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**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY  
EDUCATION**

October 11, 2012  
Nebraska State Capitol, Room 1113  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Public notice of time and place of regular meeting was given to Commission members, institutional representatives, news media, the Legislative Fiscal Office and the Department of Administrative Services.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON OCTOBER 11, 2012. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 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.

DR. RON HUNTER, CHAIR

*Meeting called to order at 8:33  
a.m.*

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Ron Hunter called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and asked for introductions.

**Commissioners Present**

Colleen Adam	Eric Seacrest
Clark Anderson	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Riko Bishop	W. Scott Wilson
Dr. Deborah A. Frison	John Winkleblack
Dr. Ron Hunter	Carol Zink
Mary Lauritzen	

**Commission Staff Present**

Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Dr. Barbara McCuen
Dr. Marshall Hill	Dr. Carna Pfeil
Jason Keese	Helen Pope
Kadi Lukesh	Mike Wemhoff

*Minutes of September 19, 2012  
Commission meeting approved*

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING**

**Commissioner Lauritzen moved that the September 19, 2012 minutes be approved. Commissioner Winkleblack seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Commissioner Zink abstained with all other Commissioners present voting yes.**

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*Chairman's report*

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chair Hunter thanked the Coordinating Commission staff for the tremendous amount of work that they have put into preparing the budget reports that cycle around every two years and will be presented today.

*Kadi Lukesh presents Quarterly Budget Report*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Marshall Hill called on Kadi Lukesh, Bookkeeper/Budget Coordinator & Office Manager, to present the Quarterly Budget Report. Ms. Lukesh discussed the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

*Dr. Hill announces staff change*

Dr. Hill announced a recent staff change. Katherine Green has decided not to return to the Commission after her leave of absence. She will be working with the family-owned business. A search for her replacement will begin soon. Dr. Hill noted that the source of funding for this position is 90% federal grant and 10% state funds.

*Dr. Hill discusses state authorization issue*

Dr. Hill stated that he continues to work on the state authorization issue. The Midwestern Higher Education Compact formed an advisory committee that he is part of. He will be traveling to Chicago next week to meet with that committee.

*Commissioner Frison stepped out of the meeting at 9:07 a.m. She rejoined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.*

*Jocelyn Perkins, Careers for Kids*

**COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT UPDATE**

Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance and Administration, introduced Jocelyn Perkins, Grant Coordinator for Omaha Public Schools. Ms. Perkins gave a presentation on the Careers for Kids Program. She stated that Careers for Kids is a vision that Dr. Dick Davis has for low-income, less fortunate students to change their lives one day at a time. She provided a handout on the statistics/success of the program and touched on the four components of the Careers for Kids program. They are to, 1) prepare students for academic, career and college success, 2) facilitate a variety of college preparation activities and career experiences, 3) support each student in their postsecondary goals with one-on-one and small group sessions, and 4) provide a foundation for each student to develop the skills and knowledge needed for successful employment and a living-wage career. Ms. Perkins thanked the Commission for its support of the Careers for Kids program, and answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Public Comment on Matters of General Concern*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

There was no testimony regarding Matters of General Concern.

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

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

*Ron Withem, University of  
Nebraska*

*Chris Kabourek, University of  
Nebraska*

*Dr. Pfeil presents 2013-2015  
Biennial Operating Budget  
Recommendations*

*2013-2015 Biennial Operating  
Budget Recommendation  
approved*

*Mr. Wemhoff presents the 2013-  
2015 Biennial Capital  
Construction Budget  
Recommendations and  
Prioritization*

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

Ron Withem, Director of Government Relations from the University of Nebraska Central Administration, introduced himself and noted that the staff has put together a very positive report on the budget recommendation that indicates a commitment to the funding of higher education in the state. He stated that although there may be some differences to work out with the Legislature and Appropriations Committee, the University shares and supports the Commission's concern for the recommended appropriation and improvements to the University of Nebraska and to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis.

Chris Kabourek, the University's Assistant Vice President/Director of Budget & Planning, introduced himself and spoke briefly on internal need-based student financial aid programs. He offered to answer questions from the Commissioners.

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

**BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE**

**2013-2015 Biennial Public Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations**

Commissioner Bishop introduced Dr. Pfeil to present the 2013-2015 Biennial Public Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations. Dr. Pfeil presented the report, focusing on sections that had been discussed and modified by the Budget, Construction & Financial Aid Committee. Several areas of the report generated discussion and minor revisions. Dr. Pfeil stated that after the recommendations are approved today by the Commission, any required changes will be made, and the report is due to the Governor and Appropriations Committee on October 15.

**Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the 2013-2015 Biennial Operating Budget Recommendation as amended. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Adjourned for break at 10:41 a.m. Meeting resumed at 11:02 a.m.*

**2013-2015 Biennial Public Postsecondary Education Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization**

Commissioner Bishop called on Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, to provide the 2013-2015 Biennial Public Postsecondary Education Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization report. Mr. Wemhoff presented the report, breaking it down into two areas: the "big picture", and individual modifications to the institutions' requests. In terms of the big picture, funding for capital construction in Nebraska has fared well compared to other states. The three priorities that the Commission

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stresses will be fire safety, finishing partially completed projects, and the general upkeep of the existing facilities.

*2013-2015 Biennial Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization approved*

**Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, moved to recommend approval of the proposed Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization for the 2013-2015 Biennium as modified. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**  
There was no testimony regarding Academic Programs Committee Items.

**Chair Hunter closed the Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items.**

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

*Wright Career College – Accounting (BS)*

**Application to Modify a Recurrent Authorization to Operate Wright Career College – Accounting (BS)**

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the proposed application to modify the recurrent authorization to operate for Wright Career College to include Accounting (BS).

*Dr. Fimple presents the proposal*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, presented the proposal to the Commissioners. Dr. Fimple pointed out that Nebraska state regulations require that any person who wants to sit for the CPA exam must have graduated from a regionally accredited institution. Wright Career College is not regionally accredited. Therefore, Commission staff requested the college include a statement in their catalog regarding this issue for the benefit of any student who might be considering the CPA exam in the future. WCC has provided a statement that will be included in the catalog with the accounting program description.

*Wright Career College – Accounting (BS) Recurrent Authorization to Operate approved*

**Commissioner Zink, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the modification to the recurrent authorization to operate for Wright Career College to include the BS in accounting with the following conditions, 1) approval is received from ACICS prior to the college offering the program, and 2) a statement is included in published information regarding Nebraska's requirement that CPA candidates graduate from a regionally accredited institution. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.**

*New Joint Programs, Administrative Restructuring, and Center Renaming*

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

**New Joint Programs between UNL and UNO**

1. Social Gerontology (Juris Doctorate and Master of Arts)

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*New Joint Programs,  
Administrative Restructuring, and  
Center Renaming, continued*

2. Gerontology (Juris Doctorate and Graduate Certificate)
3. Social Gerontology (Master of Legal Studies and Master of Arts)

### **Administrative Restructuring**

UNL's PhD in Child, Youth and Family Studies with a specialization in Gerontology will be counted as a degree awarded by UNO.

*Dr. Fimple discusses UNL's PhD  
in Child, Youth and Family  
Studies*

Dr. Fimple stated that UNL's PhD in Child, Youth and Family Studies is offered in Omaha and the specialization in Gerontology comes primarily from UNO, since it has a gerontology program. The degree will be awarded by UNL, but it will be counted as a degree awarded by UNO.

### **Center Renaming**

Water Center to the *Nebraska Water Center*

*Existing Program Review*

### **Information Item: Existing Program Review**

Commissioner Zink presented the Existing Program Review approved by the Executive Director and offered to answer general questions.

### **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

Architectural Studies – BSD

Architecture – MS, MArch

Interior Design – BSD

Landscape Architecture – BSD, BLA

Community and Regional Planning – MCRP

Law – JD

Legal Studies – MLS

Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law – LLM

### **Metropolitan Community College**

Legal Studies – AAS, Certificate

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

*Public Hearing on Planning and  
Consumer Information  
Committee Items*

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

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

### **Chair Hunter Closed the Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.**

*Section C (Faculty & Salaries) of  
the 2011-2012 Factual Look at  
Higher Education in Nebraska*

### **PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Lauritzen introduced Dr. Barbara McCuen, Research Coordinator, to present Section C (Faculty & Salaries) of the *2011-2012 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*.

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*Dr. McCuen presents the report*

Dr. McCuen distributed a handout to the Commissioners and provided a [PowerPoint](#) presentation on Section C, which covers faculty and salaries. Dr. McCuen stated this is the third and final report of this year's *Factual Look*, and this report reflects the numbers of full-time instructional faculty and the average salaries of full-time instructional faculty at public and independent schools.

*Next Commission Meeting:  
December 6, 2012*

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2012. The meeting will be held in The Apothecary Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 140 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln.

*Commissioner Anderson and  
Zink comments*

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioners Anderson and Zink offered meeting facility options for the 2013 Commission meetings.

*Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.