeting calendar; e-mailing news media; and keeping a current copy of the agenda in the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's office, listing the date, time, and location of the meeting.

### NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON JUNE 25, 2015. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.

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

COLLEEN ADAM, CHAIR

*Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.*

### CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colleen Adam called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and asked for introductions.

#### Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Dwayne Probyn
Dr. John Bernthal	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Dr. Deborah Frison	Lori Warner
Dr. Ron Hunter	W. Scott Wilson
Mary Lauritzen	Carol Zink

#### Commissioners Absent

Eric Seacrest

#### Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	Helen Pope
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Gary Timm
Jason Keese	Mike Wemhoff
J. Ritchie Morrow	

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*Dr. Randy Rhine, Chadron State  
College*

**GREETING and PRESENTATION BY CHADRON STATE COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT**

Dr. Randy Rhine, President of Chadron State College, welcomed the Commissioners and guests, remarking that at Chadron State College they have a clear focus about their primary purpose, which is teaching. Student enrollment remains steady, growing nearly 17% over the past ten years. CSC serves a vast region; 58% of students are from Nebraska, 11% from Wyoming, 8% from South Dakota, and 7% from Colorado. Over the past several years CSC has evolved to become a regional comprehensive institution, offering 60+ academic programs and distance delivery capability to over a thousand students who are not able to come to the campus.

Chadron State College has made changes over the last few years in order to remain strong and continue to provide a quality educational experience for current and future generations. Dr. Rhine stated that the college is making significant progress by reimagining and positioning itself by making structural changes that strengthen its core and taking advantage of new opportunities. Two years ago the Reta King Library was converted into a Library Learning Commons, with the traffic increasing from 14,417 visitors in 2012 to 40,988 visitors by the end of the 2014 fall semester.

Dr. Rhine stated the completion of the Range Management building and the Coffee Agricultural Pavilion is a source of pride for the college. Dr. Teresa Frink, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Applied Sciences, and Blair Brennan, Construction Project Coordinator, will be conducting a tour for the Commissioners following the meeting of these buildings along with the Chicoine Event Center/Armstrong Gymnasium.

*Minutes of April 30, 2015  
Commission meeting approved*

**MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 2015 COMMISSION MEETING**

**Commissioner Zink moved that the April 30, 2015 minutes be approved. Commissioner Probyn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Chair Adam welcomes guests*

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Adam stated that video sites have been set up to receive testimony for Northeast Community College, University of Nebraska Medical Center, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, and welcomed those present via video. She added that as we progress through the agenda, representatives from those sites are welcome to testify.

*Chair Adam discusses June 24 work  
session*

Chair Adam mentioned that a work session was held on Wednesday evening, June 24, to begin work on the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education. Revision of the plan will be a two-year project.

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*Committee Chair Simmons announces nominations for 2015-2016 Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee members*

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Simmons, chair of the Nominating committee, stated that she, along with Commissioners Probyn and Hunter, made up the nominating committee for Commission officers for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. She presented the Committee's slate of nominations for Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and two other members of the 2015-2016 Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee's slate of nominations includes Carol Zink to serve as Commission Chair, W. Scott Wilson to serve as Vice Chair, and Commissioners Colleen Adam and Dwayne Probyn to serve on the Executive Committee along with the Chair and Vice Chair.

The Nominating Committee proposed approval of Commissioner Carol Zink to serve as Commission Chair from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

*2015-2016 Commission Chair approved*

**Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve Commissioner Carol Zink to serve as Commission Chair from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

The Nominating Committee proposed approval of Commissioner W. Scott Wilson to serve as Vice Chair from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

*2015-2016 Commission Vice Chair approved*

**Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve Commissioner W. Scott Wilson to serve as Commission Vice Chair from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

The Nominating Committee proposed approval of Commissioners Colleen Adam and Dwayne Probyn to serve on the Executive Committee along with the Chair and Vice Chair from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

*2015-2016 Commission Executive Committee members approved*

**Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve Commissioners Colleen Adam and Dwayne Probyn to serve on the Executive Committee, along with the Chair and Vice Chair, from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Dr. Baumgartner introduces Jason Keese to present Legislative update*

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

Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director, introduced Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, to present a Legislative update. Mr. Keese reported that the Legislative update document presented to them has not had significant changes since the April 30, 2015 Commission meeting. He briefly went through the summary of each bill and discussed the Legislature's proposed studies.

