
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION October 15, 2015 Nebraska Wesleyan University Lincoln, Nebraska

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Public notice of meeting

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE OF MEETING</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON OCTOBER 15, 2015. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30 P.M.</p> <p>AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. 8TH STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CAROL ZINK, CHAIR</p>
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Meeting called to order at 8:29 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Carol Zink called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Lori Warner

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	Kadi Lukesh
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Helen Pope
Jill Heese	Gary Timm
Jason Keese	Mike Wemhoff

Dr. Fred Ohles, Nebraska Wesleyan University

GREETING

Fred Ohles, President, Nebraska Wesleyan University, welcomed the Commissioners. Dr. Ohles gave a few key data points about Nebraska Wesleyan. It enrolls about 1.5 percent of undergraduate students in the state of Nebraska. They provide 7 percent of the entering medical school class at UNMC. This year NWU inaugurated *Access NWU*, which provides a full tuition covered offer of admission to students who have an ACT score of 25 or better, are Nebraska residents, and whose family cannot provide even \$1,000 toward the cost of college for one year. This includes government grants and loans. This fall they enrolled 32 students under the *Access NWU* program. NWU routinely retains 80 percent of its new students as sophomores. The four-year graduation rate for four-year degrees is the second highest in the state. In 2014-2015 Nebraska Wesleyan welcomed a first-year class that includes 15 percent minority students. The default rate on student loans is a low 1.5 percent. Thirty percent of traditional undergraduates coming directly from high school are eligible for Pell grants.

Dr. Ohles stated that he believes Nebraska will achieve its P16 goals only with the full participation of the independent universities and colleges. Nebraska Wesleyan and other schools like it produce 40 percent of the bachelor degrees earned in Nebraska. Dr. Ohles answered questions from the Commissioners.

Dr. Baumgartner speaks about the Nebraska Center for Public Affairs Research

PRESENTATION ON NEBRASKA'S POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

Dr. Baumgartner commented that he has been very impressed with the information that the Nebraska Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR) offers. The reports and graphs they produce have been helpful to the research staff at the Commission. As the Commission looks at updating the *Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education*, a big part of the first half of this document will be inspired by the information from the CPAR.

Jerry Deichert, Nebraska Center for Public Affairs Research

Chair Zink introduced Jerry Deichert, Director, Nebraska Center for Public Affairs Research. Mr. Deichert is an expert on trends and small-area data for the state of Nebraska. Along with a handout, Mr. Deichert provided a PowerPoint presentation on the major population trends in Nebraska. Major current trends in population include: Nebraska's population is becoming more concentrated in its most populous counties; the state's population is getting older and will continue to age; and the state's population is becoming more racially and ethnically diverse. Nebraska's population grew 6.7 percent between 2000 and 2010. The state's population since then has grown about 3 percent, to 1.9 million people. Mr. Deichert provided county gains and losses of population over time, data on net migration, city and town population numbers, and race and ethnic group population growth information.

Mr. Deichert's presentation continued

Mr. Deichert noted Nebraska Center for Public Affairs Research has a website that provides additional information, www.unomaha.edu/cpar/. CPAR can provide assistance to find, analyze, and understand the data an organization needs for research, administration, planning, decision making, programming, grant proposals, and reporting. He answered questions from the Commissioners.

Minutes of August 20, 2015 Commission meeting approved

MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2015 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Simmons proposed a correction to the August 20th, 2015 minutes. On page 17 it should read Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). Commissioner Lauritzen moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Frison, Hunter and Wilson abstained. The seven other Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Zink shares Wall Street Journal article

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Zink pointed out that she has shared with the Commissioners an article from the October 1, 2015 *Wall Street Journal* on titled "An Education in Sloganeering."

Chair Zink announces committee chair assignments for 2015-2016

Chair Zink announced that chairs for each committee have been designated for 2015-2016:

- Academic Programs Committee – Dwayne Probyn
- Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee – Dr. Joyce Simmons
- Planning and Consumer Information Committee – Mary Lauritzen

Chair Zink speaks about Commissioner Seacrest

Chair Zink noted that Commissioner Eric Seacrest has chosen not to seek reappointment for the Commission in 2016. Commissioner Seacrest added that this is an appropriate time in his life to step down and stated that the Commission is in good hands with the current Commissioners and staff in place. He was appointed by Governor Bob Kerrey in 1986. Chair Zink noted that the Executive Committee has approved a luncheon in Commissioner Seacrest's honor after the December Commission meeting.

