
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION January 26, 2017 Apothecary Building, 5th Floor, North Loft Lincoln, NE

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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 JANUARY 26, 2017. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.

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

CAROL ZINK, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 8:36 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Carol Zink called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam
Dr. John Bernthal
Gwenn Aspen
Mary Lauritzen

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

Commissioners Absent

Dr. Deborah Frison
Dr. Ron Hunter

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner
Dr. Kathleen Fimple
Jason Keese
J. Ritchie Morrow

Helen Pope
Gary Timm
Mike Wemhoff

*Minutes of December 1, 2016,
meeting approved*

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2016, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Adam noted a correction to the minutes of December 1, 2016. On page 6 regarding the motion to amend the length of

authorization from five years to one year for the Creative Center, the minutes should state the motion was withdrawn, not rescinded. Commissioner Adam then made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2016, Commission meeting as corrected. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Bernthal abstained. The remaining seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*Out-of-service area applications
authorized*

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 at CCC
Delivered to Yutan High School in Yutan, NE
 - MATH 2070, Analytical Geometry/Calculus II (5 cr.)
1/9/17-5/4/17
2. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - SPCH 1110, Public Speaking (3 cr.)
1/9/17-5/3/17
3. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC
Delivered to West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE
 - SOCI 1010, Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)
1/9/17-5/3/17
4. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - SOCI 1010, Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)
1/9/17-5/3/17
5. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at David City High School
in David City, NE
Delivered to West Point-Beemer High School in West Point, NE
 - ENGL 2100, Introduction to Literature (3 cr.)
1/9/14-5/3/17
6. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Alma High School in Alma, NE
 - MATH 1200, Elements of Statistics (3 cr.)
1/16/17-5/11/17

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7. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
 - AGRI 2500, Animal Management (3 cr.)
1/9/17-5/26/17
 8. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Sandhills High School
in Dunning, NE
Delivered to Clarkson High School in Clarkson, NE
 - MATH 1200, Elements of Statistics (3 cr.)
1/9/17-5/26/17

*Mr. Timm presented Second Quarter
Budget Report*

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, who presented the Quarterly Budget Report. Mr. Timm pointed out that staff and Commissioner travel will decrease as more Commission meetings are held in Lincoln. Mr. Timm also reported on the budget for the Oral Health Training and Services Fund, noting the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton University have met the requirements and will each be awarded \$4 million in February 2017. There is a potential decrease in appropriations for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), and the institutions have been notified. Mr. Timm briefly reviewed the budgets for the Access College Early (ACE) scholarship program, Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) Grant, and the Community College Gap program. Mr. Timm provided the Commissioners with a handout that references what effect the Governor-recommended appropriations would have on grant funds, as well as funding for State Colleges, the University, and Community Colleges. Mr. Timm answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Mr. Keese provided Legislative
update*

Jason Keese, Public Information & Special Projects Coordinator, provided handouts that included the Unicameral Process, 2017 Legislative Committees, Key Dates for the 2017 Nebraska Legislative session, and higher education bills of interest that CCPE staff will be following. Mr. Keese spoke about LB 123, which was introduced by Sen. Pansing Brooks to provide student reimbursement when certain postsecondary institutions terminate operations. CCPE staff was consulted on the drafting of this bill, which would establish the Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund. CCPE would administer the fund and it would only apply to for-profit institutions with a physical presence in the state. Mr. Keese noted he and Dr. Baumgartner have been meeting with State senators, as there are four new members on the Legislative education committee.

*Dr. Baumgartner speaks about
nominated Secretary of Education*

Dr. Baumgartner noted that at the federal level no appointments have yet been made under nominated Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. Representatives from SHEEO and the American Association of Community Colleges have been making calls.

*Dr. Baumgartner reminds
Commissioners of financial interest
statements deadline*

Dr. Baumgartner reminded the Commissioners of the March 1, 2017, deadline to complete their yearly statements of financial interests.

Chair Zink's report

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Zink reported that Commissioner Hunter was not present due to the weather, and Commissioner Frison had a work conflict. She noted that in Commissioner Frison's absence Commissioner Lauritzen would chair the Academic Programs Committee report. Chair Zink also thanked Kadi Lukesh, Budget Coordinator & Office Manager, for getting the financial interest statements to the Commissioners.

