
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

September 8, 2016

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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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2016. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 P.M.

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

CAROL ZINK, CHAIR

Chair Zink called to the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed new Commissioner Aspen

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Carol Zink called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed new Commissioner Gwenn Aspen. She asked for Commissioners, staff, and guests present to introduce themselves.

Commissioners Present

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

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

Commission Staff Present

Miste Adamson
Dr. Michael Baumgartner
Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Jill Heese
Dr. Duncan Hsu
J. Ritchie Morrow

Helen Pope
Gary Timm
Devin Van't Hof
Jason Keese
Mike Wemhoff

FY 2017-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUESTS

*Mr. Ryan Purdy, Mid-Plains
Community College*

Nebraska Community College Association

Mr. Ryan Purdy, President of Mid-Plains Community College and Chair of CEOs for the Nebraska Community College Association, presented the 2017-2019 Nebraska Community College Association biennial budget request. The NCCA community colleges are requesting a 6 percent increase each year of the next biennium, which over the two years amounts to a \$12 million dollar increase in funding. Mr. Purdy discussed initiatives that respond to identified educational and workforce development needs in Nebraska, initiatives that increase college enrollment and promote rural economic stability, increase student retention and completion, and make postsecondary education more affordable. In addition to the initiatives, special areas of focus include applied research in the areas of technology, energy, water, and agriculture. Mr. Purdy answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Mr. Jim Grotrian, Metropolitan
Community College*

Metropolitan Community College

Mr. Jim Grotrian, Executive Vice President, Metropolitan Community College (MCC), said that MCC is requesting a 6 percent increase in state funding for the 2017-2019 biennium, amounting to approximately \$1.8 million for MCC each year. Since 2004, MCC enrollment has increased by 17 percent. He stated that any time state funds are received, the focus is on student instruction that includes classroom needs, faculty, and equipment. Any additional funds would support educational workforce development needs of Nebraska, construction, support services, and other programs. Mr. Grotrian spoke about the new advanced technology center and the anticipated partnerships. Mr. Grotrian stated that additional funds will support the Commission's initiative of increasing college enrollment. MCC continues to have robust career academies and coordinate with the four-county service area and school districts. In closing, Mr. Grotrian stated if MCC received the state funding, it would continue to provide access to education, support the local workforce, increase efficiencies, and positively affect student outcomes. He answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Dr. Hank Bounds, University of
Nebraska*

University of Nebraska

Dr. Hank Bounds, President of the University of Nebraska, presented the University of Nebraska's biennial budget request. Dr. Bounds noted the University's main focus is on student success, academic excellence, and economic competitiveness. The University is at record-breaking enrollment, which he said is exciting for the state in terms of economic development. Dr. Bounds stated the University is requesting an 8.6 percent increase over the biennium. Ninety percent of the increase will cover university faculty and staff compensation, and increases in health insurance premiums. The University is also proposing investments in three strategic areas: student success at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK); the Nebraska Applied Research Institute; and the National Strategic Research Institute. These requests will replace the Yeutter Institute funding that will expire in 2017.

Dr. Bounds continued

Dr. Bounds gave a brief overview of the three NU proposals. The UNK proposal will support services for expanding community college transfer opportunities, recruiting high school students and counselors with a special focus on Nebraska residents, and offer professional and career advising programs. The Nebraska Applied Research Institute funding will increase potential for Nebraska's economic growth in the information technology area, and open up new research opportunities for the students and faculty. The National Strategic Research Institute is associated with the University Affiliated Research Center (UARC). The University of Nebraska is one of 13 UARCs in the country and the only one that is sponsored by a combatant command. This gives it the ability to work with the Department of Defense. Dr. Bounds also noted this partnership has allowed UNMC to work with Health and Human Services and other entities within the Federal government. Dr. Bounds stated the University is always looking for ways to be efficient but also effective. He answered questions from the Commissioners.

