
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION October 12, 2017 Central Community College – Hastings Campus Hastings, Nebraska

Public notice of meeting

Public notice of this meeting was given by posting notice on the Commission's website; posting notice on the State of Nebraska's online public meeting calendar; e-mailing news media; and keeping a current copy of the agenda in the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's office, listing the date, time, and location of the meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON OCTOBER 12, 2017. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.

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

W. SCOTT WILSON, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair W. Scott Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Dr. Paul Von Behren. Dr. Von Behren stated he is from Ames, Nebraska, and gave a brief summary of his background.

Chair Wilson asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Mary Lauritzen
Gwenn Aspen	Dwayne Probyn
Dr. John Bernthal	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Dr. Deborah Frison	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Dr. Ron Hunter	W. Scott Wilson

Commissioners Absent

Carol Zink

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	Helen Pope
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Gary Timm
Jill Heese	Mike Wemhoff

Bill Hitesman, Central Community College

WELCOME

Bill Hitesman, Central Community College – Hastings Campus President, welcomed the Commissioners to the CCC - Hastings Campus. The campus originally was home to the 1942 U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot producing over 40% of the ammunition for WWII. The former NAD facilities currently house the CCC – Hastings Campus, leased land for farming, the Elks Country Club, and a golf course. Mr. Hitesman noted he has been president at the college for 16 years, there are currently 400 resident students, and he is very proud of the campus. Mr. Hitesman will lead a tour of the campus following the Commission meeting.

*Minutes of August 11, 2017
Commission Meeting approved*

MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2017, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Simmons moved that the August 11, 2017, minutes be approved. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Adam and Hunter abstained. The remaining Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Wilson announced Commissioner Zink's departure from the Commission

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wilson reported that Commissioner Zink has announced she will be leaving the Commission.

Chair Wilson reported that new committee chairs have been appointed

Chair Wilson noted that new committee chairs have been appointed, and those will be announced during their committee reports.

Dr. Baumgartner reported on 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 at Sandhills High School in Dunning, NE
Delivered to Ainsworth High School in Ainsworth, NE
 - MATH 1200, Statistics (3 cr.)
8/21/17-12/22/17

2. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC in North Platte, NE
Delivered to Exeter-Milligan High School in Exeter, NE
 - ENGL 1010, English Composition I (3 cr.)
8/21/17-12/14/17

*Out-of-service area authorizations
continued*

3. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC in
North Platte, NE
Delivered to Alma High School in Alma, NE
 - PHYS 1410, General Physics I (3 cr.)
8/21/17-12/14/17
4. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC in
North Platte, NE
Delivered to Harvard High School in Harvard, NE
 - MATH 1200, Elements of Statistics (3 cr.)
8/22/17-12/15/17
5. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at Arcadia High
School in Arcadia, NE
Delivered to Sumner-Eddyville High School in Sumner, NE
 - OFFT 2500, Medical Terminology (3 cr.)
8/21/17-5/18/18
6. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional Delivery at Lincoln East High School
 - English 1010, Intro to Genre Studies: Prose (3 cr.)
Fall 2017
7. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
Traditional Delivery at Lincoln East High School
 - English 1020, Intro to Genre Studies: Poetry,
Drama, Film (3 cr.)
Spring 2018
8. Offered by Wayne State College
Traditional Delivery at MCC
 - Industrial Technology, Business, and Computer
Information Systems (select upper level division
courses to complete a BS in Technology)
Ongoing basis

*Jodi Kupper, Nebraska State College
System*

*Dr. Tom McDonnell, Metropolitan
Community College*

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Dr. Jodi Kupper, Vice Chancellor at the Nebraska State College System, to speak on the Wayne State College Industrial Technology out-of-service area application. Dr. Kupper reported that Metropolitan Community College and Wayne State College (WSC) worked together on an articulation agreement that will allow Omaha students that cannot physically get to WSC to take the industrial technology courses and obtain a bachelor's degree after completing an AAS while staying in the Omaha area. Dr. Kupper and Dr. Tom McDonnell, Vice

President of Academic Affairs at Metropolitan Community College, answered Commissioner's questions.