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 hearing on Matters of General Concern.

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony on Academic Programs Committee Items.

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

Commissioner Lauritzen acknowledged APC committee

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, acting Academic Programs Committee chair, acknowledged those who attended the recent committee conference call. She introduced Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, to present the committee's agenda items.

*Metropolitan Community College
Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

Metropolitan Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Prototype Design (AAS)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that prototype design is a broad program that would help students learn the skills to create a prototype for any particular business or industry. MCC plans to partner with Sympateco Inc., which will be located in MCC's new Center for Advanced and Emerging Technologies (CAET) when it opens later in 2017. Dr. Fimple noted that there is no other program like this in Nebraska. Dr. Tom Pensabene, Associate Vice President, Workforce and E-Learning at Metropolitan Community College, discussed the program and stated that Sympateco will provide equipment, personnel, work-based resources, and training. Dr. Pensabene answered Commissioners' questions.

Dr. Tom Pensabene, Metropolitan Community College

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the Metropolitan Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Prototype Design (AAS). A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*Metropolitan Community College
New Instructional Program –
Prototype Design (AAS) approved*

Kaplan University – Omaha

Kaplan University-Omaha – Ratification of Executive Committee Action to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Commissioner Lauritzen reported that due to weather issues, and the approaching authorization expiration, the Executive Committee approved

*Commissioner Lauritzen, Dr. Fimple,
and Dr. Baumgartner discuss the
proposal*

the renewal of recurrent authorizations to operate for both the Lincoln and Omaha campuses of Kaplan University. Dr. Fimple explained the authorization process, and how it aids the Commission with monitoring institutions. Dr. Baumgartner added that under the Commission's bylaws the Executive Committee is authorized to take action on behalf of the Commission, subject to authorization or ratification by the full Commission. The Executive Committee was asked to approve the authorization to meet the deadline and the full Commission will vote on the ratification of the Executive Committee action.

Ms. Kate Packard, Kaplan University

Ms. Kate Packard, President of Kaplan University's Nebraska campuses, came forward in response to Commissioner Adam's question regarding low student enrollment. Ms. Packard stated that online enrolled students are not included in its enrollment headcount. If the student has all or part of their classes on campus grounds, they are reported. Ms. Packard discussed the sale of campuses, the financial soundness of Kaplan, and meeting the goals of their students.

Commissioner Adam reads the Committee recommendation and reporting requirements for Kaplan University – Omaha

Commissioner Adam read the Committee recommendation and reporting requirements.

Committee Recommendation: Approve the renewal of the authorization to operate.

Institution:	Kaplan University (Omaha)
Owner:	Iowa College Acquisition Corporation d/b/a Kaplan University
Level of authorization:	Authorized to offer one or more complete programs at the certificate, associate degree, and baccalaureate levels, limited to the programs identified on page 2 and to any programs in CIP series 09, 11, 30, 43, 44, and 52.
Length of authorization:	Five years (valid through January 31, 2022)

Reporting requirements: Annual reports are required in a form provided by the Commission. The next report is due January 19, 2018.

*Kaplan University – Omaha
Ratification of Executive Committee
Action to Renew a Recurrent
Authorization to Operate approved*

Commissioner Adam made a motion to approve the Ratification of Executive Committee Action to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Kaplan University – Omaha Campus. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Kaplan University – Lincoln

Kaplan University-Lincoln - Ratification of Executive Committee Action to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Commissioner Adam reads the Committee recommendation and reporting requirements for Kaplan University - Lincoln

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Committee Recommendation: Approve the renewal of the authorization to operate.

Institution: Kaplan University (Lincoln)
Owner: Iowa College Acquisition Corporation d/b/a Kaplan University
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer one or more complete programs at the certificate, associate degree, and baccalaureate levels, limited to the programs identified on pages 1 and 2 and to any programs in CIP series 11, 30, 42, 43, 44, and 52.
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through January 31, 2022)

Reporting requirements: Annual reports are required in a form provided by the Commission. The next report is due January 19, 2018.

*Kaplan University – Lincoln
Ratification of Executive Committee
Action to Renew a Recurrent
Authorization to Operate approved*

Commissioner Bernthal made a motion to approve the Ratification of Executive Committee Action to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Kaplan University – Lincoln Campus. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Zink called for break at 10:07 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:25 a.m.