Dr. Baumgartner reports on out-of-service area authorizations

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

1. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from CCC
Delivered to Deshler High School in Deshler, NE
 - MATH 1600, Calculus I (5 cr.)
8/17/15 – 12/11/15

2. Offered by Central Community College
Traditional delivery at Hartington Cedar Catholic High School in Hartington, NE
 - PHIL 2650, Introduction to Ethics (3 cr.)
8/17/15 – 12/19/15

3. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
Delivered to Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School in Sumner, NE, and Red Cloud High School in Red Cloud, NE
 - OFFT 2500, Medical Terminology (3 cr.)
8/24/15 – 5/20/16

4. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Broken Bow High School in Broken Bow, NE
Delivered to Minden High School in Minden, NE
 - AGRI 1015, Animal Agriculture (3 cr.)
8/24/15 – 5/20/16

5. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Broken Bow High School in Broken Bow, NE
Delivered to Minden High School in Minden, NE, and Axtell High School in Axtell, NE
 - AGRI 1030, Intro to Plant Science (3 cr.)
8/24/15 – 5/20/16

6. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from MPCC in McCook, NE
Delivered to Elwood High School in Elwood, NE
 - MATH 1150, College Algebra (3 cr.)
8/24/15 – 12/17/15

7. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from MPCC in McCook, NE
Delivered to Wood River Rural High School in Wood River, NE
 - MATH 1150, College Algebra (3 cr.)
8/24/15 – 12/17/15

8. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Arthur County High School in Arthur, NE
Delivered to Garden County High School in Oshkosh, NE
 - SPAN 1020, Beginning Spanish II (5 cr.)
8/20/15 – 5/20/16
9. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Southwest High School in Bartley, NE
Delivered to Hyannis High School in Hyannis, NE
 - ENGL 1010, Expository Writing I (3 cr.)
8/24/15 – 12/18/15
10. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Traditional delivery at Hyannis High School in Hyannis, NE
 - MATH 1150, College Algebra (3 cr.)
8/24/15 – 12/18/15
11. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Arthur County High School in Arthur, NE
Delivered to Hyannis High School in Hyannis, NE
 - SPAN 1020, Beginning Spanish II (5 cr.)
8/20/15 – 5/20/16
12. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from MPCC in North Platte, NE
Delivered to Arapahoe High School in Arapahoe, NE
 - ENGL 1010, Expository Writing I 93 cr.)
8/24/15 – 12/17/15
13. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Traditional delivery at Arapahoe High School in Arapahoe, NE
 - MATH 1150, College Algebra (3 cr.)
8/17/15 – 5/20/16
14. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Sandhills High School in Dunning, NE
Delivered to Creighton Community High School in Creighton, NE
 - MATH 1150, College Algebra (3 cr.)
8/24/15 – 12/18/15

15. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
Delivered to Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School in Sumner, NE, and Red Cloud High School in Red Cloud, NE
 - BIOS 1100, Basic Anatomy & Physiology (3 cr.)
8/24/15 – 5/20/16
16. Offered by Western Nebraska Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from WNCC
Delivered to Crofton High School in Crofton, NE
 - MATH 1600, Calculus I (5 cr.)
8/17/15 – 12/14/15
17. Offered by Western Nebraska Community College
Interactive two-way video originated from Banner County High School in Harrisburg, NE
Delivered to Ainsworth High School in Ainsworth, NE
 - MATH 1150, College Algebra (4 cr.)
8/20/15 – 12/19/15
18. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional delivery at Lincoln East High School in Lincoln, NE
 - Geography 1020, Introduction to Human Geography (3 cr.)
Spring 2016

Kadi Lukesh presents first quarter budget report

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Kadi Lukesh, Budget Coordinator, to present the first quarter budget report for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Ms. Lukesh gave an overview of areas with unusual expenses in benefits and operating expenses. Ms. Lukesh discussed paying the Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) dues, making a one-time payment to Accounting and Auditing Services, purchasing assessment, and the Human Resources Assessment. She noted the first quarter budget is over by four percent, but that number will decrease as we continue on in the fiscal year. Ms. Lukesh answered questions from the Commissioners.

Gary Timm presents 2015-2016 Community College State Aid Distribution report

Dr. Baumgartner called on Gary Timm, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer, to give a report of the 2015-2016 Community College State Aid Distribution. Mr. Timm provided a handout to the Commissioners illustrating the fiscal year 2015-2016 State Legislature appropriation, the net distribution of the Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant, and the amount to be distributed as State aid to the community colleges.

