
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

March 16, 2017
Apothecary Building
Lincoln, 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 MARCH 16, 2017. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:53 A.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 8:34 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Carol Zink called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Dwayne Probyn
Gwenn Aspen	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Dr. John Bernthal	W. Scott Wilson
Dr. Deborah Frison	Carol Zink
Dr. Ron Hunter	

Commissioners Absent

Mary Lauritzen

Commission Staff Present

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

*Minutes of January 26, 2017,
Commission Meeting approved*

MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2017, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Wilson moved that the January 26, 2017, minutes be approved. Commissioner Probyn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Frison and Hunter abstained. The remaining six Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

*Chair Zink mentioned absent
Commissioner*

Chair Zink commented that Commissioner Lauritzen was not able to attend the meeting. The Planning and Consumer Information committee report will be presented by W. Scott Wilson.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*Out-of-service area applications
authorized*

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 at Sandhills-Dunning High School in Dunning, NE
Delivered to Arcadia High School in Arcadia, NE
 - MATH 1200, Elements of Statistics (3 cr.)
1/9/17-5/26/17
2. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Broken Bow High School in Broken Bow, NE
Delivered to Elwood High School in Elwood, NE
 - AGRI 2500, Animal Management (3 cr.)
1/9/17-5/26/17
3. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Broken Bow High School in Broken Bow, NE
Delivered to Pleasanton High School in Pleasanton, NE
 - AGRI 1005, Introduction to Ag and Natural Resources (3 cr.) 1/9/17-5/26/17
4. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Broken Bow High School in Broken Bow, NE
Delivered to Pope John High School in Elgin, NE
 - AGRI 2500, Animal Management (3 cr.)
1/9/17-5/26/17
5. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC
Delivered to Pender High School in Pender, NE
 - MATH 1200, Elements of Statistics (3 cr.)
1/16/17-5/11/17

6. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Broken Bow High School
In Broken Bow, NE
Delivered to Yutan High School in Yutan, NE
 - AGRI 1005, Introduction to Ag and Natural Resources (3 cr.)
1/9/17-5/26/17
7. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Louisville High School in Louisville, NE
 - BIOL 105, Biology I (4 cr.)
Ongoing Approval
8. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Louisville High School in Louisville, NE
 - BIOL 106, Biology II (4 cr.)
Ongoing Approval
9. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Omaha Northwest High School
in Omaha, NE
 - GERM 200, Intermediate German I (3 cr.)
Ongoing Approval
10. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Omaha Northwest High School
in Omaha, NE
 - GERM 201, Intermediate German II (3 cr.)
Ongoing Approval
11. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Crete High School in Crete, NE
 - GERM 200, Intermediate German I (3 cr.)
Ongoing Approval
12. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Crete High School in Crete, NE
 - GERM 201, Intermediate German II (3 cr.)
Ongoing Approval
13. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Fillmore High School in Fillmore, NE
 - SPAN 200, Intermediate Spanish I (3 cr.)
Ongoing Approval
14. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Fillmore High School in Fillmore, NE
 - SPAN 201, Intermediate Spanish II (3 cr.)
Ongoing Approval

*Out-of-service area applications
authorized continued*

15. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Gering High School in Gering, NE
 - GERM 200, Intermediate German I (3 cr.)
Ongoing Approval
16. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Gering High School in Gering, NE
 - GERM 201, Intermediate German II (3 cr.)
Ongoing Approval
17. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Louisville High School in Louisville, NE
 - HIST 250 American History (3 cr.)
Ongoing Approval
18. Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
Traditional Delivery at Louisville High School in Louisville, NE
 - ENG 101 Introduction to Academic Writing (3 cr.)
Ongoing Approval

*Dr. Baumgartner announced David
Ludwig will give talk at April
Commission meeting*

Dr. Baumgartner stated he has asked David Ludwig from the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council to talk to the Commissioners on dual credit at the April Commission meeting.

Mr. Keese provided Legislative update

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Jason Keese, Public Information & Special Projects Coordinator, to present a Legislative update on bills of interest to the Commission. Dr. Baumgartner and Mr. Keese answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Commissioner Aspen joined the
meeting at 8:42 a.m.*

*Dr. Baumgartner discusses preliminary
budget*

Dr. Baumgartner discussed the preliminary budget from the Appropriations Committee, noting the good news being the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) includes an additional \$500,000 each year from Nebraska Lottery funds. The Access College Early (ACE) program will be funded at the original FY 2017 amount. The current year amount was reduced as a result of LB 22. Dr. Baumgartner noted our 2017-2019 agency budget request took a significant budget cut. Originally the Commission identified 8 percent in budget reductions, but the Appropriations Committee's preliminary budget currently is calculated to be 11.7 percent. Dr. Baumgartner, Mr. Keese, and Chair Zink are continuing to meet and communicate with members of the Appropriations Committee.

