
COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

September 19, 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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2012. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 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	Mary Lauritzen
Clark Anderson	Eric Seacrest
Riko Bishop	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Dr. Deborah A. Frison	W. Scott Wilson
Dr. Ronald Hunter	John Winkleblack

Commissioners Absent

Carol Zink

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Dr. Carna Pfeil
Dr. Marshall Hill	Helen Pope
Jason Keese	Mike Wemhoff
Ritchie Morrow	

FY 2013-15 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUESTS

University of Nebraska

Mr. J.B. Milliken, President of the University of Nebraska, presented the University of Nebraska's and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis' biennial budget requests

President Milliken stated that the University's request is for

President Milliken presents University of Nebraska biennial budget requests

core needs, which include: 1) personnel salaries and benefits; 2) need-based financial aid; and 3) Programs of Excellence. The University also will submit two capital construction projects for consideration. President Milliken answered questions from Commissioners.

Stan Carpenter presents State Colleges' biennial budget requests

State Colleges

Mr. Stan Carpenter, Chancellor, Nebraska State College System, presented the State Colleges' biennial budget requests. Mr. Carpenter stated that the State College System is requesting funding for its core needs: 1) salary and health insurance; 2) utilities; 3) DAS and workers' compensation; 4) other operating increases; 5) new building openings; 6) strategic initiatives; 7) LB 309 building renewal requests; and 8) capital construction projects. Mr. Carpenter answered questions from the Commissioners.

Dennis Baack presents community college's biennial budget requests

Community Colleges

Mr. Dennis Baack, Executive Director, Nebraska Community College Association, presented the Nebraska Community College Association's biennial budget request. Community colleges are requesting an additional funding amount of \$13.5 million dollars for the first year of the biennium, and no additional funds beyond that for the second year. Mr. Baack stated the reason they are requesting that amount up front is because the distribution of state aid in Nebraska has changed and the community colleges have had an enrollment increase of 6,000 students since the last increase in state aid. Mr. Baack answered questions from the Commissioners.

Randy Schmailzl discusses MCC biennial budget request

Mr. Randy Schmailzl, President, Metropolitan Community College, discussed the biennial budget request. The formula for distributing the amount of funding was agreed upon by the six presidents from the community colleges, board chairs, Senator Adams and then passed by the legislature. The request of \$13.5 million is built on FTEs. Metro is requesting \$2900 per FTE. On discussing enrollment, he noted that 96% of Metro students come from the four-county service area; 1-2% come from Iowa, 1% are international students, and 1% from beyond the four-county area. Also, 92-94% of the students go to work in the four-county area. Mr. Schmailzl answered questions from the Commissioners.

Minutes of July 19, 2012 Commission meeting approved

MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2012 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Adam moved that the July 19, 2012 minutes be approved. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Anderson and Simmons abstained with all other Commissioners present voting yes.

Chairperson's report

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Hunter did not have a report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Marshall Hill, Executive Director, reported that the following out-of-service area applications have been authorized:

1. Offered by Central Community College
Traditional Delivery at Adams Land & Cattle in Broken Bow, NE
 - BSAD 1920, Leading & Motivating (3 cr.)
-August 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012
2. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Columbus High School in Columbus, NE
Delivered to Madison High School in Madison, NE
 - ENGL 1010, English Composition (3 cr.)
-August 20, 2012 – December 14, 2012
3. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Columbus High School in Columbus, NE
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - ENGL 1010, English Composition (3 cr.)
-August 20, 2012 – December 14, 2012
4. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC
Delivered to West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE
 - Math 1150, College Algebra (3 cr.)
-August 20, 2012 – December 13, 2012
5. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE
Delivered to Howells-Dodge Consolidated High School in Howells, NE
 - ENGL 1010, English Composition I (3 cr.)
-August 16, 2012 – December 21, 2012
6. 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 18, 2012 – December 22, 2012
7. Offered by Northeast Community College

*Out-of-service area
authorizations continued*

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 16, 2012 – May 23, 2013

8. Offered by Northeast Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Lynch High School in Lynch, NE
Delivered to Howells-Dodge Consolidated High School in Howells, NE

- HIST 1060, World History II (3 cr.)
-August 16, 2012 – December 21, 2012

9. Offered by Central Community College
Traditional Delivery at Hartington Cedar Catholic in Hartington, NE

- PHIL 2650, Introduction to Ethics (3 cr.)
-August 20, 2012 – December 21, 2012

*Dr. Pfeil discusses biennial
budget requests timeline/process*

Dr. Hill asked Dr. Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance and Administration, to remind the Commissioners of the timeline and process now that the budget requests have been presented. Dr. Pfeil will begin working on appropriate funding level recommendations for approval at the October Commission meeting. The approved budget requests will then go to the Governor and the Appropriations Committee.

