
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION March 12, 2015 Central Community College Student Center, Lower Level, Rooms 176-177 Columbus, 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 MARCH 12, 2015. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 P.M.

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

COLLEEN ADAM, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colleen Adam called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Eric Seacrest
Dr. John Bernthal	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Dr. Deborah Frison	Lori Warner
Dr. Ron Hunter	W. Scott Wilson
Mary Lauritzen	Carol Zink
Dwayne Probyn	

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	J. Ritchie Morrow
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Helen Pope
Jill Heese	Gary Timm
Jason Keese	Mike Wemhoff

Dr. Matt Gotschall, Central Community College

GREETING BY CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS PRESIDENT

Dr. Matt Gotschall, Campus President at Central Community College - Columbus, welcomed the Commissioners and presented them with the 2013-2014 Central Community College Annual Report. He stated the college has about 1,000 students each semester on campus, and about 1,500 off-

campus, taking a variety of programs for academic transfer and career technical education. He appreciates the Commission's support and offered to give a tour of the college's facilities after the meeting.

*Dr. Greg Smith, Central
Community College*

VOLUNTARY FRAMEWORK OF ACCOUNTABILITY (VFA)

Dr. Greg Smith, Central Community College President, reported that Nebraska community colleges have been working to implement the Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA). His PowerPoint presentation covered the need and development of the VFA, along with how it will benefit Nebraska and its institutions. The VFA measures student progress and outcomes, career and technical education, and adult education. He stated the VFA will help the colleges better assess their performance and identify areas for improvement. Dr. Smith answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Kim Ottman, Central Community
College*

REVERSE TRANSFER AND OCCUPATIONAL GRANT

Kim Ottman, Reverse Transfer Specialist at Central Community College, presented information on Central Community College's Reverse Transfer program. She shared success stories along with the challenges and plans for the future of the program. The target group is students who have completed 40 or more credit hours at the community college level, were active majors of associate of arts or associate of science academic transfer degrees, had not completed a degree from any institution, and were not currently enrolled. Contacting the students presents a challenge due to their mobility. Within the past year Central Community College has awarded 88 Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees through this program. They are hoping to develop statewide partnership transfer policies with the University and State College System.

*Minutes of January 22, 2015
Commission meeting approved*

MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2015 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Simmons moved that the January 22, 2015 minutes be approved. Commissioner Zink seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Adam did not have a report.

*Dr. Baumgartner speaks about
out-of-service area
authorizations*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

1. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Broken Bow High School in Broken Bow, NE

Delivered to Ashland-Greenwood High School in Ashland, NE; Yutan High School in Yutan, NE; Bloomfield High School in Bloomfield, NE

- AGRI 1005 Introduction to Ag and Natural Resources (3 cr.)
1/6/15 – 5/22/15

2. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Sandhills High School in Dunning, NE

Delivered to Clarkson High School in Clarkson, NE

- MATH 1200 Elements of Statistics (3 cr.)
1/5/15 – 5/22/15

Dr. Baumgartner thanks Dr. Smith and Ms. Ottman for their presentations

Dr. Baumgartner thanked Dr. Smith and Ms. Ottman for their presentations, noting this was a great opportunity to cover some statewide community college topics that also greatly involve Central Community College.

Dr. Baumgartner thanks Commissioners for attending recent meetings

Dr. Baumgartner also thanked several of the Commissioners for attending a recent meeting with him in Omaha, visiting with State Senators, and meeting with Governor Ricketts.

Jason Keese gives Legislative update

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, to update the Commissioners on current Legislative bills of interest. LB 99 was passed and approved by the Governor. It eliminates the statutory requirement that CCPE make a formal presentation of the *Progress Report*. LB 100 was passed and signed by the Governor. This bill, proposed by CCPE, clarifies how State aid is distributed to tribally controlled community colleges. Mr. Keese noted that very little formal movement has occurred since the last Commission meeting. He does expect bills to be moving out of committee and on to the floor within the next week or two.

Dr. Baumgartner gives update on recent Appropriations Committee hearings

Dr. Baumgartner gave a brief update on the questions they were asked at the recent Appropriations Committee hearing regarding the Commission's budget requests. Most questions were related to the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) program and implementation of the FAFSA Completion Initiative.

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no Public Comment on Matters of General Concern.