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*Dr. Baumgartner thanked Commissioners and staff for attending work session*

Dr. Baumgartner thanked the Commissioners and staff for attending the Wednesday evening work session. He noted that he has been visiting many postsecondary campuses in the state, with a few close to Lincoln yet to visit.

*Dr. Baumgartner speaks of upcoming meetings*

Dr. Baumgartner will be attending the Education Commission of the States Forum in Denver next week, and the Executive Officers SHEEO meeting in Sante Fe, New Mexico the week of July 6.

*Dr. Baumgartner announces funding of ITQ grant*

Dr. Baumgartner was happy to report that the Improving Teacher Quality federal grant will be funded for another year. CCPE administers the grant.

*Dr. Baumgartner discusses FAFSA Completion Initiative*

FAFSA Completion Initiative software is in the developmental stage and we will have a report on its progress at the August Commission meeting.

*Dr. Baumgartner reports on the Higher Education Act*

Dr. Baumgartner discussed the Higher Education Act reauthorization at the Federal Government level. White paper summaries have been issued concerning debt and accreditation.

*Public Comment on Matters of General Concern*

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

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern

**Chair Adam closed the public hearing on Matters of General Concern.**

*Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items*

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

*David Conway, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

David Conway, Associate Dean from the College of Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, spoke via video conference in support of the Biomechanics program proposal. He stated Dr. Sara Myers, Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation was also present to answer questions the Commissioners may have about the curriculum and program.

*Dr. Joe Price, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

Dr. Joe Price, Administrative Coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, spoke briefly in support of the proposed Critical and Creative Thinking program and answered questions from the Commissioners. He explained that the program name was a result of marketing research and would also be appropriate if the program expands beyond the College of Arts and Sciences. Angelika Walker, Project Coordinator, and David Boocker, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, were also present via video in support of the proposed program.

*Dr. Hesham Ali, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

Dr. Hesham Ali, Dean, College of Information Science and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha spoke via video in support of the Executive MS in Information Technology proposal. He stated information technology is the fastest growing profession in the region, with at least

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2,500 jobs available in the next five years. He offered to answer questions from the Commissioners.

*Chair Adam requests those wanting to testify to do so at the time the program is discussed*

**Chair Adam closed the public hearing on the Academic Programs Committee items.** She asked that since there are nine programs on the agenda, and representatives present from all programs, those who would like to speak do so during the discussion of that program proposal.

*Commissioner Probyn thanks Dr. Kathleen Fimple*

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Probyn, chair of the Academic Programs committee, thanked Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer for the immeasurable amount of professional information that she provided to the committee for each proposal.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Biomechanics (BS)**

*Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple present the program*

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the program information. Dr. Fimple noted that UNO's Biomechanics program is heavy in the sciences.

*Dr. Sara Myers, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

Dr. Myers spoke on the salary ranges for graduates with a biomechanics BS degree and the six hours of engineering courses.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha Biomechanics (BS) program approved*

**Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a New Instructional Program – Biomechanics (BS). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*University of Nebraska at Omaha*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Critical and Creative Thinking (MA)**

*Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple present the program*

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the program proposal. Dr. Fimple stated the staff and committee are not questioning the need for critical and creative thinking in higher education, and the need for those skills in the workplace. The reason the need for this degree was rated on the low side is a question of the need for a master's degree in Critical and Creative Thinking.