*Dr. Baumgartner speaks about MHEC
packets and visit*

Dr. Baumgartner noted that the Commissioners have been given packets from the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). On February 23-24, MHEC president Larry Isaak, Director of State Relations Pam Schutt and current MHEC Commission Chairman Richard Short from Kansas visited Nebraska and updated CCPE staff on various activities. Dr. Baumgartner noted our institutions are very active on MHEC committees.

*Dr. Baumgartner acknowledges Dr.
Hsu*

Dr. Baumgartner thanked Dr. Duncan Hsu, Database Manager, for the additional work he has done over the past several months. Being without a

data analyst, Dr. Hsu has been busy migrating databases to the Office of the Chief Information Officer and taking over much of the data collection analysis work. Benjamin Civic, Occupational Education Specialist, has assumed the IPEDS coordinator work.

Commissioner Aspen takes Oath of Office

COMMISSIONER OATH OF OFFICE

The Secretary of State's office requires all Commissioners to take and sign an oath of office. Gwenn Aspen, of Omaha, was sworn in as a new Commissioner by Benjamin Civic.

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 Frison acknowledged APC committee

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Frison, 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.

National American University

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

National American University – Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that several years ago statutes were changed to allow a maximum approval time of five years for institutions to be authorized to operate on a recurring basis. National American University was able to take students from the closed Wright Career College by adding medical assisting and surgical technology programs. Wright Career College students were in danger of losing credits from their entire semester due to the school closing near the end of the semester. Dr. Fimple noted that because NAU receives Nebraska Opportunity Grant funds, the Commission receives its financials and is able to monitor its composite score.

Michael Trump, and Dr. Susan Wurtele, National American University

Michael Trump, Associate General Counsel, and Dr. Susan Wurtele, Campus Director at the Bellevue Campus, from National American University answered questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Frison reads the Committee recommendation and reporting requirements for National American University

Commissioner Frison read the Committee recommendation and reporting requirements.

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

Institution: National American University
Owner: Dlorah, Inc.
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the diploma, associate, and baccalaureate levels, limited to AAS and BS degrees in accounting, applied information technology, business administration, criminal justice, information technology, and management; the AAS in health and beauty management, health information technology, medical administrative assistant, medical assisting, pharmacy technician, small business management, and surgical technology; the BS in health care management; the RN to BSN in nursing; and the diploma in healthcare coding.
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through March 31, 2022)

Reporting requirements: Annual reports are required in a form provided by the Commission. The next report is due March 1, 2018.

*National American University
Application to Renew a Recurrent
Authorization to Operate approved*

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs committee, moved to approve National American University's Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

*St. Gregory the Great Seminary
Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

St. Gregory the Great Seminary – Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple stated that St. Gregory the Great Seminary is a small institution with increased enrollment and approval by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Very Reverend Jeffrey Eickhoff, Rector and President of St. Gregory the Great Seminary, spoke on the growth of the seminary enrollment and facilities. They have a good relationship with Concordia University and the city of Seward and are in the process of building a \$4.5 million addition to house more students. Several out-of-state dioceses plan on sending students to St. Gregory, with the goal to accommodate 80 or more students. Father Eickhoff noted the accreditation by the HLC helps with transferring credits when a student decides to go to another institution. Father Eickhoff answered Commissioners' questions.

*The Very Reverend Jeffrey Eickhoff, St.
Gregory the Great Seminary*

Commissioner Frison read the committee recommendation.

*Commissioner Frison read the
committee recommendation and
reporting requirements for St. Gregory
the Great Seminary*

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

*St. Gregory the Great Seminary
Application to Renew a Recurrent
Authorization to Operate approved*

University of Missouri

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

*Dr. Denice Adkins, University of
Missouri*

*Commissioner Frison read the
committee recommendation and
reporting requirements for the
University of Missouri*

*University of Missouri Application to
Renew a Recurrent Authorization to
Operate approved*

Institution: St. Gregory the Great Seminary
Owner: St. Gregory the Great Seminary (a non-profit corporation)
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the baccalaureate level, limited to the BA in Philosophy and certificate in pre-theology
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through March 31, 2022)

Reporting requirements: Annual reports will be required in a form provided by the Commission. The next report is due March 1, 2018.

