
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION September 19, 2013 University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Union Cottonwood Room 37th & Fair Street Lincoln, Nebraska

Public notice of meeting

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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2013. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 P.M.

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

DR. RON HUNTER, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ron Hunter called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

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

Commission Staff Present

Benjamin Civic	Dr. Carna Pfeil
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Helen Pope
Jason Keese	James Schiltz
Kadi Lukesh	Mike Wemhoff
Dr. Barbara McCuen	

Amended agenda approved

AMENDED AGENDA

Commissioner Simmons moved to amend the agenda by adding an action item that would ratify the principles contained in Marshall Hill's July 31st, 2013 letter to Nebraska community college presidents.

Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Minutes of August 1, 2013
Commission meeting approved

MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2013 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Simmons moved that the August 1, 2013 minutes be approved. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Winkleblack and Zink abstained, with all other Commissioners present voting yes.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Chair Hunter distributes article

Chair Hunter distributed a national publication to the Commissioners that included an article on five unusual college degrees.

Resolution 09-19

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Chair Hunter read Resolution 09-19. The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education wishes to ratify the principles stated in a letter sent to the community college presidents by Marshall Hill on July 31, 2013.

Resolution 09-19 approved

Commissioner Winkleblack made a motion to approve Resolution 09-19, the ratification of principles in Dr. Marshall Hill’s July 31, 2013 letter to Nebraska community college presidents. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Dr. Pfeil speaks about out-of-service area applications

Dr. Carna Pfeil, Interim Executive Director, reported that the following out-of-service area applications have been authorized.

1. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Lynch High School in Lynch, NE
Delivered to Axtell High School in Axtell, NE
 - HIST 2010 – American History K (3 cr.)
-August 19, 2013 – December 20, 2013
2. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC in Grand Island, NE
Delivered to Madison High School in Madison, NE
 - MATH 2060 Calculus I (3 cr.)
-August 19, 2013 – December 12, 2013
3. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC in Grand Island, NE
Delivered to West Point High School in West Point, NE
 - MATH 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.)

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- August 19, 2013 – December 12, 2013
4. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Bancroft-Rosalie High School in Bancroft, NE
Delivered to Giltner High School in Giltner, NE
 - MATH 2000 Analytic Geometry & Calculus I (5 cr.)
-August 12, 2013 – May 23, 2014
 5. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Burwell High School in Burwell, NE
Delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
 - MATH 2000 Analytic Geometry & Calculus I (5 cr.)
-August 14, 2013 – May 7, 2014
 6. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Bancroft-Rosalie High School in Bancroft, NE
Delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition I (3 cr.)
-August 15, 2013 – December 20, 2013
 7. Offered by Northeast Community College
Traditional delivery at North Bend Central High School in North Bend, NE
 - NURA 1110 Nurse Aide (3 cr.)
-August 26, 2013 – May 20, 2014
 8. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Wayne High School in Wayne, NE
Delivered to Logan View High School in Hooper, NE
 - PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)
-August 15, 2013 – December 20, 2013
 9. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from West Point Beemer High in West Point, NE
Delivered to Howells Dodge High School in Howells, NE
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition I (3 cr.)
-August 15, 2013 – December 20, 2013

Dr. Pfeil introduces James Schiltz

Dr. Pfeil introduced the newest CCPE employee, Data Analyst James Schiltz. Jay spoke briefly, stating he recently graduated with a master's degree from Iowa State University. While there he was a research assistant for the Research Institute for Studies and Education, which is a department within the Education Department.

Dr. Pfeil speaks about Dr. Marshall Hill

Dr. Pfeil reported that she has been in touch with Marshall Hill. Dr. Hill informed her that with the extensive flooding in Boulder, Colorado travel is challenging but he is doing fine.

Deficit request to be made

A deficit request will be made to cover the costs associated with recruiting a new executive director. The deficit request is due October 23, and since the

Commission will not be meeting until October 31, the request will be submitted pending approval by the Commission.

First community college payment was made September 16, 2013

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, and Dr. Pfeil have been working with representatives from the community colleges. CCPE is responsible for making the community college payments, and the first of 10 equal payments was made on September 16, 2013.

Dr. Pfeil discussed Innovation Grant for Community Colleges

The Legislature provided a \$500,000 Innovation Grant for Community Colleges. A request for proposal went out with all six of the community colleges responding in a single proposal. Each community college will receive approximately one-sixth of the \$500,000. Commissioner Simmons inquired as to how the funds are distributed. Dr. Pfeil stated that Mid-Plains is the fiscal agent. CCPE will make one payment to them and they will distribute the funds. Each community college is asked to provide a report on how the funds are being used.

Dr. Pfeil reports on research coordinator position

Dr. Pfeil stated that 170 applications were received for the research coordinator position currently held by Dr. Barbara McCuen who is retiring. The pool was narrowed down to nine applicants. A project was sent to those nine and four of the nine applicants have been chosen to be interviewed next week.