*Dr. Hill discusses online
education*

Dr. Hill briefly spoke about online education. There is a problem when an institution crosses state boundaries to offer its online programs. Dr. Hill is continuing to work on several advisory committees with the hope that by the end of this year, several initiatives can come together with a plan to make it simpler and less costly for institutions to provide online options for students.

Adjourned for break at 10:43 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:55 a.m.

*Dr. Hill notes September 28th
state planning committee
meeting*

Dr. Hill noted that there is a legislative committee that is meeting September 28th to discuss state planning. Senator Harms leads the committee and has asked the Coordinating Commission to give a presentation on education. Dr. Hill stated that the Commissioners will be provided with a copy of the presentation.

Susan Myers introduced

Dr. Hill stated that we have a new part-time staff member and requested Dr. Pfeil introduce Susan Myers. Ms. Myers has been hired to assist Dr. Pfeil with the College Access Challenge Grant, subgrantees, and ACE Plus scholarship program in Katherine Green's absence.

*Christine Denicola and Daphne
Hall, EducationQuest*

COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT UPDATE

Dr. Pfeil introduced Christine Denicola, J.D., Executive Vice-President, Grants-Outreach-Scholarships, and Daphne Hall, Vice-President, College

*EducationQuest presentation
continued*

Access and Planning Programs, from EducationQuest. Ms. Denicola thanked the Commission for the two years of funding and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the EducationQuest Foundation. EducationQuest is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1998 with a mission to improve access to higher education in Nebraska. Last year 13,000 students came to the EducationQuest offices located in Lincoln, Omaha, and Kearney, to get information on how to go to college, look for scholarships, and finance college. Through the grant, EducationQuest has been able to start working with middle schools. Its Outreach services go out to community agencies and work with clients or staff where 50 percent of their contacts are adult or non-traditional learners. Years one and two of the College Access Challenge Grant focused on low-income and minority middle school students. The grant allowed them to offer early college awareness training, eighth grade mini grants, and a handbook that all students in Nebraska receive.

Daphne Hall spoke on the Ambassador program. Seventy-nine college students from nine communities throughout the state went through a training program and became ambassadors to work with eighth through tenth grade students. They reached 2,500 students and did over 55 presentations or events. The Ambassador program has several steps. Each student is provided with a handbook with the four steps. Step one is finding an adult to guide you through the process; step two is push yourself to take courses that will prepare you academically for college; step three is find the right fit, career and college preparation; and step four is “put your hands on cash”, which is the college funding piece. The eighth grade mini grants provided 29 schools \$1000 each to take eighth grade students on a college campus visit, learn about scholarships and how to prepare for college. Ms. Hall and Ms. Denicola answered questions from the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Appointment of Dr. Eric C.
Thompson*

Appointment of Dr. Eric C. Thompson to a two-year term as the Commission’s designee to the board established by the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act

*Dr. Eric C. Thompson
appointment approved*

Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Eric C. Thompson to a two-year term as the Commission’s designee on the board established by the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

*CACG evaluators Drs. Grady
and LaCost report*

2011-2012 College Access Challenge Grant subgrantee program report from evaluators

Dr. Pfeil introduced Drs. Marilyn L. Grady and Barbara LaCost to report on their evaluation of the College Access Challenge Grant subgrantees. She noted that both are faculty members at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in the education department. Handouts were provided to the Commissioners that reflected the amount funded to each subgrantee for

CACG evaluators report
continued

2011 and also for the 2012-13 years. The evaluators not only evaluate the subgrantees, but provide them any assistance they need to accomplish their goals.

Drs. LaCost and Grady presented the *Evaluation Report for College Access Challenge Grant 2011-2012*. The report addresses three areas for each of the awards to seven organizations: program overview, stated goals and objectives, evaluator observations, and suggestions and recommendations. Commissioners asked general questions following the report.

The Commission adjourned for lunch at 12:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:45 p.m.

*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.