*ITQ State Grant Fund Program
Recommendations for 2016-17
Awards*

*Commissioner Lauritzen and Dr.
Fimple presented the
Recommendations*

*ITQ State Grant Fund Program
Recommendations for 2016-17
approved*

Improving Teacher Quality State Grant Program - Recommendations for 2016-2017 Awards

Commissioner Lauritzen commented that once the fiscal 2016 grants are awarded, the Improving Teacher Quality State Grant Program will be ending. Dr. Fimple stated 10 proposals were submitted and reviewed by an independent review panel for funding.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the Recommendations for Improving Teacher Quality State Grant Program's 2016-2017 Awards. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Central Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Central Community College - Follow-up Report on an Existing Instructional Program - Paramedicine (AAS, diploma, certificate)

Dr. Fimple reported that Central Community College's Paramedicine program was new in 2012. In 2014 CCC decided not to admit any new students while its accrediting body, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), was reviewing the program. CAAHEP concerns were resolved and CCC awarded a large number of certificates in 2015-16. There will not be graduates in 2017 due to the temporary suspension on admission, so the next graduating class will be in 2018. CAAHEP granted CCC accreditation for five years.

Central Community College Follow-up Report on an Existing Instructional Program – Paramedicine (AAS, diploma, certificate) approved

Western Nebraska Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Baumgartner

Commissioner Simmons makes a motion to amend the recommendation. Motion approved

Western Nebraska Community College – Amended Follow-up Report – Early Childhood Education (AA, AAS, diploma, certificate) approved

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

University of Nebraska – Lincoln Follow-up Report on an Existing Instructional Program – Great Plains Studies (BA, BS) approved

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue Central Community College’s program - Paramedicine (AAS, diploma, certificate). A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Western Nebraska Community College - Follow-up Report on an Existing Instructional Program – Early Childhood Education (AA, AAS, diploma, certificate)

Dr. Fimple presented background information on the WNCC Early Childhood Education program, noting the unfortunate turnover in staffing, and goals and actions WNCC summarized to promote program growth. She reviewed State of Nebraska state day care licensure and training requirements. Commissioner Simmons stated her concern is two-fold: education and cost to students. Dr. Baumgartner commented that this program will be available as part of Scottsbluff public school’s career academy.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to amend the recommendation to continue Western Nebraska Community College’s Program – Early Childhood Education (ECE) (AA, AAS, diploma, certificate) with the understanding that the next regular program review report, due June 30, 2018, include the following information: the number of ECE students who transfer to education programs at other institutions without completing their program at WNCC; the enrollments in the ECE courses; status of the development and implementation of online ECE courses; and efforts to cooperate with other institutions, especially those with online ECE courses. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the amended recommendation for Western Nebraska Community College’s Program – Early Childhood Education (AA, AAS, diploma, certificate). Commissioner Aspen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska - Lincoln - Follow-up Report on an Existing Instructional Program - Great Plains Studies (BA, BS)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that in May 2016 an external review of the Center for Great Plains Studies recommended discontinuation of the program due to low student demand and limited funding. UNL has asked to continue the program so enrolled students may complete the program before it is discontinued.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Program – Great Plains Studies (BA, BS). UNL will notify the Commission when all students have completed the program and it is formally discontinued. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Existing Program Review

2015-2016 Existing Program Review

Commissioner Lauritzen presented the 2015-2016 existing program review. Dr. Fimple reminded the Commissioners that the justification key is provided along with the document.

Chadron State College

Social Science - BSE

Peru State College

Social Sciences - BS

Wayne State College

Social Sciences - BA, BS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Economics - BS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Economics - BSBA, BA, BS, MA, PhD

Civic Engagement - undergraduate certificate

Interdisciplinary Studies - BA, BS

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Economics - BA, BGS, BS, BSBA, MA, MS

Report on Name Changes, Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

Program Renaming

A. Program Renaming

1. UNMC - BS in Radiation Science Technology to *BS in Medical Imaging and Therapeutic Sciences*
2. UNMC - BS in Clinical Laboratory Science to *BS in Medical Laboratory Science*