TAACCCT grant money availability

The U.S. Department of Labor recently contacted Dr. Pfeil about grant money available from TAACCCT (Trade Adjustment Assistant Community College Career Training Program). TAACCCT provides community colleges and other eligible institutions of higher education with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs. There is approximately \$2.5 million available for a single institution in our state. Since no community college from Nebraska had applied, CCPE, as an oversight agency for higher education, was contacted to designate an institution by September 20th. Dr. Pfeil has contacted Jack Huck at Southeast Community College and they have agreed to be the applying institution. SCC is required to send in an application by September 23, 2013.

Drs. Barbara LaCost and Marilyn Grady CACG presentation

COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT

Dr. Barbara LaCost and Dr. Marilyn Grady provided their annual evaluation of the College Access Challenge Grant subgrantees for 2012-2013. They evaluated nine programs, and provided guidance to the Western Nebraska Rural Initiative. They made multiple visits to all of the subgrantee program sites, reviewing their objectives and goals and how they accomplish those goals and objectives. They use the quarterly reports from each program to summarize what has been done over the year. This year they have worked with CCPE staff to provide training to subgrantee staff. It was noted that the subgrantees have attempted to meet the evaluators' recommendations, goals, and objectives. Drs. LaCost and Grady were complimented on the work they do by the Commissioners and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Ben Civic, CACG Program Director

Ben Civic, CACG Program Director, noted that there are more students requesting money from ACE Plus funds than are available. At this point the program could use an additional \$25-30K.

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.

Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

UNL – Chemical Engineering (BSCH and MS)

- **University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Follow-up Report on existing instructional program: Chemical Engineering (BSCH and MS)**

UNK – Spanish (MAE)

- **University of Nebraska at Kearney – Follow-up Report on existing instructional program: Spanish (MAE)**

With no discussion on the Consent Agenda Items, Chair Hunter recommended to move forward with the vote.

Consent Agenda Items approved

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items - University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Follow-up Report on existing instructional program: Chemical Engineering (BSCH and MS), and University of Nebraska at Kearney – Follow-up Report on existing instructional program: Spanish (MAE). Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. 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

Dr. Karen Grigsby, UNMC College of Nursing

Dr. Karen Grigsby, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Programs at UNMC College of Nursing, addressed the Commissioners. She proposed that the Kaplan University Nursing – BSN proposal be delayed by a year, allowing time for the Nebraska nursing schools to work together with clinical agencies to study the impact of adding a program of the size that Kaplan proposes, and to account for any changes in the clinical environment that may result from healthcare reform.

Dr. Stacey Ocander, Metropolitan Community College

Dr. Stacey Ocander, Dean of Health and Public Services at Metropolitan Community College, spoke in opposition of Kaplan University’s Nursing – BSN proposal. She stated Metro’s program has lost students because of a lack of clinical spots. Clinical spots are a moving target based on the number of patients at a site at any given time. She also spoke about the difference in cost of attending Metro vs. Kaplan resulting in the same industry certificate. Dr. Ocander answered questions from the Commissioners.

Dr. Linda Hughes, Nebraska
Methodist College

Dr. Linda Hughes, Dean of Nursing at Nebraska Methodist College, expressed her concerns regarding Kaplan University placing an additional 125 students in clinical sites within a 100 mile radius of Omaha. She proposed that CCPE consider delaying approval of the Kaplan BSN program until a feasibility study is implemented to assess the ability of current programs to place their nursing students in adequate clinical sites after the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Judy Muyskens, Nebraska
Wesleyan University

Dr. Judy Muyskens, Provost at Nebraska Wesleyan University, testified in opposition of the Kaplan University Nursing - BSN. She noted that without the fundamental liberal arts skills of critical thinking and problem solving, Kaplan students will not be successful, and will leave with enormous student debt. She asked that if the program be accepted that the Commission ensure the protection of the student consumer, carefully monitor student success rates and amounts of student debt, clinical placements, and the quality of the faculty.

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

Commission Meeting break

Chair Hunter called for a break at 10:51 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:01 a.m.

Kaplan University – Omaha
Campus – Nursing – BSN
Presentation

**KAPLAN UNIVERSITY – OMAHA CAMPUS - NURSING - BSN
REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION PRESENTATION**

Jeremy Brunssen, Campus
President, Kaplan University –
Omaha

Jeremy Brunssen, Campus President at Kaplan University- Omaha, introduced himself and three other representatives from Kaplan University. A handout was given to the Commissioners and all Kaplan University representatives spoke during a PowerPoint presentation on the request for modification to initiate a pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the Omaha Campus of Kaplan University. He stated that Kaplan University School of Nursing tailors its program to help each individual student, many of whom are non-traditional students who have jobs, families, and a lack of support.