Mr. Stan Carpenter, Nebraska State College System

Nebraska State College System

Mr. Stan Carpenter, Chancellor, Nebraska State College System, addressed the Commission via a pre-recorded video. Chancellor Carpenter presented the State College's biennial budget requests for core needs: salary, health insurance, utility rate increases, Department of Administrative Services rate changes, new building openings, and other operating increases. He addressed mandatory compliance obligations to Higher Learning Commission faculty credentialing changes at Peru State College and Wayne State College, along with the Department of Labor/Fair Labor Standards Act impact, and risk management and compliance at all of the state colleges. Chancellor Carpenter also listed strategic initiatives that focus on improving retention and graduation rates, increasing enrollment, and improving the learning environment. Chair Zink noted that since Chancellor Carpenter was not present, any questions Commissioners may have should be sent to Helen Pope, Executive Assistant, and they would be forwarded to Chancellor Carpenter.

*Minutes of July 21, 2016,
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2016, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the July 21, 2016, minutes. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Simmons abstained. The remaining nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*Chair Zink announced new
committee chairs*

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Zink introduced and congratulated the new chairs for each committee that have been designated for 2016-2017:
Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Deborah Frison
Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee – Colleen Adam
Planning and Consumer Information Committee – Mary Lauritzen

Chair Zink discussed updated rosters and sub-committees

Chair Zink noted that all Commissioners are receiving an updated committee roster, along with updated staff and Commissioner contact lists. Chair Zink noted that new Commissioner Aspen will serve on the Academic and Budget committees.

Chair Zink speaks on meeting with State Sen. Pansing Brooks

Chair Zink commented that on Tuesday, September 6, she along with Dr. Baumgartner and Jason Keese met with State Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks to discuss the background and role of the Commission and the upcoming Education Committee meeting that will be held September 20, 2016.

Chair Zink announced Tip O'Neill resignation and read resolution

Chair Zink reported that Tip O'Neill will no longer be President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska (AICUN). Chair Zink stated he was not available to attend the meeting, but noted that Mr. O'Neill has served as an advocate for the students of Nebraska and a friend of the Commission. Chair Zink read a resolution that will be presented to Mr. O'Neill.

Chair Zink requested that new Commissioner Gwenn Aspen tell the Commissioners about herself in the comments section at the end of the meeting.

Dr. Baumgartner reports on out-of-service area applications

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

1. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Humphrey High School in Humphrey, NE
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)
8/22/16 - 12/16/16
2. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Humphrey High School in Humphrey, NE
Delivered to Madison High School in Madison, NE
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)
8/22/16 - 12/16/16
3. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC
Delivered to Pender High School in Pender, NE
 - MATH 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.)
8/22/16 - 12/16/16
4. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Doniphan-Trumbull Secondary School in Doniphan, NE
Delivered to Wheeler Central High School in Bartlett, NE

*Out-of-service area applications
continued*

- MATH 1600 Calculus I (5 cr.)
8/22/16 - 12/23/16
5. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at Raymond Central High School in
Raymond, NE
 - SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)
Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
 6. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at Crete High School in Crete, NE
 - SPAN 2120 Intermediate Spanish II (3 cr.)
Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
 7. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at Lincoln East High School in Lincoln,
NE
 - GEO 1020 Introduction to Human Geography
(3 cr.)
Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
 8. Offered by Western Nebraska Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Banner County
High School in Harrisburg, NE
Delivered to Elba High School in Elba, NE
 - COMP 1010 Composition I (3 cr.)
Fall 2016
 9. Offered by Western Nebraska Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Banner County
High School in Harrisburg, NE
Delivered to Elba High School in Elba, NE
 - COMP 1550 Composition II (3 cr.)
Spring 2017
 10. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at St. Paul High
School in St. Paul, NE
Delivered to Yutan High School in Yutan, NE
 - PHYS 1410 General Physics (5 cr.)
8/22/16-12/16/16
 11. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to West Point-Beemer High School in West
Point, NE
 - ENGR 1000 Engineering Essentials (3 cr.)
8/22/16-12/15/16