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs committee, moved to approve St. Gregory the Great Seminary's Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Missouri – Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal commenting that in 2001 when the program was offered in Omaha and Lincoln, the University of Missouri-Columbia and UNO entered into an agreement to have physical locations in Omaha. That agreement expired in 2016, and arrangements were made with Bellevue University to continue operation in Nebraska. Dr. Denice Adkins, Associate Professor and LIS Program Chair from the University of Missouri, noted the arrangement with Bellevue University is primarily for use of space and teaching facilities. Dr. Adkins stated that enrollments have decreased nationally, but they have maintained steady enrollment over the past three years in Nebraska.

Commissioner Frison read the committee recommendation.

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

Institution: University of Missouri
Owner: The Curators of the University of Missouri
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the master's level, limited to the Master of Arts in Information Science and Learning Technologies, emphasis Library Science
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through March 31, 2022)

Reporting requirements: Annual reports will be required in a form provided by the Commission. The next report is due March 1, 2018.

Commissioner Frison, on behalf of the Academic Programs committee, moved to approve the University of Missouri's Application to Renew a

Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

2015-2016 Existing Program Review

Commissioner Frison and Dr. Fimple presented the review of the 2015-2016 existing programs.

Chadron State College

Organizational Management – MSOM
Business Administration – BA, BSE, MBA

Peru State College

Organizational Management – MS
Business Administration – BS
Management – BAS

Wayne State College

Organizational Management – MSOM
Business Administration – BA, BS, MBA

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Business Administration – BSBA
Business – MA, MBA, PhD
Business Analytics – Graduate Certificate
International Business – BSBA
Accounting – BSBA
Accountancy – MPA
Management – BSBA
Supply Chain Management – BS
Supply Chain Management Systems – Graduate Certificate
Marketing – BSBA
Actuarial Science – BA, BS, BSBA, MS
Finance – BSBA

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Business Administration – BA/BS, MBA
Professional Sales – Undergraduate Certificate
Software Quality Assurance – Undergraduate Certificate
Supply Chain Management – Undergraduate Certificate

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Business Administration – MBA, MBA-Executive
Finance – BSBA
Management – BSBA
Marketing – BSBA
Accounting – BSBA, MAcc
Management Information Systems – BGS, BIS, MS
Project Management – Graduate Certificate
System Development – Undergraduate Certificate
Systems Analysis and Design – Graduate Certificate

Central Community College

Business Administration – AAS, diploma, certificate

Metropolitan Community College

Business Management – AA, AAS, certificate

Accounting – AAS

Bookkeeping – certificate

Mid-Plains Community College

Business – AAS, certificate

Northeast Community College

Business – diploma, certificate

Banking Services – AAS

Business Administration – AA/AS

Accounting – AAS, AA/AS, diploma, certificate

Southeast Community College

Business Administration – AAS, diploma, certificate

Western Nebraska Community College

Business Technology – AAS, AOS, certificate

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

Report on Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

Dr. Fimple presented the Reasonable and Moderate Extensions.

A. Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. UNL – Public Relations and Social Media (graduate certificate)
2. UNL – German Language Teaching (graduate certificate)
3. UNL – Nutrition, Non-coding RNAs and Extracellular Vesicles (N2V) (graduate certificate)
4. MCC – Public Health (certificate of achievement)
5. NECC – Skilled and Technical Science Education Transfer (AS concentration)
6. NECC – Pre-Veterinary Technology (AS concentration)
7. UNO – Division of Biomechanics and Research Development

Chair Zink called for a break at 9:33 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:52 a.m.

*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.

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

*Western Nebraska Community College
– Scottsbluff Campus*

Mr. Wemhoff presented the proposal

*Dr. Todd Holcomb, Western Nebraska
Community College*

*Commissioner Adam read the
committee action for Western
Nebraska Community College –
Scottsbluff Campus*

*Western Nebraska Community College
– Scottsbluff Campus – Main Building
Addition and Renovation approved*

*Dr. Holcomb gives update on career
academy in Scottsbluff*

Commissioner Adam, Committee Chair, acknowledged committee members and staff who were present at the recent Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee conference call. She introduced and welcomed Dr. Todd Holcomb, WNCC President, and Nick Schulz, architect from RDG Planning and Design.

