



MEETING MINUTES
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Kaplan University
Room 106-108
1821 K Street
Lincoln, NE
Thursday, September 16, 2010
8:30 a.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
Dr. Dick C. E. Davis
Dr. Ron Hunter
Eric Seacrest
Dr. Joyce Simmons
W. Scott Wilson
John Winkleblack
Carol Zink

Commissioners Absent:

Clark Anderson
Riko Bishop
Mary Lauritzen

Commission Staff Present:

Angela Dibbert, Executive Assistant
Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer
Katherine Green, College Access Challenge Grant Program Director
Dr. Marshall Hill, Executive Director
Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator
Dr. Barbara McCuen, Research Coordinator
Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration
Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Joyce Simmons called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. at Kaplan University, Room 106-108, in Lincoln, Nebraska on September 16. Attendance is indicated above.

II. WELCOME

Introductions

Greeting from Ms. Teresa Hutchinson, President, Kaplan University – Lincoln Campus

Ms. Teresa Hutchinson, President, Kaplan University – Lincoln Campus gave a brief welcome and answered questions from Commissioners.

III. FY 2011-13 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUESTS

A. University of Nebraska

Mr. Ron Withem, Associate Vice President for University Affairs and Director of Governmental Relations, and Mr. Chris Kabourek, Assistant Vice President for Budget and Planning, University of Nebraska. Mr. Withem and Mr. Kabourek, on behalf of President J.B. Milliken, presented the University of Nebraska's and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis' biennial budget requests.

Mr. Kabourek stated that the University's request is for the core needs, which include: 1) salaries and benefits; 2) programs of excellence; and 3) need-based financial aid.

Mr. Withem and Mr. Kabourek answered questions from Commissioners.

B. State Colleges

Mr. Stan Carpenter, Chancellor, Nebraska State College Systems, presented the State Colleges' biennial budget requests. Mr. Carpenter stated that the State College System is only requesting additional funding for its core needs: 1) health insurance; 2) utilities; 3) DAS and workman's compensation; 4) other operating increases (only in the second year of the biennium); 5) LB 1100 depreciation assessments; 6) new building openings; and 7) SAP/SIS operating costs. Mr. Carpenter answered questions from Commissioners.

C. Community Colleges

Dr. Jack Huck, President, Southeast Community College, on behalf of Mr. Dennis Baack, presented the Nebraska Community College Association's biennial budget request. Community Colleges are requesting a four percent increase for each year of the biennium. Dr. Huck answered questions from

Commissioners.

NOTE: Adjourned for break at 10:22 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:36 a.m.

IV. MINUTES

A. Action item Approve the August 5, 2010 meeting minutes

Motion Motion by Commissioner ADAM and second by Commissioner ZINK to approve the August 5, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes. Motion carried.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Updates and other reports

Chairman Simmons read a "thank you" letter that she received from a student that received an Access College Early (ACE) scholarship.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Out-of-service area authorization

1. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Central Community College in Columbus, NE, delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE:
 - *SPCH 1110, Public Speaking (3 credits) (August 23 to December 17, 2010)*
2. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Central Community College in Columbus, NE, delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE:
 - *PSYC 1810, Introduction to Psychology (3 credits) (August 23 to December 17, 2010)*
3. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Lakeview High School in Columbus, NE, delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE:
 - *ENGL 1010, English Composition (3 credits) (August 23 to December 17, 2010)*
4. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Lakeview High School in Columbus, NE, delivered to Madison High School in Madison, NE:
 - *ENGL 1010, English Composition (3 credits) (August 23 to December 17, 2010)*

5. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from East Butler High School in Brainard, NE, delivered to Wahoo High School in Wahoo, NE:
 - *MATH 1150, College Algebra (3 credits) (August 23 to December 17, 2010)*
6. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Wood River High School in Wood River, NE, delivered to Allen High School in Allen, NE:
 - *MATH 1410, Pre-Calculus (5 credits) (August 23 to December 17, 2010)*
7. Offered by Central Community College via two-way video originated from Wood River High School in Wood River, NE, delivered to Allen High School in Allen, NE:
 - *MATH 2060, Calculus (5 credits) (January 3 to May 5, 2011)*
8. Offered by Central Community College traditional delivery at Hartington Cedar Catholic High School in Hartington, NE:
 - *PHIL 2650, Introduction to Ethics (3 credits) (September 13 to December 22, 2010)*
9. Offered by Northeast Community College via two-way video originated from West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE, delivered to Superior High School in Superior, NE:
 - *ENGL 1010, English Composition I (3 credits) (August 18 to December 22, 2010)*
10. Offered by Northeast Community College via two-way video originated from West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE, delivered to Superior High School in Superior, NE:
 - *ENGL 2100, Introduction to Literature (3 credits) (January 5 to May 24, 2011)*

B. Updates and other reports

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

None.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

None.

IX. BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

A. Revenue bond and surplus fund project proposal

1. Action item Wayne State College – Pile Hall Renovation

Mr. Mike Wemhoff gave a brief overview of the Pile Hall Renovation project and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion Motion by Commissioner DAVIS on behalf of the Committee to recommend approval of the Wayne State College – Pile Hall Renovation proposal to the Legislature.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.
Motion carried.

X. PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Valerie Cisler, Chair, Department of Music and Performing Arts, and Dr. Ron Crocker, Associate Dean, University of Nebraska at Kearney, gave a brief overview of the Theatre Program and the MAEd Music Specialization. They both answered questions from Commissioners.

XI. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Dr. Kathleen Fimple explained that Commission rules call for every academic program should be reviewed every seven years. If a program falls below Commission thresholds for the number of its graduates the Commission staff investigates and may ask the institution for a follow-up report. This allows the institution the opportunity to document improvements. The Commission can request an in-depth review, which requires the institution to look at the program in a more serious way and to consider its viability. The Commission's last possible step is to discontinue the program. Dr. Kathleen Fimple explained the proposals and answered questions from Commissioners.

A. Existing Program Review – Follow-up Reports

1. Action item University of Nebraska at Kearney – Theatre Program (BA, BAE)

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the University of Nebraska at Kearney – Theatre Program (BA, BAE) with the next regular program review due June 30, 2011.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.
Motion carried.

2. Action item University of Nebraska at Kearney – MAEd Music

Specialization

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to continue the University of Nebraska at Kearney – MAEd Music Specialization proposal with the next regular program review due June 30, 2011, which will also include information on student demand.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.
Motion carried.

B. Annual Reports from Private Institutions

1. Action item Creative Center

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to accept the Creative Center annual report with the next annual report due February 1, 2011.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.
Motion carried.

2. Action item Universal College of Healing Arts

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to accept the Universal College of Healing Arts annual report with the next annual report due September 15, 2010.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.
Motion carried.

3. Action item Kaplan University-Lincoln

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to accept the Kaplan University-Lincoln annual report with the next annual report due May 31, 2011.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.
Motion carried.

4. Action item Kaplan University-Omaha

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to accept the Kaplan University-Omaha annual report with the next annual report due May 31, 2011.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Motion carried.

NOTE: Adjourned for lunch at 11:38 a.m. Meeting resumed at 11:51 a.m.

C. Action item Proposed Fee Change for Rules 1 & 2

Dr. Fimple explained the proposed fee change for Rules 1 and 2 and answered questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner Seacrest suggested that the Commission review the fee change every two years.

Motion Motion by Commissioner ZINK on behalf of the Committee to accept the fee changes for Rules 1 and 2 with a review of fees every two years.

Result A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.
Motion carried.

D. Information item Off-Campus Distance Education Report 2008-09

Dr. Fimple reported on the Off-Campus Distance Education Report 2008-09 and answered questions from Commissioners.

XII. PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

A. Presentation on Section A (Enrollment) & Section C (Faculty and Salaries) of the 2009-10 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska

Dr. Barbara McCuen presented Section A (Enrollment) & Section C (Faculty and Salaries) of the 2009-10 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska. Dr. McCuen answered questions from Commissioners.

NOTE: Commissioner Davis was excused from the meeting at this point.

XIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular Commission meeting will be October 14, 2010 and will be held at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska.

XIV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT of regular Commission meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.