*Out-of-service area applications
continued*

12. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Elwood High School in Elwood, NE
 - ENGR 1000 Engineering Essentials (3 cr.)
8/22/16-12/14/16
13. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Broken Bow High School in Broken Bow, NE
Delivered to Elwood High School in Elwood, NE
 - AGRI 1015 Animal Agriculture (3 cr.)
8/22/16-5/5/17
14. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Yutan High School in Yutan, NE
 - ACCT 1200 Introductory Accounting I (3 cr.)
8/22/16-12/14/16
15. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Arthur County High School in Arthur, NE
Delivered to Hyannis High School in Hyannis, NE
 - SPAN 1020 Beginning Spanish II (5 cr.)
8/22/16-5/5/17
16. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Broken Bow High School in Broken Bow, NE
Delivered to Pope John XXIII High School in Elgin, NE
 - AGRI 1015 Animal Agriculture (3 cr.)
8/22/16-5/5/17
17. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Winside High School in Winside, NE
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition I (3 cr.)
8/22/16-12/15/16
18. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Winside High School in Winside, NE
 - SPCH 1110 Public Speaking (3 cr.)
8/22/16-12/15/16
19. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Homer High School in Homer, NE
 - ENGR 1000 Engineering Essentials (3 cr.)
8/22/16-12/15/16

Out-of-service area applications continued

20. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Plainview High School in Plainview, NE
Delivered to Aurora High School in Aurora, NE
 - MATH 1600 Analytic Geometry & Calculus I (5 cr.)
8/17/16-5/19/17

Out-of-service area applications disapproved

Dr. Baumgartner noted the following out-of-service area requests were disapproved. Disapproval of the requests generally means the institutions worked together to decide who would offer the course.

1. Received from University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at McCook Senior High School in McCook, NE
 - ENGL 1010 Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose (3 cr.)
Fall 2016

(An alternative course will be offered by Mid-Plains Community College instead.)
2. Received from University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at McCook Senior High School in McCook, NE
 - ENGL 1020 Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama & Film (3 cr.)
Spring 2017

(An alternative course will be offered by Mid-Plains Community College instead.)
3. Received from University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at Sidney High School in Sidney, NE
 - PSYC 1010 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)
Fall 2016 & Spring 2017

(This course may be offered by Western Nebraska Community College instead.)

Dr. Baumgartner introduced new staff member Devin Van't Hof

Dr. Baumgartner welcomed and introduced CCPE's new staff member, Data Analyst Devin Van't Hof. Devin stated he is from Minnesota, and graduated from UNL with his master's degree in research methodology. He along with his wife and two children enjoy living in Lincoln.

Dr. Baumgartner reports Dr. Fimples' appointment to M-SARA

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, has been appointed by the Nebraska Commissioners on the Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) to represent Nebraska on the Midwest-SARA (M-SARA) regional steering committee. Dr. Fimple joins Mary Niemiec, the Associate VP for Distance Education and Director of University of Nebraska Online Worldwide, as the second member on the committee for Nebraska. Every MHEC state is entitled to one representative. Ms.

Niemiec is an at-large member. Nebraska is fortunate to have two on the committee.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed Metrics Advisory Committee

Dr. Baumgartner stated that the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education now includes a set of national and institutional peer metrics. The Commission has asked the public institutions to name members to a Metrics Advisory Committee. Those members will be meeting in late September or early October to get the metrics section of the report finalized.

Dr. Baumgartner noted meeting with State Sen. Pansing Brooks

In preparation for the September 20, 2016, Education Committee hearing, Chair Zink, Jason Keese, and Dr. Baumgartner met with Sen. Pansing Brooks on September 6. The hearing will focus on LR 564, an interim study of student retention, graduation, employment, and earnings; access to postsecondary education for minority students; access to and awards under the Nebraska Opportunity Grant; and regulation of postsecondary education institutions in Nebraska. After speaking with Sen. Pansing Brooks, CCPE will focus its comments at the hearing on regulation of postsecondary education institutions in Nebraska.

Dr. Baumgartner reported on upcoming Comprehensive Statewide Plan hearing

Dr. Baumgartner reported that also on September 20th CCPE staff will be presenting an overview of recent revisions to the Comprehensive Statewide Plan to the Education Committee during a special hearing. The presentation is required in statute. Chair Zink and Dr. Baumgartner will be sharing the duties of presenting the update.