Western Nebraska Community College – Scottsbluff Campus – Main Building Addition and Renovation

Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, presented the proposal, stating Western Nebraska Community College is proposing to renovate 56,470 square feet and construct 14,320 square feet of additional space to the Main Building on the Scottsbluff Campus. The renovation will include about one-third of the building, which has not seen a major renovation since its original construction in 1969. In addition to the renovation there will be two small additions to the facility: a new main entrance to the building and a new lobby for the theater. For ease of access to student services, admissions, enrollment, student accounts, and the registrar, a student welcome center will be centrally located in the building. There will be a student union/gathering place, along with remodeling the bookstore and consolidation of the art program. Mr. Wemhoff noted the project cost is \$18,500,000, which includes \$3.2 million in private donations, \$10.0 million in capital improvement property tax levy funds on hand/collected before the project completion, and \$5.3 million in lease-purchase or certificate of participation proceeds from capital improvement tax levy funds to be financed over a period of time yet to be determined. Dr. Holcomb gave details of the project, the need at the community college, and how the project would benefit the WNCC students and the surrounding community. Dr. Holcomb answered Commissioners' concerns regarding raising funds with lease-purchase or certificates of participation and prioritizing this project ahead of improvements to the Applied Technology Building.

Commissioner Adam read the committee 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 Western Nebraska Community College's proposal to use \$15.3 million in capital improvement property taxes to renovate a portion and add to the Scottsbluff Campus' Main Building as outlined in the revised program statement approved by the WNCC Board of Governors on December 8, 2016.

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid committee, moved to approve the Western Nebraska Community College Main Building Addition and Renovation at the Scottsbluff Campus. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Simmons voted no. The remaining eight Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Zink asked Dr. Holcomb to give a brief update on the career academy in Scottsbluff. Dr. Holcomb stated WNCC has been working with Scottsbluff Public Schools for over three years on a career academy. Governor

*Public Hearing on Planning and
Consumer Information Items*

Ricketts visited recently and said it is a model for the entire state. In middle school the students and parents take part in career assessment and awareness. In high school the student will select a career academy and progress with a prescribed curriculum. The curriculum includes the expectation that the student will take a college-level course. They have seen great success and have plans to expand the career academy model to Kimball, Gering, and Alliance schools.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

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

*Commissioner Wilson acknowledged
Planning and Consumer Information
committee*

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson acknowledged Commissioners and staff who attended the recent committee conference call. Commissioner Wilson introduced Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, to present the 2017 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report.

*2017 Nebraska Higher Education
Progress Report*

2017 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

Ms. Heese gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2017 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report. Ms. Heese reported on the progress of three key priorities the Commission is required to evaluate in the report: increase the number of students who enter postsecondary education in Nebraska; increase the percentage of students who persist and successfully complete a degree; and reduce, eliminate, and reverse the net out-migration of Nebraskans with high levels of educational attainment. She noted there is work to be done in order for more Nebraskans to enroll in college and complete degrees. Ms. Heese discussed efforts that need to be increased and supported for added success at the high school, postsecondary, and state government levels. Ms. Heese answered Commissioners' questions and noted the full report is provided to the Governor, Legislature, the state's higher education institutions, the media, and is available on the Commission website at ccpe.nebraska.gov/reports.

Ms. Heese presented the report

*2017 Nebraska Higher Education
Progress Report approved*

Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to approve the 2017 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report with Commission draft updates. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*Next Commission meeting is April 27,
2017*

FUTURE MEETINGS

Commissioner Probyn comments

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, April 27, 2017, at Metropolitan Community College – Fremont Area Center, Fremont, Nebraska.

Commissioner Adam comments

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Probyn shared an article from an Omaha Chamber of Commerce publication that includes a picture and quote from Commissioner Frison.

Presentation of birthday cake

Commissioner Adam mentioned a Mike Kelly column in the Omaha World-Herald in which he wrote about the “Student Atlas of Nebraska” intended primarily for Nebraska fourth-graders. She noted that the Governor’s wife, Susanne Shore, was so impressed with the book that she obtained grants to have it published for all fourth-graders in Nebraska.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Commissioners and staff presented Dr. Baumgartner with a cake in celebration of his birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zink adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.