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

*Ron Withem, University of
Nebraska*

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE ITEMS

Ron Withem, Associate Vice-President from the University of Nebraska Central Administration stated that he along with Tim Phelps, Associate Vice Chancellor at University of Nebraska, and Becky Kohler, who is the Facilities Director for the University of Nebraska, were present today to answer any questions the Commissioners may have regarding the 18th & R Street parking garage

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

*Budget, Construction and
Financial Aid Committee*

*Mr. Wemhoff presents the
Chadron State College – West
Court Replacement – Phase 1
and various roof replacement
proposal*

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Bishop noted that the committee reviewed two revenue bond and surplus fund project proposals. She called on Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, to present the proposals. Mr. Wemhoff presented the Chadron State College – West Court Replacement – Phase 1 and various roof replacements proposal. He noted that phase 1 will replace the West Court apartment complex with suite-style student housing to be primarily used by upper-level and non-traditional students. In addition, the project would replace five roofs on revenue bond-funded facilities on campus. Ed Hoffman, Nebraska State Colleges Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Planning and Information Technology, answered Commissioners' questions.

*Chadron State College – West
Court Replacement – Phase 1
and various roof replacement
proposal approved*

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, moved to recommend approval to the Legislature of Chadron State College's proposal to issue revenue bonds to construct three suite-style student housing buildings per phase 1, demolish the west court complex, and replace roofs on five

revenue bond facilities on the Chadron State College campuses outlined in the program statement financial feasibility plan and supplemental information provided by the college. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Mr. Wemhoff presents the University of Nebraska – Lincoln 18th & ‘R’ Street Parking Garage proposal

Commissioner Bishop called on Mr. Wemhoff to present the proposal for the University of Nebraska – Lincoln 18th & ‘R’ Street Parking Garage. This six-level garage would accommodate 1270 parking spaces. The three sources of funding would come from a revenue bond issue, replacement parking funds allotted from a separate residence hall project, and parking surplus funds. Becky Kohler, Facilities Director for the University of Nebraska, answered questions from the Commissioners.

University of Nebraska – Lincoln 18th & ‘R’ Street Parking Garage proposal approved

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, moved to recommend approval to the Legislature of a revenue bond issue not to exceed \$8.7 million, and \$5.392 million in surplus funds to construct a 1270 space parking garage on the University of Nebraska - Lincoln City Campus as outlined in the program statement, financial feasibility plan and supplemental information provided by the University. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Mr. Morrow presents 2012 Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid Report

Commissioner Bishop introduced Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator to provide the *2012 Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid Report*. Mr. Morrow presented the report and answered general questions from the Commissioners.

2012 Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid Report approved

Commissioner Bishop, on behalf of the Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee, moved to recommend approval of the proposed 2012 Tuition, Fees and Financial Aid Report. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Mr. Morrow presents 2011-12 Access College Early Scholarship end-of-year Report

Mr. Morrow presented the 2011-12 Access College Early Scholarship End-of-year Report. He stated that this program is a great success. The students are extremely appreciative when receiving these funds to take college courses while still in high school. Mr. Morrow noted that for the 2011-12 year we have awarded \$787,000; for the 2012-13 year we are going to award \$880,000. We received a \$50,000 increase through the College Access Challenge Grant and another \$50,000 from the state general funds. This summer the scholarship application was made available online for students to access from the web. In the past four weeks we have received 800 online applications

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

Dr. Fimple presents the 2012-2013 Request for Proposals Improving Teacher Quality program

Commissioner Lauritzen represented the Academic Programs Committee in the absence of Commissioner Zink. She introduced Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, who presented the 2012-2013 Request for Proposals for the Improving for Teacher Quality state grant program. This is a federal program that comes out of *No Child Left Behind*, and a good part of it goes to K-12 schools. The remainder comes to the Commission for a grant competition that requires encouraging partnerships with high-need schools.

2012-2013 Request for Proposals Improving Teacher Quality program approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the 2012-2013 Request for Proposals Improving Teacher Quality state grant program. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Existing Program Review

Information Item: Existing Program Review

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

Chadron State College

Psychology – BA

Family & Consumer Sciences – BA, BSE

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Psychology – BS, BA, BSE/BAE

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Psychology – BA, BS, BJ, MA, PhD

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Psychology – BSA, BBA, BGS, BS, BA, MA, PhD

Behavioral Health – BGS

Human Resources & Training – Graduate Certificate

Industrial/Org Psychology – MS

Organizational Studies – BGS

School Psychology – MS, EDS

Wayne State College

Psychology – BA, BS

Family & Consumer Sciences – BS

Central Community College

Medical Assisting – AAS

Truck Driving – Certificate

Metropolitan Community College

Professional Health Studies: General Health – AAS

Professional Health Studies: Dental Assisting – AAS

Professional Health Studies: Medical Assisting – AAS

Professional Health Studies: EMT-Paramedic – AAS

Existing Program review
continued

Southeast Community College
Medical Assisting – Diploma
Surgical Technology – AAS
Pharmacy Technician – Diploma
Professional Truck Driver Training – Certificate

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting 1:55 p.m.