Dr. Baumgartner stated he and Jason Keese have met with several State Senators

Dr. Baumgartner noted that he and Jason Keese, Public Information & Special Projects Coordinator, have been meeting with several State Senators to inform them of progress on the Community College Gap Assistance Program and other issues, and to get their input on the upcoming legislative session.

Dr. Fimple gave update on ITT Technical Institute closing

Dr. Baumgartner asked Dr. Fimple to give a brief report on the closure of ITT Technical Institute, and how its former students are being served. Dr. Fimple summarized the development of ITT's issues and struggles that ultimately ended in its closure. J. Ritchie Morrow spoke on financial aid, noting when Wright Career College closed in April 2016 in the middle of an academic term, students lost their financial aid. In the case of ITT closing at the end of their term, students have earned their credits, and if they can transfer those credits to another institution, their financial aid is not lost.

Dr. Fimple stated that ITT has said there will be someone on each campus answering calls about financial aid and obtaining transcripts. Dr. Baumgartner added that some states have measures in place to protect students when an institution closes, such as surety bonds and tuition recovery funds. CCPE staff will be working for possible legislation to address this issue in the future.

Chair Zink called for a break at 10:42 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:55 a.m.

*Public Comment on Matters of
General Concern*

*Dr. David Jackson, University of
Nebraska*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost, University of Nebraska, came forward to comment on dual credit and to ask the Commission to affirm that processes are in place for out-of-service area criteria. Dr. Jackson specifically referred the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) both considered statewide resources. When proposing to offer outside the service area, Dr. Jackson asked the Commission to assure the appropriate people at the respective institutions have been notified. He stated that on one listing on the agenda this had not taken place.

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

*Public Hearing on Academic
Programs Committee Items*

*Dr. David Jackson, University of
Nebraska*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
ITEMS**

Dr. Jackson came forward to state that when the Western Nebraska Community College Applied Agriculture Technologies certificate proposal was approved by the Academic Programs Committee, it noted no comparable programs in the service area or adjacent service areas. Dr. Jackson said that NCTA courses do not compare to the proposed program is incorrect. He commented that NCTA was not aware of this proposal. Since distribution of the agenda, NCTA has contacted Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) and discussed opportunities to collaborate and offer distance education coursework if the program moves forward.

*Jason Stratman, Western Nebraska
Community College*

Jason Stratman, Dean of Instruction and Workforce Development, Western Nebraska Community College, spoke in favor of the two WNCC program proposals on the agenda, gave background on how these proposals came about, and offered to answer questions the Commissioners may have regarding the proposed programs.

*Gail Knott, Mid-Plains Community
College*

Gail Knott, Area Director of Outreach, Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC), came forward to testify in support of the Valentine Extended Campus proposal, citing several reasons why the new facility is needed and how it will be utilized in that region. She offered to answer questions from the Commissioners.

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

*Commissioner Frison discussed
APC committee changes*

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Frison, Committee Chair, stated her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as chair of the Academic Programs Committee

and recognized past committee chair Dwayne Probyn, and welcomed new Commissioner Aspen to the committee. She acknowledged Commissioners and staff that attended the recent committee conference call.

Western Nebraska Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Western Nebraska Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Applied Agriculture Technologies (certificate)

Commissioner Frison asked Dr. Fimple to summarize the program proposal. Dr. Fimple noted that the committee did express wonder that there wasn't some agricultural offering and award like this at WNCC. The proposal contained several letters of support including one from the panhandle extension office. It is standard operating procedure to send email memos to all sector representatives regarding a new instructional program. In this case those were sent to University Provost Susan Fritz, Tom McDonnell, Tip O'Neill, and Dennis Baack. The email has the proposal and all the attachments included. Mr. Stratman answered Commissioner questions regarding staff resources, commercial driving offerings, transfer credit options, and equipment resources.

