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# WORK SESSION

## COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

June 24, 2015

Chadron State College

Scottsbluff Room, Student Center, 1000 Main St.

Chadron, Nebraska

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*Public notice of meeting*

### NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON JUNE 24, 2015. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M.

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

COLLEEN ADAM, CHAIR

*The work session was called to order at 5:30 p.m.*

### CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colleen Adam called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed Commissioners and staff.

#### Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam  
Dr. John Bernthal  
Dr. Deborah Frison  
Dr. Ron Hunter  
Mary Lauritzen

Dwayne Probyn  
Dr. Joyce Simmons  
Lori Warner  
W. Scott Wilson  
Carol Zink

#### Commissioners Absent

Eric Seacrest

#### Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner  
Helen Pope  
Dr. Kathleen Fimple  
Mike Wemhoff

J. Ritchie Morrow  
Gary Timm  
Jason Keese

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## **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS**

*Chair Adam comments*

Chair Colleen Adam called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. She welcomed Commissioners and staff. She then asked the Commission's Executive Director, Dr. Michael Baumgartner, to introduce the lone agenda item: discussion of Nebraska's *Statewide Comprehensive Plan for Postsecondary Education*, which the Commission is required by statute to revise as necessary.

*Dr. Baumgartner introduces Nebraska's Statewide Comprehensive Plan for Postsecondary Education*

## **DISCUSSION OF NEBRASKA'S STATEWIDE PLAN FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

*Dr. Baumgartner gave an overview of the Comprehensive Plan*

Dr. Baumgartner first offered an overview of the *Comprehensive Plan*, including its purpose and history. He said he believed it was an appropriate time for the Commission to thoroughly review the document and make any necessary revisions. The last time the Commission undertook an extensive review of the *Comprehensive Plan* was 2000. He pointed to examples of other states that have recently gone through a similar process, including Colorado and Massachusetts. Dr. Baumgartner asked for questions and comments from Commissioners.

*Commissioner Probyn comments*

Commissioner Probyn inquired about existing resources the Commission may draw upon for this process. He pointed specifically to the Battelle Study done for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and Nebraska Department of Labor, as well as the University of Nebraska Bureau of Business Research. Dr. Baumgartner said the Commission would be utilizing existing studies and research – “pieces of evidence” – and consulting with a wide variety of individuals, organizations and leaders, both within and outside of higher education. Commissioner Warner stated that her organization, the South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, is currently conducting a study that may prove useful to the Commission and this process. Chair Adam said the Midwest Higher Education Compact's recent study of higher education performance indicators for Nebraska also could serve as a valuable resource.

*Commissioner Warner speaks*

*Commissioners and Staff broke for dinner at 6:10 p.m.*

Chair Adam called for a break at 6:10 p.m. for Commissioners and staff to eat dinner. Adam called for the work session to resume at 6:40 p.m.

*The work session resumed at 6:40 p.m.*

Commissioners continued discussion of the *Comprehensive Plan* and what the Commission should consider moving forward with the long-term process of revising the document. Dr. Baumgartner distributed a draft outline of the process and the order in which sections of the *Comprehensive Plan* could be addressed. It was agreed that a two-year timeline would be appropriate, given the extensive research and public input that will be necessary. The Commissioners and Dr. Baumgartner also agreed to address the section on workforce needs early in the process.

*Dr. Baumgartner distributed a draft outline of the Comprehensive Plan revision process*

Commissioners agreed that it was appropriate and necessary to revise the *Comprehensive Plan* at this time. The next step will be to determine the structure for such a process. This will occur in the coming months.

*The work session adjourned at 7:25 p.m.*

Chair Adam adjourned the work session at 7:25 p.m.