Mr. Timm reports on Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Educational Grant program

Mr. Timm reported on the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant program. \$500,000 is appropriated for this grant. The grant is administered by the Commission

Mr. Timm's report continued

but is set up under a committee structure with the committee members being from the community colleges, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Economic Development. The community colleges are divided into three categories: the largest two, the middle two, and the smallest two. Every two years each one of those groups gets its turn at being represented. The current members of the committee are Dr. Deb Brennan, Executive Vice President of Central Community College; Dr. Dennis Headrick, Vice President of Instruction at Southeast Community College; Jason Stratman, Dean of Workforce Development at Western Nebraska Community College; Dan Curran, Director of Business Development, Nebraska Department of Economic Development; Donna Hoffman, School Counseling Specialist from the Nebraska Department of Education; and Joan Modrell from the Nebraska Department of Labor. Gary Timm is also a voting member of the committee and serves as its chair. This committee will also review applications for the new Community College Gap Assistance Program that CCPE administers. In reply to Commissioner questions, Mr. Timm indicated that these organizations are identified in statute as appointing agencies.

Dr. Baumgartner reports on Education Committee hearing

Dr. Baumgartner reported that he testified at the Education Committee hearing on affordability on Sept. 10.

Dr. Baumgartner discusses meeting with Sen. Sue Crawford

Dr. Baumgartner was among a group that recently met with State Sen. Sue Crawford. Sen. Crawford sponsored LR 223 to examine barriers to adult learners continuing their education after completing ABE, and meeting workforce shortages with adult students. The group will continue to meet periodically.

Dr. Baumgartner comments on recent meeting with community college presidents

Dr. Baumgartner, along with Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, was invited to Northeast Community College for a meeting of community college presidents, NECC staff, and Dr. Barbara Gellman-Danley, president of the Higher Learning Commission. Discussion included the accreditation landscape and dual credit instructor credentials. Dr. Baumgartner stated that Dr. Gellman-Danley will also be at the upcoming Midwest Higher Education Compact meeting November 16-17, which Chair Zink and Dr. Baumgartner plan to attend.

Community College Gap Assistance program

The Community College Gap Assistance program starts in July 2016 and is moving forward. The program will pay for low-income community college students to take non-credit courses that could lead to certification and a degree in a "high-demand" field. Instructions have been sent to the community colleges to identify those courses. Dr. Fimple and Dr. Baumgartner recently attended a Nebraska Community College Association meeting in Scottsbluff to discuss the program.

Dr. Baumgartner discusses Oral Health Training and Services Fund

A memo on matching requirements was sent to Creighton University and UNMC dental schools in September regarding the Oral Health Training and Services Fund, as they are the only institutions presently eligible. The purpose of the memo was to provide prospective applicants to the Oral Health Training and Services Fund additional information on the match component of a proposal. The Coordinating Commission has been

Dr. Baumgartner's report continued

charged with administering the fund to contract for reduced-fee and charitable oral health services, oral health workforce development, and oral health services using telehealth pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute § 85-1414.01(3). The Commission recently had the opportunity to confer with Leslie Donley, an assistant state attorney general, on matching requirements, and the memorandum sent was a result of that conversation.

Dr. Baumgartner reports on Mr. Morrow's annual grant audits and meeting in Washing D.C.

Dr. Baumgartner noted that J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, is currently conducting his annual grant audits. Next week Mr. Morrow will be in Washington, D.C., for the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs and on Wednesday, Oct. 21, he will attend a meeting at the White House to discuss the FAFSA completion initiative.

Public Comment on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

Chair Zink closed the public comment on Matters of General Concern.

Chair Zink called for a break at 10:12 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

Chair Zink called for the BCF committee ahead of the APC committee for the convenience of guests present

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

Public Hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee items

Stan Carpenter, Chancellor at Nebraska State College System, came forward to discuss the Coordinating Commission's consideration of the deficit appropriation request. He offered to answer questions from the Commissioners.

Stan Carpenter, Nebraska State College System

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

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Chair Simmons acknowledged Commissioners currently serving on the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee.

Gary Timm presents the Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations for 2015-2016

Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendation - 2015-2017 Deficit Request

Commissioner Simmons introduced Gary Timm to present the Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendation 2015-2017 Deficit Request. Mr. Timm noted it is not the Nebraska Department of Labor, but the U.S. Department of Labor that was directed to update the regulations defining which white-collar workers are protected by the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime standards. The Nebraska State College System has met the Sept 23rd deadline making a request for an annual estimation of \$590,124. Mr. Carpenter noted that the state college positions affected by this rule would include those who

Carolyn Murphy, Nebraska State College System

Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations for 2015-2017 approved

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee items

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

Dr. Kris Swain, University of Nebraska at Omaha

work in academic advising, counseling, information technology, and athletic training, as well as supervisors in areas such as custodial, maintenance, and security. Carolyn Murphy, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at the Nebraska State College System, briefly discussed current compensation time, overtime, and time-and-a-half and salary increases in response to Commissioner's questions.