Gary Timm presented first quarter budget

Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, presented the first quarter budget and reported on the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) Grant, the Community College Gap Program, and the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE).

Dr. Baumgartner discussed Oral Health Training Program Grant

Dr. Baumgartner reported that he and Mr. Timm met with Creighton University Dental School Dean Mark Latta to discuss how the Oral Health Training Program Grant is progressing. Creighton Dental School is working on new construction to be completed by the end of this academic year. The grant will cover equipment for the facility.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke about FAFSA participation

Dr. Baumgartner met with the Nebraska Department of Education and EducationQuest to come up with solutions to entice more high schools to participate in the FAFSA Completion Initiative. Next year the ACT registration process will be used as a way to obtain names for CCPE to use with the FAFSA completion initiative.

Dr. Baumgartner met with Education Commissioner

Dr. Baumgartner and CCPE staff met with Nebraska Department of Education Commissioner Matthew Blomstedt and his staff to discuss joint projects, including working on dual credit issues.

Dr. Baumgartner attended Urban Institute meeting

Dr. Baumgartner attended a meeting sponsored by the Urban Institute on college performance metrics. He was joined by colleagues from Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland. Much of the conversation related to measuring employment outcomes for recent graduates.

Dr. Baumgartner and Mr. Timm met with Sen. Adam Morefeld

Dr. Baumgartner and Mr. Timm recently met with Sen. Adam Morfeld to discuss an opportunity for technical assistance Sen. Morefeld has pursued with the Education Commission of the States (ECS). It is an outgrowth of his interest in college affordability and the legislative study resolution he sponsored. Sen. Morefeld will be convening a group of Nebraska stakeholders in November to speak to the ECS staff and other experts about ideas other states are implementing. J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, will be attending a meeting with Sen. Morfeld in November to help plan the meeting.

Dr. Baumgartner reported on J. Ritchie Morrow audits

Mr. Morrow has recently been crisscrossing the state doing NOG, ACE and Gap audits. He is currently attending the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce's Manufacturing Summit.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed Governor Ricketts recent executive order

Governor Ricketts recently issued an executive order requesting a review of all existing regulations to determine if they are overly restrictive or place an undue burden on persons or businesses. The order applies to code agencies, but all agencies have been asked to participate. The CCPE currently has seven administrative rules, with the new Tuition Guaranty Fund being the eighth.

Dr. Baumgartner commented on applicants for Public Information & Special Projects position

Dr. Baumgartner noted there are 60 applications for the vacant Public Information & Special Projects Coordinator position. Review of the applicants will begin next week.

Public Comment on Matters of General Concern

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There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

Chair Wilson closed the public hearing on Matters of General Concern.

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost from the University of Nebraska, came forward to state that there is a representative present from UNK and representatives available via teleconference from UNMC to discuss and answer questions on the two University of Nebraska agenda items.

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

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

Commissioner Adam filled in as APC Committee Chair

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Adam stated that she will fill in as Academic Programs Committee Chair since Commissioner Bernthal, the new Academic Programs Committee chair, was absent at the committee conference call. She acknowledged the Commissioners who were present on the committee call, and introduced Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, to present the first agenda item.

Chapter 7 - Rules & Regulations for the Postsecondary Institution Act

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Dr. Fimple presented Chapter 7 – Rules and Regulations for the Postsecondary Institution Act, noting some minor changes to definitions that have been made along with forms being excluded from the rules.

Dr. Fimple presented the Rules & Regulations

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Chapter 7 – Rules and Regulations for the Postsecondary Institution Act. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Von Behren abstained. The remaining Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chapter 7 – Rules & Regulations for the Postsecondary Institution Act approved

Chapter 8 – Rules & Regulations for the Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund

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Mr. Timm presented Chapter 8 – Rules and Regulations for the Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund, commenting that LB 512 established the fund to assist students attending for-profit institutions that close unexpectedly during the academic year. This is a new rule, and Mr. Timm noted that if the purchase of Kaplan by Purdue University is approved, this rule would apply to only National American University and The Creative Center. Mr. Timm discussed the funding levels of the rule and stated that any funding that goes to the student or institution would come through the Commission.

