



WORK SESSION MINUTES
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Country Inn & Suites – Board Room
5353 N. 27th Street
Lincoln, NE
Wednesday, September 15, 2010
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Public notice of the time and place of the regular meeting was posted to the state's public meeting calendar and was given to Commission members, institutional representatives, news media, the Legislative Fiscal Office and the Department of Administrative Services. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was made available at the meeting and its location was announced.

Commissioners Present:

Colleen Adam
Clark Anderson
Dr. Dick C. E. Davis
Dr. Ron Hunter
Eric Seacrest
Dr. Joyce Simmons
W. Scott Wilson
John Winkleblack
Carol Zink

Commissioners Absent:

Riko Bishop
Mary Lauritzen

Commission Staff Present:

Angela Dibbert, Executive Assistant
Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer
Dr. Marshall Hill, Executive Director
Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator
Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration
Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer

1. Review of Institutions' Budget Requests – Commission Responsibilities and Procedures

Dr. Carna Pfeil explained to the Commissioners the Commission's responsibilities and procedures for the budget, which include: 1) review all budget requests; 2) analyze the information; 3) provide a rational recommendation; 4) recommendation is approved by Commissioners; and 4) recommendation goes to the Legislature and the Governor by October 15.

Mr. Mike Wemhoff described to the Commissioners the types of capital construction projects for which the institutions' are asking funding. Commission staff reviews all the projects, prioritizes them, and provides Commissioners a recommendation for each project to be forwarded to the Legislature and Governor as part of the biennial budget renew process.

2. General Discussion – Pending Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities

Dr. Marshall Hill updated the Commissioners on the Community College situation.

Dr. Hill discussed and suggested that academic programs of institutions will need to be looked at with a little more detail.

Dr. Kathleen Fimple told the Commissioners that there have been many changes in Academic Officers at the State Colleges and Community Colleges. Dr. Fimple suggested that the Commission revisit their guidelines for review of existing instructional programs. Dr. Fimple stated that she thought it would be good to explain to the institutions what a follow-up or interim report is, explain the intent of an in-depth review, and the kind of content the Commission is looking for on which to base its decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.