Western Nebraska Community
College – Automotive
Technology – Follow-up Report

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

**Existing Program Review: Western Nebraska Community College –
Automotive Technology – Follow up Report**

Commissioner Lauritzen noted that this is a good example of the Commission's importance and the mechanics of the review process, and Dr. Fimple's dedication to making sure no program goes unstudied. Dr. Fimple presented the proposal to Commissioners. The last action that the Commission asked for was a review of the viability of the program. WNCC is working to improve their retention rates.

Western Nebraska Community
College – Automotive
Technology – Follow-up Report
approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the Western Nebraska Community College – Automotive Technology program, with the expectation that at the next regular program review due June 30, 2015, WNCC will have improved retention, and therefore graduation rates. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
– Special Education and
Communication Disorders –
Follow – up Report

Dr. Fimple presents the proposal

**Existing Program Review: University of Nebraska - Lincoln – Special
Education and Communication Disorders - EdS – Follow up Report**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal to Commissioners. This program will come back to the Commission in three years. The hope is now that this program is offered online, the number of enrollments and graduates will increase.

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
– Special Education and
Communication Disorders –
Follow – up Report approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska – Lincoln – Special Education and Communication Disorders - EdS program. Because the program utilizes courses necessary for the completion of other graduate programs, the staff recommendation is to continue the program. A roll call vote was taken with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Reasonable and Moderate
Extensions, Program Name
Changes, and New Options to
Existing Degrees/Programs

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

**Reasonable and Moderate Extensions of Existing Instructional
Programs**

Dr. Fimple noted that periodically we receive a long list of program extensions when an institution updates their catalog, normally every two years.

*Reasonable and Moderate
Extensions, Program Name
Changes, and New Options to
Existing Degrees/Programs
continued*

UNL – Music Entrepreneurship (Graduate Certificate)
UNL – Ornamentals, Landscape and Turf (Graduate Certificate)
UNL – Floriculture and Nursery Production Management (Graduate Certificate)
UNL – Advanced Horticulture (Graduate Certificate)
CCC – Mechatronics specialization in Renewable Energy (AAS)
WNCC – AA Emphasis Area in Speech
MCC – Entrepreneurship for the Artist (Certificate)
MCC – Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) (Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Residential Energy Management (Weatherization) (Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Solar Air Systems (Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Solar Technology (Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Electronic Imaging & Media Arts: Entrepreneurship (AA, Certificate)
MCC – Electronic Imaging & Media Arts: 2D Animation (Certificate)
MCC – Electronic Imaging & Media Arts: 3D Animation (Certificate)
MCC – Electronic Imaging & Media Arts: Design for Interactive Learning (Certificate)
MCC – Electronic Imaging & Media Arts: Electronic Illustration (Certificate)
MCC – Electronic Imaging & Media Arts: Web Multimedia Production (Certificate, Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Electronic Imaging & Media Arts: Narrative Structure & Visualization (Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Solar Electric Systems (Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Solar Heating Systems (Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Urban Agriculture (Certificate)
MCC – Industrial & Commercial Trades: Lead Safe Practices (Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Computer Programming (Certificate)
MCC – Plumbing Apprenticeship: Solar Water Systems (Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Solar Hydronic Systems (Specialist Diploma)
MCC – Stationary Engineer (Specialist Diploma)

Program Name Changes

MCC – Applied Technology – Construction Management to
Applied Technology – Construction and Building Science
MCC – Horticulture certificate to
General Horticulture
MCC – Human Services degree to
Human Services-General
MCC – Spanish for Business Professionals to
Spanish for Business
MCC – Spanish for Medical Professionals to
Spanish for Healthcare

New Options to Existing Degrees/Programs of Study

MCC - Real Estate option to Business Management degree program

*Reasonable and Moderate
Extensions, Program Name
Changes, and New Options to
Existing Degrees/Programs
continued*

MCC - Certified Medical Assisting option to Professional Health Sciences degree
MCC - Bio-processing option to Process Operations Technology degree
MCC - Power Plant option to Process Operations Technology degree
MCC - Nuclear Power Plant Non-licensed Operator I option to Process Operations Technology degree

*Next Commission Meeting:
October 11, 2012*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the commission is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Nebraska State Capitol, Room 1113.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.