Commissioner Simmons, on Behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendation - 2015-2017 Deficit Request, on the condition the final U.S. Department of Labor rule is approved. If the final updated salary threshold or the effective date is significantly different, the amount requested should be adjusted accordingly. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Simmons, Wilson and Probyn voted no. All other Commissioners present voted yes. With seven yes and three no votes, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. David Jackson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Nebraska, came forward and was available to answer questions regarding the University's program proposals.

Dr. Kris Swain, Chair of Special Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, commented that she is present to answer any questions the Commissioners may have on the Early Childhood Inclusive program proposal.

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

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Chair Probyn acknowledged Commissioners currently serving on the Academic Programs Committee.

University of Nebraska at Omaha - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Early Childhood Inclusive Education (BSE)

Dr. Fimple presented the program proposal, noting the proposed degree is designed to focus on children from birth to grade 3 with and without disabilities, and cover linguistic and diverse cultural groups. This program would partner with the Buffett Early Childhood Institute. Graduates from this program would be prepared to work in a variety of settings. Dr. Deborah Smith-Howell, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Dr. Swain answered questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Early

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dr. Fimple presented the program

Dr. Deborah Smith-Howell and Dr. Swain speak about the program

University of Nebraska at Omaha Early Childhood Inclusive Education (BSE) new instructional program approved

Childhood Inclusive Education (BSE). A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the report

University of Nebraska at Kearney – Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Music (MAE)

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the report. Dr. Fimple stated that placing the program online was intended to increase enrollments and graduates. The average number of graduates has increased, more than doubling in three years. The six graduates in 2012-2013 alone exceed the Commission threshold, However, UNK reported only two graduates to IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) in 2013-2014, the year they expected to see a significant increase. If this increase materializes, it will be apparent in the program review submitted in 2018.

*University of Nebraska at Kearney
Follow-up Report on existing Instructional Program – Music (MAE) approved*

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Music (MAE). A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Mid-Plains Community College

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the report

Mid-Plains Community College - Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Dental Assisting (diploma, AAS)

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the report, with Dr. Fimple noting an improvement in the number of graduates.

Mid-Plains Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Dental Assisting (diploma, AAS) approved

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Mid-Plains Community College’s Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Dental Assisting (diploma, AAS), pending resolution of the reporting requirements of the accrediting body. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Mid-Plains Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the report

Mid-Plains Community College - Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Early Childhood Education (certificate, diploma, AAS)

Dr. Fimple reported this is a program that has struggled, but the Commission recommended that MPCC consider adding a certificate program. It did accomplish that and the certificate program is one of the factors in the increased number of graduates. MPCC did not show many associate degrees, but the program is producing students who are going into an academic transfer associate's degree program.

Mid-Plains Community College Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Early Childhood Education (certificate, diploma, AAS) approved

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Mid-Plains Community College’s Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Early Childhood Education (certificate, diploma, AAS). A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Mid-Plains Community College

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the report

Mid-Plains Community College Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Fire Science Technology (diploma, AAS) approved

Existing Program Review

Mid-Plains Community College - Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Fire Science Technology (diploma, AAS)

Commissioner Probyn and Dr. Fimple presented the report. This program has gone through many changes, including a new program director. The new program director has promoted more hands-on courses and community service courses, including holding "fire school" for firefighters, emergency responders, and rescue personnel. He has also redesigned the curriculum.

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Mid-Plains Community College's Follow-up Report on Existing Instructional Program – Fire Science Technology (diploma, AAS). A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Existing Program Review

Commissioner Probyn presented the Existing Program Review approved by the Executive Director. Dr. Fimple noted a *Justification if under threshold* column has been added to the document along with a justification key to help the institutions and Commissioners obtain more information for low-producing programs. This may eliminate a large number of follow-up reports.