Chair Adam closed the Public Comment on Matters of General Concern.

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Kyle Meyer, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. Kyle Meyer, Senior Associate Dean for the School of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, came forward to support the proposal for the College of Allied Health Professions. He noted

that Dr. Jeffrey Gold, Chancellor at UNMC, will join the meeting via speaker phone during the proposal.

Chair Adam closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Probyn thanked Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, and the members of the Academic Programs Committee for their participation in the committee conference call.

Commissioner Probyn thanks fellow APC members

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Chancellor Gold joins the meeting via speaker phone

University of Nebraska Medical Center - Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – College of Allied Health Professions

Chancellor Gold joined the meeting via speaker phone. Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the program proposal, noting that the School of Allied Health Professions is the second largest unit at UNMC and that it totals nearly 190 graduates per year. The University of Nebraska at Kearney is currently building a new Health Sciences Education Building that will allow expansion of the allied health professions programs to central Nebraska. UNMC has invested in technology that will aid in distance delivery at UNK and other Nebraska locations. Dr. Meyer and Chancellor Gold answered questions from the Commissioners, noting that five of the twelve health education programs in the school will be offered on the UNK campus and at UNMC. Those include Clinical Laboratory Science (BS), Diagnostic Medical Sonography (BS and post-baccalaureate certificate), Physical Therapy (DPT), Physician Assistant (Masters in Physician Assistant Studies), and Radiography (BS).

UNMC – College of Allied Health Professions approved

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the proposal from the University of Nebraska Medical Center for a New Organizational Unit – College of Allied Health Professions. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

ITT Technical Institute

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple present the program

J. Ritchie Morrow discusses “letter of credit”

Steve Kollar and Dan Hendrickson, ITT, answer Commissioner’s questions

ITT Technical Institute - Application to Modify a Recurring Authorization to Operate - Software Development (AAS), Software Development (BS), Industrial Engineering Technology (AAS), Accounting (AAS), and Medical Assisting and Administration (AAS)

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Fimple mentioned that ITT’s financial composite score of 0.9 in January 2015 is not within the U.S. Department of Education’s acceptable rating. This was due to certain financial transactions and a change in an accounting estimate. The U.S. Department of Education has required ITT to post a letter of credit to safeguard student’s interests, which it has done. Because ITT’s financial circumstances aren’t ideal, the U.S. Department of Education has imposed heightened monitoring and the Commission staff recommends close oversight. J. Ritchie Morrow, CCPE Financial Aid Officer, spoke briefly about what a “letter of credit” is in this case. Present from ITT Technical Institute were Steve Kollar, ITT Campus Director, and Dan Hendrickson, Dean of the Institute. They introduced themselves and answered questions from the Commissioners.

ITT Technical Institute software development, BS and AAS, accounting, AAS, industrial engineering technology, AAS, medical assisting, AAS approved

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the modification to the recurrent authorization to operate for ITT Technical Institute to include BS and AAS in software development, the AAS in accounting, the AAS in industrial engineering technology, and the AAS in medical assisting, with the understanding that ITT will submit the following documentation to the Commission: Information on the U.S. Department of Education's response to ITT's request to exclude certain transactions in the calculation of the composite score as well as any other relevant communication ITT has with the Department, the December 2014 Quarterly financial report as soon as it is available, 2014 audited financial statements, and resumes of faculty hired to teach software development courses for the BS program. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Simmons and Bernthal voted no, and all other Commissioners voted yes.

Chair Adam called for a break at 11:10 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

Herzing University

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple present the proposal

Steve Carper, Herzing University

Herzing University recurrent authorization to operate under new ownership approved

Herzing University - Application for Change in Ownership of an Institution with a Recurring Authorization to Operate

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Fimple stated that Herzing University has operated as a for-profit educational institution that had a non-profit foundation associated with it. The educational institution merged into the foundation, changing the institution's status to non-profit. The foundation subsequently changed its name to Herzing University, Ltd. She noted there haven't been any changes in the institution's financial soundness and its operations. Steve Carper, President of the Omaha campus, spoke briefly about the reason for this change. Mr. Henry Herzing, the founder of the school, planned to switch over to a non-profit to ensure his legacy continues. It is the 50th anniversary of the University and an appropriate time to make the transition.