*Dr. Joe Price, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

Dr. Price commented that in addition to the research in the documentation provided to the Commission, statistics show that Nebraska graduate students are highly receptive to online graduate study. He answered questions from the Commissioners.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha Critical and Creative Thinking (MA) program approved*

**Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a New Instructional Program – Critical and Creative Thinking (MA). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

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University of Nebraska at Omaha

Commission Probyn and Dr. Fimple present the program

Dean Hesham Ali, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Commissioner Bernthal discusses student tuition concern

Commissioner Bernthal makes a motion to amend the UNO Information Technology (Executive BS) recommendation

University of Nebraska at Omaha amended Information Technology (Executive BS) recommendation approved

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple present the program

Susan Wilhelm, UNMC

Dr. Juliann Sebastian, UNMC

### **University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Information Technology (Executive MS)**

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the program. Dr. Fimple noted that putting an “executive” in front of the Master of Science degree means that it is designed for mid-career IT executives, targeting people already in the field, and creating executives out of them. It is common for an executive degree to have a flat tuition rate. In this case the tuition covers the 12-month program, e-books and other items needed. Students will have to provide a letter of recommendation from their current employer that includes a pledge of financial support for the tuition and time to attend the program. The tuition will also fund a scholarship for a disadvantaged candidate.

Dean Ali commented that it is somewhat uncommon to have someone pay their own tuition. They are hoping by having a scholarship available this will serve the community by identifying potential students who have IT experience but are not supported by a company.

Commissioner Bernthal discussed his concern about having a student’s tuition cover another student’s scholarship. Dean Ali noted the tuition charged for this program is the lowest amount for any similar program in the country.

**Commissioner Bernthal made a motion to amend the recommendation for approval to include a review by UNO legal counsel regarding the flat rate tuition covering another student scholarship on the proposal from the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a New Instructional Program – Information Technology (Executive MS). Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

**Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the amended motion for the proposal from the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a New Instructional Program – Information Technology (Executive MS). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

### **University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Internationally Educated Nurses (Undergraduate Certificate)**

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the program, requesting those present from the program to come forward. There are two groups of students that will be in this program: those coming from another country, and those already here in the United States. Susan Wilhelm, Assistant Dean, UNMC College of Nursing in Scottsbluff, was present to support the program. The other UNMC representatives testified by video.

Dr. Juliann Sebastian, Dean, UNMC College of Nursing, spoke briefly on her support of the proposal. She stated the program of 12 semester credit hours will prepare nurses to be more familiar with the U.S. healthcare system and to hear English spoken in medical settings. This program is

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designed to help nurses educated in other countries to overcome the communication barrier. Dr. Sebastian noted they anticipate serving two pools of potential students: those who will go back to their country following completion of one of the degree programs, and those who will likely stay in Nebraska.

*Dr. Lynette Leeseberg-Stamler,  
UNMC*

Dr. Lynette Leeseberg-Stamler, Associate Dean for Academic Programs at UNMC, stated that the nursing students in this program will be placed with preceptors and will be in a dedicated education unit model. They will work with the same nurse the majority of time, boosting their confidence and building their skills. They will not interact with patients without a preceptor present.

*Dr. H. Dele Davies, UNMC*

Dr. H. Dele Davies, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at UNMC, commented on exchange programs and future collaborative opportunities for international nursing students with other universities.

*UNMC Internationally Educated  
Nurses (Undergraduate Certificate)  
Instructional program approved*

**Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska Medical Center for a New Instructional Program – Internationally Educated Nurses (Undergraduate Certificate). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

Chair Adam called for a break at 10:05 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

*Northeast Community College*

*Commissioner Probyn and Dr.  
Fimple presented the program*

**Northeast Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Precision Agriculture (AAS)**

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the program. Commissioner Probyn called on John Blaylock, Vice President of Educational Services at Northeast Community College, to discuss the proposal. NECC conducted surveys to demonstrate need and demand for this degree. Results showed the potential users of this program and provided a solid argument for the need for the proposed program in this region. Mr. Blaylock, along with Dean Corinne Morris and Associate Dean Tara Smydra of Agriculture, Math and Science, were present via video and answered questions from the Commissioners.

*John Blaylock, Tara Smydra and  
Corrine Morris, Northeast  
Community College*

**Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from Northeast Community College for a New Instructional Program – Precision Agriculture (AAS). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Northeast Community College –  
Precision Agriculture (AAS) program  
approved*

*Mid-Plains Community College*

*Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Jodi  
Tomanek, MPCC, present the  
program*

**Mid-Plains Community College - Proposal for a New Degree - Associate of Fine Arts**

Commissioner Probyn asked Dr. Jodi Tomanek, Area Vice President of Academic Affairs for Mid-Plains Community College, to speak about the proposal. Dr. Tomanek reported that this will be a new degree for Nebraska, as no other community college in the state offers an associate of fine arts degree. Elizabeth Peters, Music Instructor at MPCC,

*Elizabeth Peters, MPCC*

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discussed job and career opportunities that will open up for graduates with the fine arts degree.