Western Nebraska Community College New Instructional Program – Applied Agriculture Technologies (certificate) approved

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Western Nebraska Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Applied Agriculture Technologies (certificate). A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Western Nebraska Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Western Nebraska Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Medical Laboratory Technician (AAS)

Dr. Fimple presented the program, noting staff and committee concern on the need for the program since Nebraska Department of Labor statistics show graduates from existing programs seem to meet the state need. On the other hand, local businesses and employers state they are desperate to hire more MLTs in the Panhandle area. Dr. Fimple stated there is a faculty member in place who meets the qualifications for the accreditor not only for phlebotomy but for MLTs. Mr. Stratman discussed the current phlebotomy program, which includes medical terminology and anatomy, and how the MLT program will be a big draw to the area.

Jason Stratman, Western Nebraska Community College

Committee Chair Frison read the committee comment

Commissioner Frison read the committee comment for the record: Department of Labor statistics do not provide strong evidence of need for medical laboratory technicians in the Panhandle. Local employers argue that there is in fact a need. Given that WNCC already has a phlebotomy faculty member and available lab space, initiating the program would cost little and could help relieve the reported shortage.

Western Nebraska Community College New Instructional Program – Medical Laboratory Technician (AAS) approved

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Western Nebraska Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Medical

Laboratory Technician (AAS). A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes.

Mid-Plains Community College

Mid-Plains Community College - Proposal for a New Center with a Long-Term Commitment – Valentine Extended Campus

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that Commission rules require any institution wanting to enter into a long-term commitment for an off-campus facility seek Commission approval. Commissioner Bernthal requested more information on the financing of the new center. Ms. Knott stated the cost of the project is \$2.8 million with a \$200,000 commitment from the Mid-Plains Board of Governors. The remaining \$2.6 million would be covered by the Cherry County \$1 million bond issue passed a year ago, along with donations from businesses, individuals, and grant funds. Ms. Knott talked about the growth and success of the extended campuses. Commissioner Frison noted the committee commented that the size of the current facility, coupled with increased student demand, warrants a new arrangement.

Gail Knott, Mid-Plains Community College

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Mid-Plain's Proposal for a New Center with a Long-Term Commitment – Valentine Extended Campus. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Mid-Plains Community College New Center with a Long-Term Commitment – Valentine Extended Campus approved

Chair Zink proposed to move ahead to the Planning and Consumer Information and Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid reports

Chair Zink requested that the Planning and Consumer Information and Budget Construction and Financial Aid reports be moved to next on the agenda to allow Commissioners to work through lunch. After the reports, the Commission will return to the Academic Programs Committee's remaining items on the agenda.

Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony on Planning and Consumer Information items.

Chair Zink closed the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

Commissioner Lauritzen acknowledged Planning committee

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, Committee Chair, acknowledged Commissioners and staff that were on the recent committee conference call. Commissioner Lauritzen commented that Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, has created a method to gather and present a large amount of information that is helpful to the Commission. The *Factual Look* report is on the CCPE website.

Jill Heese presented the 2016 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Degrees and Other Awards

2016 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Degrees and Other Awards

Ms. Heese gave a PowerPoint presentation on the *2016 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Degrees and Other Awards*. The

Factual Look continued

Factual Look and other reports such as the *Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report* fulfill the requirement in statute to report federal Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data. The *Factual Look* report is used by legislative staff, institutional researchers, and Commission staff, providing a statewide statistical analysis. Ms. Heese gave a summation of number of award completions by sector, gender, discipline, race/ethnicity, and award level. She also discussed the number of students who earned awards by age group. Ms. Heese answered Commissioner questions.

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.

Committee Chair Adam acknowledged committee members

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Adam, Committee Chair, acknowledged former committee chair Simmons and those who attended the recent committee call. Commissioner Adam also welcomed new Commissioner Aspen to the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid committee.