Reasonable and Moderate Extension

B. Reasonable and Moderate Extension

1. UNL - Construction Engineering and Management graduate certificate

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Adam acknowledged BCF committee

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Adam, Committee Chair, acknowledged Commissioners present at the recent committee conference call.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Commissioner Adam and Mr.
Wemhoff presented the proposal

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Capital Construction Project - Strauss Performing Arts Center Addition & Renovation

Commissioner Adam and Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, presented the proposal. Commissioner Adam noted the Strauss Performing Arts Center was constructed in 1972, and this will be the first time it is renovated. The new addition will provide classrooms and practice rooms. The project would cost \$18 million, with \$9 million from facilities bond proceeds, \$8,550,000 in private donations, and \$450,000 in University funds. Mr. Wemhoff added that sufficient private donations are available to finance the addition and provide for the majority of the equipment for the facility. The bond is being financed over a 10-year period, with half from State appropriations and the other half from student tuition. The Commission determined that the amount and kind of space and the overall cost of this project is reasonable. Mr. Wemhoff noted that with the addition, the University will be requesting around a \$200,000 per year increase in its base operating budget to finance the operations and maintenance of the new space.

Commissioner Adam read the
Commission action and comments

Commissioner Adam read the Commission action and comments.

Action: Pursuant to the Nebr. Rev. Stat. § 85-1414, the **Budget, Construction and Financial Aid Committee** of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education recommends approval of the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s proposal to utilize State appropriations to renovate and construct additional space in the Strauss Performing Arts Center, including providing additional operating and maintenance funding, as outlined in the governing board approved program statement and supplemental addendums to the program statement.

University of Nebraska at Omaha –
Capital Construction Project –
Strauss Performing Arts Center
Addition & Renovation approved

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s Capital Construction Project – Strauss Performing Arts Center Addition & Renovation. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

ACE Scholarship AY 2015-16 Year-
End Report

Mr. Morrow presented the report

Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship AY 2015-16 Year-End Report

J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, presented the ACE scholarship report, noting that in 2015-2016 the program was funded with \$735,000 appropriated Legislative funds and \$92,082 in federal College Access Challenge Grant funds that were returned by sub-grantees at the conclusion of their projects. There were 1,894 low-income Nebraska high school students from 204 schools who received 3,575 ACE scholarships in 2015-2016. The amount per scholarship averaged \$227.95. There were over 12,000 credit hours that were paid for through the ACE scholarship and 76% of the grades received by those students were a B or better. Mr. Morrow discussed the number of ACE scholarship recipients; those going on to college; and the gender, race, eligibility, and grade level of those students. Mr. Morrow also presented demographic information and number of scholarships awarded by high school, and answered Commissioners’ questions.

ACE scholarship AY 2015-16 Year-End Report approved

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to accept the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship AY 2015-2016 Year-End Report. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*NOG AY 2015-16 Year-End Report
Mr. Morrow presented the report*

Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) AY 2015-16 Year-End Report
Mr. Morrow presented the NOG report, noting statistics from the institutions show the majority of 2015-2016 recipients attend the State's community colleges. The institutions were also asked to provide unmet financial need statistics of Pell Grant students. Mr. Morrow reviewed the NOG yearly process and how the allocation is determined. In 2015-2016, \$16,833,918 was awarded, with 13,739 students receiving the funds. The average grant awarded was \$1,225.27. Mr. Morrow discussed the NOG recipients by sector, family income, sector enrollment, and funding by source. The majority of funding for 2015-2016 came from the Nebraska Lottery funds.

Next Commission meeting is March 16, 2017

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, March 16, 2017, at the Apothecary Building, 5th Floor, North loft, Lincoln, Nebraska

Chair Zink comments

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Zink thanked the CCPE staff for making arrangements to reschedule the January 17, 2017, Commission meeting in Omaha and move it to Lincoln.

Articles of Interest shared

Commissioners Probyn, Simmons, and Lauritzen shared articles of interest.

Commissioner Lauritzen comments

Commissioner Lauritzen reported that recently Chancellor Ronnie Green and department heads from the University of Nebraska business school and Agriculture and Natural Resources department came to West Point while on a 20-city tour to speak on the University's statewide impact and presence.

Commissioner Bernthal comments

Commissioner Bernthal briefly discussed classroom courses versus online courses.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zink adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.