*Mid-Plains Community College – Associates of Fine Arts degree approved*

**Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from Mid-Plains Community College for a New Degree – Associate of Fine Arts. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*University of Nebraska Medical Center*

**University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Nebraska Center for Substance Abuse Research**

*Jennifer Larsen, UNMC*

Jennifer Larsen, Vice Chancellor for Research from UNMC, came forward via video in support of the new center. She stated the center is focused on research of the consequences of substance abuse, in terms of neuroscience, as well as potential infectious diseases. The center would be funded by several sources, including federal funding.

*Dr. Fimple discusses the program*

Dr. Fimple added the center would fulfill a current need for research and to study addiction and substance abuse, enhanced by the opportunity for associated departments to work together. It also creates a formal structure for funding.

*University of Nebraska Medical Center – Center for Substance Abuse Research new organizational unit approved*

**Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska Medical Center for a New Organizational Unit – Nebraska Center for Substance Abuse Research. Approval of the center does not constitute approval of any new academic programs now or in the future. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*University of Nebraska Medical Center*

**University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Interprofessional, Experiential Center for Enduring Learning (I-EXCEL)**

*Commissioner Probyn presents the program*

Commissioner Probyn presented the program. He asked if someone from UNMC would like to comment on the proposal.

*Dr. H. Dele Davies, UNMC*

Dr. Davies stated the vision is to create a center to train faculty and students at all levels, from their field programs to practicing healthcare providers. By focusing on precision training, students will become competent in what they do by changing the approach to improving health care. The center will bring together all disciplines to work together in developing a curriculum where they focus on teamwork to improve the quality of care. Dr. Davies answered questions from the Commissioners.

*University of Nebraska Medical Center – Interprofessional Experiential Center for Enduring Learning (I-EXCEL) new organizational unit approved*

**Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska Medical Center for a New Organizational Unit – Interprofessional Experiential Center for Enduring Learning (I-EXCEL). Approval of the center does not constitute approval of any new academic programs now or in the future or of the program**



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**statement for capital construction. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*University of Nebraska at Omaha*

*Commissioner Probyn presents the program*

*Dr. Louis Pol, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

*University of Nebraska at Omaha – Center for Real Estate and Asset Management new organizational unit approved*

*2013-2014 Existing Program Review approved by the Executive Director*

*State Plan for Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit*

*SARA Institutional Applications Approved by the Executive Director*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Center for Real Estate and Asset Management**

Commissioner Probyn presented the program proposal. He asked if anyone from the University of Nebraska at Omaha would like to testify.

Dr. Louis Pol, Dean of the College of Business Administration at UNO, came forward via video. Establishing the Center at this time allows UNO to gather the faculty from several departments, as well as the business community, to bring value to the students in terms of meaningful internships, scholarships, and taking their skills to the community. He stated the timing, support of the business community, and resources for the center are very good.

**Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a New Organizational Unit – Center for Real Estate and Asset Management. Approval of the center does not constitute approval of any new programs now or in the future. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

**2013-2014 Existing Program Review**

Commissioner Probyn presented the Existing Program Review approved by the Executive Director. Dr. Fimple commented that any questions the Commissioners have on the Rangeland Management program may be answered during the tour.

Chadron State College  
Rangeland Management (BS)

**State Plan for Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit**

Commissioner Probyn noted that he and Dr. Fimple spent a fair amount of time discussing transition programs for military and how their credentialing will be changed and improved. Participants may take advantage of what they learned while serving, and transfer their learning experience to a university or college setting. Dr. Fimple noted that under the Lumina grant each state is required to turn in a plan to improve the completion of postsecondary credentials by military and veterans.