J. Ritchie Morrow presented the 2016 Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid Report

2016 Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid Report

J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, presented the *2016 Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid Report*, noting this report is compiled with information from Nebraska's public postsecondary institutions and their respective peers and that this report is required by statute. Tuition, state appropriations, financial aid, and other items are included in this document. He presented a PowerPoint to the Commissioners. The Governor and Appropriations Committee of the Legislature are provided the report on or before October 1 of each even-numbered year. Mr. Morrow commented that the report this year includes the new peers that were approved by the Commission in 2014 and 2015. Instead of sending out surveys asking for data, this year the report data is from IPEDS and the Federal Student Aid data base, resulting in more uniform information provided. Mr. Morrow discussed cost of attendance, student payment share, the State's investment in higher education, and State appropriations and financial aid. He also touched upon recommendations in the report in regards to affordability, State investment, and financial aid. Mr. Morrow stated the Commission encourages more funding for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant program and answered questions from the Commissioners.

2016 Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid Report approved

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the *2016 Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid Report*. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Mike Wemhoff presented the Amendments to Title 281, Chapter 9 – Rules and Regulations Concerning Capital Construction with Proposed Attorney General Corrections

Amendments to Title 281, Chapter 9 – Rules and Regulations Concerning Capital Construction with Proposed Attorney General Corrections

Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, commented that the amendments were approved by the Commission at the June 9th meeting and submitted to the Attorney General's office for review. The Attorney General responded with recommendations and suggestions. The staff worked with the AG's office and came up with several clarifications to comply with statute and legal practice. While there were revisions, the consensus between the staff and Attorney General's office was not to hold another public hearing, but to have the Commission approve the new document with revisions. Mr. Wemhoff answered questions from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bernthal commented that since the Commission previously approved the Rules and Regulations and they have since been amended, there should first be a vote for reconsideration of the amendments, and then a vote on accepting the amended document.

Motion to reconsider Amendments to Title 281, Chapter 9 – Rules and Regulations Concerning Capital Construction with Proposed Attorney General Corrections approved

Commissioner Adam made a motion for the Commission to reconsider Title 281, Chapter 9 – Rules and Regulations Concerning Capital Construction with the proposed Attorney General Corrections. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Amendments to Title 281, Chapter 9 – Rules and Regulations Concerning Capital Construction with Proposed Attorney General Corrections approved

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to amend Title 281, Chapter 9 – Rules and Regulations Concerning Capital Construction, which was previously approved, with the Proposed Attorney General Corrections. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Zink asked that the Commissioners turn their attention to the remainder of the Academic Programs Committee agenda items.

Dr. Fimple and Miste Adamson presented the Off-Campus and Distance Education Report

Off-Campus and Distance Education Report

Commissioner Frison asked Dr. Fimple to present the Off-Campus and Distance Education Report. Dr. Fimple gave a brief summary of how technology has changed the delivery of courses since the first distance education report in 1993-1994. Currently distance delivery methods can be traditional, synchronous, and asynchronous. Dr. Fimple provided a summary of each of the delivery methods and the number of course offerings by Nebraska public institutions. Institutions send their distance delivery information to the Commission staff on an Excel spreadsheet to be compiled. Miste Adamson, CCPE Administrative Assistant, who receives the spreadsheets from the institutions, presented a brief explanation of the issues with the spreadsheet method of reporting data from the 14 reporting institutions and her process of compiling the information received.

Report On Discontinued Programs, Degree Consolidation, and Department Renaming

Discontinued Program

A. Discontinued Program

1. UNL - Logistics (graduate certificate)

Degree Consolidation

B. Degree Consolidation

1. UNO - Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees in Special Education to a single Master of Science degree in the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders

Department Renaming

C. Department Renaming

1. UNMC - Division of Radiation Science Technology Education to
Department of Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences

*Next Commission meeting is
October 13, 2016*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, October 13, 2016, at the Nebraska State Capitol, Room 1113, Lincoln, Nebraska.

*New Commissioner Aspen
introduces herself*

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

New Commissioner Gwenn Aspen introduced herself, noting she lives in Omaha with her husband and two children. She works for the family business and is passionate about education. Commissioners and staff members present introduced and spoke about themselves.

Commissioner Lauritzen comments

Commissioner Lauritzen reported she recently attended the college fair in West Point, where 32 schools from across Nebraska were represented, along with some from South Dakota and Iowa. There were 320 students, mostly juniors, plus many parents in attendance. She observed that the lines were long by the veterinary medicine booth from UNL and all of the nursing schools.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zink adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.