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the recurrent authorization to operate for Herzing University (dba Omaha School of Massage and Healthcare of Herzing University) under new ownership. Institution: Omaha School of Massage and Healthcare of Herzing University. Owner: Herzing University, Ltd. Level of authorization: Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at a level less than associate, and at the associate and baccalaureate levels, limited to the diploma in medical office administration; diplomas and AS degrees in therapeutic massage, chiropractic technician, personal fitness and training, and medical billing and insurance coding; the AS in information technology; and BS degrees in health information management, healthcare management, and health and wellness. Length of authorization: Five years (valid through March 15, 2020). A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

2013-2014 Existing Program
review approved by the
Executive Director

2013-2014 Existing Program Review

Commissioner Probyn presented the Existing Program Review approved by the Executive Director.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication – BS
Agriculture – MAG/MAS
Animal Science – Undergraduate Certificate, BS, MS, PhD
Integrative Biomedical Sciences – PhD
Veterinary Science – BS, MS
Veterinary Technology – BS

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Agriculture Production Systems – AAS, AS, Certificate
Veterinary Technology – AAS, Certificate

Central Community College

Agribusiness – AAS, Diploma, Certificate
Horticulture – AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Metropolitan Community College

Horticulture – AAS, Certificate

Northeast Community College

Animal Science – AAS
Agribusiness – AAS
Agriculture – AAS, AA, AS
Agronomy – AAS
Dairy Certification – Diploma
Diversified Agriculture – AAS
Horticulture/Golf Course Management - AAS
Veterinary Technology – AAS

Southeast Community College

Agriculture Business & Management Technology - AAS

SARA Institutional Applications
approved by the Executive
Director

SARA Institutional Applications Approved by the Executive Director

Commissioner Probyn reported that Clarkson College in Omaha is the latest Nebraska institution approved for participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Dr. Fimple added that nationally, there are now 20 states that have been approved to participate in SARA, and five are anticipated to come on within the next few months. She recently attended a SARA meeting, where it was decided to have a yearly meeting for the contact people from each state to address questions.

Annual Reports from Institutions
Holding Recurrent Authorizations
to Operate in Nebraska

Annual Reports from Institutions Holding Recurrent Authorizations to Operate in Nebraska

Dr. Fimple noted that under legislation passed in 2011, institutions were

required to seek a recurrent authorization by December of that year. The authorizations came to the Commission over a period of four months and required annual reports. This is a summary of the third annual reports that were submitted through January 2015. No action is needed, although this is CCPE's process of keeping up-to-date on recent activity from the reporting institutions.

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

Commissioner Probyn presented the report on activities related to existing programs.

Discontinued Program

Discontinued Program

CCC – Renewable Fuels (AAS, diploma, certificate)

Inactive Program

Inactive Program

CCC – Horticulture

Reasonable and Moderate Extension

Reasonable and Moderate Extension

NECC – Food Service and Dietary Management (certificate)

Program Name Change

Program Name Change

NECC – Administrative Assistant (AA, AAS, diploma, certificate) to
Administrative Professional

Program Degree Change

Program Degree Change

UNK – Spanish Translation and Interpretation (BA) to
Spanish Translation and Interpretation (BS)

Center Elimination

Center Elimination

UNO – Center for Research of Biomechanics in Musical Performance

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

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

There was no testimony regarding the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.

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

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

*Metropolitan Community College
– Fort Omaha Campus*

Metropolitan Community College Fort Omaha Campus – Capital Construction Project - Construction Education Center

*Commissioner Simmons and Mr.
Wemhoff present the project
proposal*

Commissioner Simmons noted that several building projects are being planned concurrently at the Fort Omaha Campus. She introduced Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, to present the project proposal. Mr. Wemhoff stated that the primary purpose of the Construction Education Center is to

*Jim Grotrian, Metropolitan
Community College*

*Metropolitan Community College
Fort Omaha Campus –
Construction Education Center
approved*

*Metropolitan Community College
– Fort Omaha Campus*

*Mr. Wemhoff presents the
project proposal*

*Jim Grotrian, Stan Horrell, and
Tom Pensabene, MCC, discuss
the proposal and answer
Commissioners questions*

*Metropolitan Community College
– Fort Omaha Campus – Center
for Advanced and Emerging
Technology approved*

*2013-2014 Nebraska
Opportunity Grant (NOG)*

*J. Ritchie Morrow presents the
report*

consolidate all of the construction trade programs into a single facility on the Fort Omaha Campus. The source of funds for the proposed project would come from 50% private donations, 35% capital improvement property tax levy funds, and 15% student facility fees. The operation and maintenance costs will come out of MCC's general operating fund. Commissioner Lauritzen inquired about access for people using the facility. Jim Grotrian, Executive Vice President of Metropolitan Community College, stated they provide bus passes for those with transportation limitations, and the college works very closely with the metro area transit system.

Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Metropolitan Community College Fort Omaha Campus Capital Construction Project – Construction Education Center. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners voting yes.

Metropolitan Community College Fort Omaha Campus – Capital Construction Project - Center for Advanced and Emerging Technology

Mr. Wemhoff presented the project proposal, noting the intent of the Center for Advanced and Emerging Technology is to focus on trade-related industry, and to enhance the community outreach and workforce development in the North Omaha community. The exhibit hall and Fab Lab will bring in start-up companies to Omaha. There will be space set aside for economic development resources, providing co-location opportunities for economic development personnel from organizations around the state. The source of funds will come from private donations (50%), capital improvement property tax levy funds (35%), and student facility fees (15%). Funds for operation and maintenance costs could potentially come from programmatic fees. Mr. Grotrian added that they do currently rent space at a reasonable fee to capture some costs. Stan Horrell, Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability, added they are working with consultants to insure safety on campus, noting they have their own police department on campus and a robust security camera surveillance system. Tom Pensabene, Executive Director of the Workforce Innovation Division and Dean of IT, spoke briefly on common areas that will be available for rent. He also discussed the success of the Fab Lab.

Commissioner Simmons, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Metropolitan Community College Fort Omaha Campus Capital Construction Project – Center for Advanced and Emerging Technology. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners voting yes.

Chair Adam called for a lunch break at 12:05 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:55 p.m.

2013-2014 Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Year-end Report

Commissioner Simmons introduced J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the *2013-2014 Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Year-end Report*. In response to a question, Ritchie went into detail on the calculation to determine the unmet need of

Pell Grant eligible students at the participating institutions. The Community Colleges have the largest population of students eligible for the NOG. Mr. Morrow answered questions from the Commissioners.

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 Adam closed the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

Commissioner Lauritzen thanks fellow Planning Committee members and staff

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen thanked the members of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee and the CCPE staff for their participation in the committee conference call.

2015 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

Jill Heese presents the report

2015 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, presented the *2015 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*, noting that despite declining fall enrollments each of the last four years, total fall enrollment at Nebraska's postsecondary institutions increased 15.2% between 2003 and 2013. College continuation rates increased from 69.0% for the graduating class of 2007-2008 to 70.8% for the class of 2012-2013. She also mentioned that college graduation rates for full-time first-time freshmen increased slightly, from 48.4% in 2002-2003 to 48.5% in 2012-2013. Ms. Heese answered questions from the Commissioners.

2015 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the *2015 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*. A roll call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Next Commission meeting April 30, 2015

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, April 30th, 2015 at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Commissioner Lauritzen comments

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lauritzen discussed her involvement as Chair of the Nebraska Foundation for Children's Vision. The goal of this group is to ensure that every child who enters school in Nebraska is visually ready to learn. A group called the Child Health Collaborative has been created by combining the Building Healthy Futures group in Omaha and the Child Dental Collaborative. The group's focus is for every student to be well fed, well rested, with all senses in good working order. Omaha Public Schools has established school health centers for underserved students. She noted this is a remarkable accomplishment to bring together these people who will

*Commissioner Probyn
comments*

affect so many children's lives. She will keep the Commission updated on the group's progress.

Commissioner Probyn reported that he recently testified as a proponent for LB 36. This bill would create a program for community colleges to offer financial assistance to low-income students who are taking non-credit courses that will lead to college credit and a degree in a high-demand occupation, such as manufacturing. Senator Kate Bolz had asked for someone involved in manufacturing to testify. Commissioner Probyn joined Dr. Tracy Kruse, Associate Vice President of Development and External Affairs at Northeast Community College, who is involved in a program that identifies stackable credentials. Dr. Baumgartner noted that the same committee that approved the Nebraska community college coalition for reverse transfer would administer the program outlined in LB 36.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.