**SARA Institutional Applications Approved by the Executive Director**

Commissioner Probyn reported that Chadron State College has been approved to participate in SARA. Twenty-four states are now approved. The newest SARA members are Wyoming, New Mexico, Vermont and Iowa. Illinois and Michigan are likely to join in the near future.

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

Commissioner Probyn presented the report on activities related to existing programs.

*Reasonable and Moderate Extensions*

**Reasonable and Moderate Extensions**

MCC – Automotive Technology

- Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair Technician (certificate of achievement)
- Automotive Under-Vehicle Specialist (career certificate)
- Automotive Technician Assistant (career certificate)

MCC – Process Operations Technology

- Manufacturing Process Operations option (AAS)
- Manufacturing Process Operations (career certificate)

MCC – Human Services

- Human Services Transfer (AAS)

MCC – General Studies

- Entrepreneurship Generalist (certificate of achievement)
- Business Start-Up (career certificate)
- Microcomputer Electronics (career certificate)

MCC – Versatilist Information Technology

- Business Intelligence Systems (certificate of achievement)

SCC – Human Services Program

- Alcohol and Drug (certificate)

SCC – Business Administration

- General Business (certificate)

UNL – Special Education and Communication Disorders

- Sensory Disabilities (graduate certificate)

UNK – Counseling and School Psychology

- Alcohol and Drug Counseling (graduate certificate)

UNL – Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education

- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (graduate certificate)

UNO – Political Science

- Intelligence and National Security (graduate certificate)

**Program Name Changes**

*Program Name Changes*

MCC – Civil Engineering Technology – Computer-Aided Drafting and Design to *Civil Engineering Technology – Computer-Aided Design*

MCC – Chemical Dependency to *Human Services-Chemical Dependency*

MCC – Health Information Management Systems-Language Specialist II to *Health Information Management Systems-Healthcare Documentation Specialist II*

MCC – Health Information Management Systems-Medical Office Language Specialist I to *Health Information Management Systems-Medical Office Healthcare Documentation Specialist I*

MCC – Electronics Technology-Cisco Network Technician to *Information Technology-Cisco Network Technician*

MCC – Electronics Technology-Cisco Certified Network Associate to

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*Program Name Changes continued*

- Information Technology-Cisco Certified Network Associate*  
MCC – Microcomputer Office Technology-Office Applications to  
*Office Technology-Microcomputer Office Applications*  
MCC – General Information Technology to *Versatilist Information  
Technology*  
MCC – General Information Technology-Computer Programming to  
*Versatilist Information Technology-Computer Programming*  
MCC – General Information Technology-UNIX/Linux Operating Systems  
to *Versatilist Information Technology-UNIX/Linux Operating  
Systems*  
MCC – Business Management-Management Generalist to *Business  
Management-Management Specialist*  
SCC – Energy Generation Operations – Process Operations Biofuels to  
*Energy Generation Operations – Industrial Process Operations*

*Program Deletions*

**Program Deletions**

- MCC – Automotive Technology – Basic Automotive Service (certificate of  
achievement)  
MCC – Automotive Technology – Automotive Transmissions and  
Transaxles (career cert)  
MCC – Automotive Technology – Automotive Electronics (career  
certificate)  
MCC – Automotive Technology – Automotive Brakes and Suspension  
(career certificate)  
MCC – Electrical Technology – Commercial Electric (career certificate)  
MCC – Electrical Technology – Solar Electric Systems (career certificate)  
MCC – Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration – Solar Heating  
Systems (career cert)  
MCC – Process Operations Technology – Hydronic Systems (career  
certificate)  
MCC – Construction Technology – Solar Technology (career certificate)  
MCC – Construction Technology – Solar Air Systems (career certificate)  
MCC – Construction Technology – Home Energy Professional-  
Weatherization (career cert)  
MCC – Industrial and Commercial Trades – Healthy Homes (certificate of  
achievement)  
MCC – Industrial and Commercial Trades – Healthy Homes-Residential  
Energy Management (certificate of achievement)  
MCC – Industrial and Commercial Trades – Healthy Homes-Lead  
Abatement (certificate of Achievement, career certificate)  
MCC – Industrial and Commercial Trades – Soil Remediation (career  
certificate)  
MCC – Business Management – Credit Management (AAS)  
MCC – Business Management – Entrepreneurship (AAS)  
MCC – Business Management – Financial Planning and Investment  
(AAS)  
MCC – Business Management – Financial Services Management (AAS)  
MCC – Business Management – Insurance and Risk Management (AAS)  
MCC – Business Management – International Management (AAS)  
MCC – Business Management – Merchandising Management (AAS)  
MCC – Business Management – Operations and Supply (AAS)