Dr. Helen Johnstone, Kaplan
University School of Nursing–
Omaha

Dr. Helen Johnstone, Director of Nursing at Kaplan University-Omaha, spoke on the curriculum that was put together by a national team of nurse experts. The curriculum is divided into three phases: general courses that meet state and national requirements, nursing courses required by the Nebraska Board of Nursing and recommended nationally for nursing programs, and other resources available including online courses.

Dr. Sheila Burke, Kaplan
University School of Nursing

Dr. Sheila Burke, Dean of Kaplan University School of Nursing, noted that Kaplan's nursing curriculum meets all of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education requirements. She also briefly discussed simulation education, electronic health record documentation, clinical site availability for their students, and faculty competence and expertise.

John Carreon, Kaplan University

John Carreon, Vice President of State Affairs and Associate General Counsel at Kaplan University, discussed meeting the standards of the

Antonio Moore, Sr., More Than Just a Village speaks in support of Kaplan University's nursing program

Commission Meeting lunch break

Kaplan University representatives answer Commissioner's questions

Coordinating Commission. He noted the Nebraska Board of Nursing will be the guiding force and tasked with monitoring the passage of this program.

Antonio Moore, Sr., executive director of More Than Just a Village Academy and alumnus of Kaplan University's practical nursing program, spoke briefly of his educational experience at Kaplan University and expressed his support of the Bachelor of Science Nursing program.

Chair Hunter called for lunch break at 11:45 a.m. The Commissioners met with the Nebraska Board of Regents for lunch. The meeting resumed at 1:14 pm.

Representatives from Kaplan University answered questions from the Commissioners.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zink thanked Commissioner Lauritzen for serving as chair of the committee on the APC conference call in her absence. She stated that she received a letter of support of Kaplan University's Nursing BSN program from State Senator Colby Coash, and a phone call of support from Chris Peterson, a healthcare consultant. Commissioner Wilson heard from State Senator Jim Smith echoing support of the Kaplan program. Several other Commissioners noted receiving phone calls and letters of support for the Kaplan University Bachelor of Science Nursing program.

Kaplan University-Omaha Campus – Nursing – BSN

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

Application to Modify a Previous Authorization to Operate – Kaplan University-Omaha Campus – Nursing – BSN.

Dr. Fimple commented on the proposal. The financial score is low, but is a reflection of a change in scoring procedure rather than a significant decline from the previous scores. The facilities are adequate with Kaplan pledging funds for renovation and construction that would be needed to support the BSN program. Lastly, she noted a technical correction that the Nebraska Board of Nursing had a "positive vote" on step 1 of Kaplan's application. In the Committee Draft it was stated that the Nebraska Board of Nursing "approved" step 1.

Commissioner Zink stated the Kaplan proposal will have to go to the Nebraska Board of Nursing for final approval if the Commissioners approve it. Because of the breadth and the depth of this issue, the Academic Programs Committee decided to bring it to the full Commission without a recommendation.

Kaplan University-Omaha Campus – Nursing-BSN approved

Commissioner Zink moved to approve the modification to the recurrent authorization to operate for Kaplan University – Omaha Campus to include the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, with the following condition: approval is received from the Nebraska Board of Nursing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call

vote was taken. Commissioners Simmons and Adams voted no, with all other Commissioners present voting yes.

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.

Dr. Barbara McCuen, Research
Coordinator presents Section C

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen introduced Dr. Barbara McCuen, Research Coordinator, to present information on Section C (Faculty and Salaries) of the *2012-2013 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*.

Dr. McCuen distributed handouts on Section C to the Commissioners and presented a PowerPoint overview.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ratification of Interim Executive
Director

Ratification of Interim Executive Director

Chair Hunter moved to enter into executive 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 persons who have not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of discussing the appointment of Dr. Pfeil as interim executive director. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Chair Hunter requested that staff and guests leave the room.

Closed session begins at 2:25
p.m.

The Commission entered into closed session at 2:25 p.m.

Closed session ends at 3:35
p.m.

At 3:35 p.m. a motion to end the executive session was made by Commissioner Seacrest and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Resolution 19-13 read and
approved

Chair Hunter stated that Resolution 19-13 has been rewritten and formal action must be taken in open session. Commissioner Winkleblack read Resolution 19-13, the ratification of the Executive Committee's actions as identified, whereas Dr. Marshall Hill has resigned effective August 16, 2013, to offer Dr. Carna Pfeil the position of interim executive director effective September 3, 2013, that effective immediately, Dr. Pfeil will begin the process of hiring and training a research coordinator and an associate director for finance and administration, and that from the starting date of a new executive director, Dr. Pfeil may be retained as a consultant.

Commissioner Simmons moved to accept Resolution 19-13 appointing Dr. Carna Pfeil as interim executive director. Commissioner Zink seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Next Commission Meeting:
October 31, 2013

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be held Thursday, October 31, 2013 at Lincoln Public Schools Administration Building in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dr. David Hardin, UNL
Veterinary Diagnostic Center

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Hunter stated that Dr. David Hardin, Department Head of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, will conduct a tour of the UNL Veterinary Diagnostic Center following the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.