Chadron State College

Curriculum & Instruction – MEd

Elementary & Early Childhood Education – BSE

Peru State College

Curriculum & Instruction – MSE

Early Childhood Education – BA/BS

Elementary Education – BA/BS

Middle Grades Education – BA/BS

Special Education – BA/BS

Educational Studies – BA/BS

Wayne State College

Curriculum & Instruction – MSE

Early Childhood Education – BA, BS

Elementary Education – BA, BS

Middle Grades Education – BA, BS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Business Education – BAE

Curriculum & Instruction – MAE

Elementary Education – BAE/BSE, MAE

Science & Science/Math Teaching – MSE

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Educational Studies – EdD, PhD

Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education – MA, MED, MST

Early Literacy – Graduate Certificate

K-3 Mathematics Specialist – Graduate Certificate

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Bioinformatics – BSBI

Elementary Education – BSED, MS

Instruction in Urban Schools – Graduate Certificate

Literacy – MS

Secondary Education – BSED, MA, MS

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Physical Therapy – DPT

Dental Hygiene – BS

Dentistry – DDS

Pharmacy – PharmD

Pharmaceutical Sciences – MS, PhD

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Agribusiness Management Systems – certificate, AAS, AS

Metropolitan Community College

Process Operations Technology – certificate, AAS

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Applications and Renewals Approved by the Executive Director

SARA Institutional Applications and Renewals Approved by the Executive Director

Dr. Fimple gave a brief update on Nebraska institutions approved for participation in SARA and those who have completed the annual required renewal.

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

A. Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. MPCC – Information Technology-Customer Service/Help Desk (certificate)
2. UNL – Behavior Specialist (graduate certificate)
3. UNO & UNMC – Dual Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Business Administration

B. Discontinued Program

Discontinued Program

1. UNL – Speech Language Pathology and Audiology in the College of Arts and Sciences (major remains in the College of Education and Human Sciences)

Multistate Collaborative on Military Credit (MCMC) Update

Multistate Collaborative on Military Credit update

Dr. Fimple reported that on November 19 a meeting will be held at College Park in Grand Island of all interested parties in the military credit initiative. She noted that at this time there are 15 people planning to attend. This meeting will be informational, getting familiar with what resources are available and speaking to interested parties who may be able to offer assistance. Commissioner Probyn added that he recently

received a call from the Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce related to the issue of military credit.

*Public Hearing on Planning and
Consumer Information Committee Items*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION
COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony on Planning and Consumer Information Items.

Chair Zink closed the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Items.

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen acknowledged the Planning and Consumer Information committee members.

*Jason Keese gives update on new CCPE
website*

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education New Website

Commissioner Lauritzen introduced Jason Keese, Public Information and Special Projects Coordinator, who presented the new CCPE website. Mr. Keese noted that the past few months he has been working with Nebraska Interactive web developers to update the CCPE website. The last website update was six years ago. He pointed out the new website is aesthetically pleasing and contains upgraded features and options that will make the website more user-friendly. The new website will be compatible for tablets or phones. The new website should be available for use later this month.

*Jill Heese presents interactive data
dashboards currently available on the
CCPE website*

**Dashboard - 2015 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska:
Degrees and Other Awards**

Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, distributed a handout that went along with her PowerPoint presentation on the Commission's new interactive data dashboards. The dashboards allow users to analyze and drill-down information. Ms. Heese stated two data dashboards are currently available on the CCPE website: College Continuation Rates, and 2015 Factual Look – Degrees and Other Awards. Other dashboards will be created as needed.

Executive Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2016 Commission Meeting Calendar

*Chair Zink presents the 2016
Commission meeting calendar*

Chair Zink presented the 2016 Commission meeting calendar. Dr. Baumgartner added that the Commission is being responsive to comments received over the past year regarding where to hold the meetings based on interest. Commissioner Frison asked if the December meeting could be moved to the second Thursday of the month due to a conflict with the State Board of Education meeting. After discussion it was decided that the December meeting date could be revised later if necessary.

2016 Commission meeting calendar
approved

Chair Zink, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the 2016 Commission Meeting Calendar as written. A roll call vote was taken. All 10 Commissioners voted yes. Motion carried.

Next Commission meeting: December 3,
2015

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be held Thursday, December 3, 2015, at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska. A breakfast meeting with the Nebraska State Board of Education will be held at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Commission meeting at 9:30 a.m. A luncheon in honor of Commissioner Seacrest is tentatively planned for 1:00 p.m. at the Nebraska Club.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Probyn comments

Commissioner Probyn thanked Dr. Baumgartner for recently accompanying him to the 2015 Nebraska Manufacturers Summit at Century Link in Omaha.

Chair Zink comments

Chair Zink stated Nebraska Wesleyan has invited the Commissioners and staff to have lunch in the dining hall following the Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zink adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.