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*Program Deletions continued*

MCC – Business Management – Organizational Development (AAS)  
MCC – Business Management – Real Estate (AAS)  
MCC – Business Management – Entrepreneurship (certificate of achievement)  
MCC – Business Management – International Business (certificate of achievement)  
MCC – Business Management – Marketing (certificate of achievement)  
MCC – Business Management – Para Financial Planner (certificate of achievement)  
MCC – Business Management – Business Management Generalist (career certificate)  
MCC – Business Management – Entrepreneurship (career certificate)  
MCC – Business Management – Operations and Supply (career certificate)  
MCC – Business Management – Organizational Development (career certificate)  
MCC – Business Management – Real Estate Entrepreneurship (career certificate)  
MCC – Art – Entrepreneurship for the Artist (certificate of achievement)  
MCC – Visual Arts - Video/Audio Communication Arts (certificate of achievement)  
MCC – Theater – Playwriting (career certificate)  
MCC – Electronics Technology – Computer Electronics (AAS)  
MCC – Electronics Technology – Cisco Networking (certificate of achievement)  
MCC – Electronics Technology – Microcomputer Repair (certificate of achievement)  
MCC – Information Technology – Embedded Systems Technology (AAS)  
SCC – Computer Information Technology – Applications/Web Programmer (AAS)  
SCC – Computer Information Technology – Network Manager (AAS)  
SCC – Computer Information Technology – PC Support Specialist (AAS)  
SCC – Energy Generation Operations – Fossil Fuels (AAS)  
SCC – Computer Programming (AAS)  
SCC – Early Childhood Education – Home Visitor/Family Advocate (certificate)  
SCC – Graphic Design/Media Arts – Graphic Communication (certificate)  
SCC – Graphic Design/Media Arts – Office Professional (certificate)  
SCC – Graphic Design/Media Arts – Computer Information Technology (certificate)

*New Focus Areas within an existing program*

**New Focus Areas within an existing program**

SCC – Criminal Justice (AAS)

- Homeland Security
- Corrections
- Community-Based Corrections and Juvenile Services

SCC – Computer Information Technology – Applications Developer (AAS)

- Integrated Platforms
- PC & Web Platforms

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- SCC – Computer Information Technology – Networking & Support (AAS)
- Computer Support
  - Network Management

Commissioner Probyn left the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

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

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

*Amendment of Title 281, Chapter 5,  
Rules and Regulations Concerning  
the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act*

*Commissioner Simmons introduces  
J. Ritchie Morrow to present the  
proposal*

**Approval of the Amendment of Title 281, Chapter 5, Rules and  
Regulations Concerning the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act**

Commissioner Simmons introduced J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, to present the Amendment of Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 5. Mr. Morrow noted the draft was presented to the Commissioners at the April Commission meeting. After approval it was taken to a public hearing in June, where no one commented for or against it. Sector representatives and others with an interest in the Nebraska Opportunity Grant were given the opportunity to review the draft. This is the final draft, and once it is approved it will be sent to the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General for their final signoff.

*Amendment of Title 281, Chapter 5,  
Rules and Regulations Concerning  
the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act  
approved*

**Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Amendment of Title 281, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations Concerning the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Probyn was absent at the time of the vote. All other Commissioners present voted yes.**

*Public Hearing on Planning and  
Consumer Information Committee  
Items*

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

There was no testimony regarding the Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

**Chair Adam closed the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Items.**

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## **PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

*University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Peer Report*

### **University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Peer Report**

Chair Adam commented that at the April Commission meeting it was voted upon to remove the amendment and thus the main motion from the table. To bring this item back for discussion and vote, a motion is needed to remove this amendment and main motion from the table.

*Commissioner Zink makes a motion  
to take the UNO Peer Report off of  
the table for discussion*

**Commissioner Zink made a motion to take the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Peer Report off of the table for further discussion. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Probyn was absent at the time of the vote. All other Commissioners present voted yes.**

*Commissioner Lauritzen discusses  
UNO Peer Report*

Commissioner Lauritzen stated the amendment was in regard to replacing what was originally a peer for UNO, Middle Tennessee State University, with Cleveland State University, with the understanding that UNO has been notified of the proposal. UNO reported no objection to exchanging the peers.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha –  
Amendment to Peer Report  
approved*

**Commissioner Bernthal made a motion to approve the amendment to the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Peer Report, by removing Middle Tennessee State University and replacing it with Cleveland State University. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Probyn was absent at the time of the vote. Commissioner Simmons voted no. All other Commissioners present voted yes.**

Commissioner Probyn returned to the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Peer Report approved*

**Chair Adam moved to approve the final peer group for the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The list includes:**

- **Eastern Michigan University**
- **Cleveland State University**
- **Northern Kentucky University**
- **The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga**
- **University of Central Oklahoma**
- **University of Colorado Colorado Springs**
- **University of Missouri – St. Louis**
- **University of North Carolina at Greensboro**
- **University of North Florida**
- **Wichita State University**

**A roll call vote was taken. All Commissioners present voted yes.**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*2015-2016 Proposed CCPE  
Operating Budget*

*Gary Timm presents the proposed  
operating budget*

### **2015-2016 Proposed CCPE Operating Budget**

Gary Timm, Chief Finance and Administration Officer, gave an overview of the Legislative process in regards to the proposed budget. The Legislature appropriates money to CCPE on a program basis. The only stipulations are

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*2015-2016 Proposed CCPE  
Operating Budget approved*

*Approval of Amended Salary  
Ranges*

*Gary Timm discusses changes to  
salary ranges*

*Amended Salary Ranges approved*

*Approval of 2015-2016 Salary of the  
Executive Director*

*Commissioners go into closed  
session to discuss the executive  
director salary*

*Closed session begins at 11:54 a.m.*

*Dr. Baumgartner leaves closed  
session at 12:05 p.m.*

*Closed session ends at 12:15 p.m.*

the maximum amount that can be spent on salaries for each program. CCPE currently has five programs. On July 1, 2015 we will begin the new Oral Health Training and Services Program.

**Chair Adam, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the 2015-2016 Proposed CCPE Operating Budget. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

#### **Approval of Amended Salary Ranges**

Chair Adam reported that the salary ranges were approved at the last Commission meeting, but have since been amended to alter the outlying parameters for the Chief Finance and Administrative Officer. Mr. Timm stated another change has been made to include a new position: Occupational Education Specialist, who will oversee the Oral Health Training and Services Program.

**Chair Adam, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the Amended Salary Ranges. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

#### **Approval of 2015-2016 Salary of the Executive Director**

**Chair Adam moved to enter into closed session as authorized by the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 84-1410, for the protection of the public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of Dr. Michael Baumgartner, who has not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of discussing the executive director's salary. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

Chair Adam requested that staff and guests leave the room. Dr. Baumgartner was asked to remain in the room to answer questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Adam stated that the Commission is going into closed session to discuss the proposed salary of the executive director recommended by the Executive Committee.

The Commission entered into closed session at 11:54 a.m.

Dr. Baumgartner left the closed session at 12:05 p.m.

The Commission ended the closed session at 12:15 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Chair Adam stated that formal action must be taken in open session on Dr. Baumgartner's salary recommendation.

Commissioner Probyn left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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*2015-2016 executive director salary approved*

**Commissioner Zink made a motion to approve a 2.25% salary increase for 2015-2016 for Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director, as proposed. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Probyn was absent at the time of the vote. All other Commissioners present voted yes.**

*Next Commission Meeting:  
August 20, 2015*

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, August 20, 2015 at The Apothecary Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Commissioner Probyn returned to the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Commissioner Hunter comments

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hunter, from Hay Springs, mentioned how nice it is to have the Commissioners and staff come to northwest Nebraska for this Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.