Mr. Timm presented the Rules & Regulations

Chapter 8 – Rules & Regulations for the Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund approved

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Commissioner Adam comments

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

Dr. Sherri Harms, University of Nebraska at Kearney

University of Nebraska at Kearney New Instructional Program – Cyber Security Operations (BS) approved

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Commissioner Adam and Dr. Fimple present the proposal

There would be mechanisms set up to receive and to payout the funds in case of an institution closing. Dr. Fimple and Mr. Timm answered questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Chapter 8 – Rules and Regulations for the Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund. A roll call vote was taken. All Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Kearney – Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Cyber Security Operations (BS)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, commenting that it is important to know that the National Security Agency (NSA) has curricula for various programs across the country. This program is designed to meet the curriculum for the National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Cyber Operations. In Nebraska, UNO and Bellevue University have the designation of Cyber Defense Education. Cyber Operations is more specialized, with only 19 institutions in the United States having that designation. UNO is the only Nebraska institution designated CAE-Cyber Operations. Dr. Fimple noted the projected annual openings, reporting that there would be room in the state to accommodate another program. UNK serves a different geographic area and would recruit students from the western and central areas of the state.

Commissioner Adam stated there was discussion in the committee meeting with concern over using the word “operations” in the name of the program, with students possibly being misled thinking the program had the NSA designation if the name remains Cyber Security Operations. Dr. Jackson and Dr. Sherri Harms, Chair and Professor, Computer Science and IT at UNK, spoke on the need and demand of the program in the western and central part of Nebraska, and answered Commissioner’s questions.

Commissioner Adam stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the program, with the first program review due June 30, 2020.

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Cyber Security Operations (BS). A roll call vote was taken. All Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Genetic Counseling (Masters)

Commissioner Adam pointed out that the proposal is for a Master’s in Genetic Counseling and that UNMC has committed \$500,000 in donations from various institutions in the state to help support this program financially. Dr. Fimple noted that present via telephone conference were Dr. Karoly Mirnics, Director of Munroe-Meyer Institute, Ms. Pat O’Neil, Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration, College of Allied Health Professions, and Dr. Kyle Meyer, Dean of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Allied Health Professions. Dr. Fimple stated that Nebraska

statutes require genetic counselors to be licensed and certified by one of two national genetics boards. She added that UNMC was the first institution in Nebraska to offer genetic counseling, and they employ around 90 percent of the genetic counselors in the state.

Dr. Karoly Mirnics, Monroe-Meyer Institute

Dr. Mirnics spoke in support of the proposed program pointing out the tremendous need around the state for genetic counselors and the financial partnership offered from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Boys Town, Methodist Health System, Nebraska Medicine, and Children’s Hospital. Dr. Jackson added that modern medical treatment requires genetic-based testing, raising the demand for more genetic counselors. In response to Commissioner’s questions Dr. Meyer stated that the starting salary range for genetic counselors is \$75,000 to \$92,000.

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

Dr. Kyle Meyer, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Allied Health Professionals

Commissioner Adam stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the program, with the first program review due June 30, 2019.

University of Nebraska Medical Center New Instructional Program – Genetic Counseling (Masters) approved

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Genetic Counseling (Masters). A roll call vote was taken. All Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Wilson called for break at 11:13 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:23 a.m.

Commission will move to Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid agenda items

Commissioner Adam suggested that since representatives were present to testify for the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee agenda items, the Academic Programs Committee information items can be resumed following BCF items.

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

Commissioner Probyn acknowledged BCF committee members and staff

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Probyn, newly appointed Committee Chair, acknowledged Commissioners and staff that participated in the recent Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee conference call.

University of Nebraska at Kearney Mr. Wemhoff presented the proposal

University of Nebraska at Kearney – Otto Olsen Building Replacement
Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, presented the project proposal, noting this project has many moving parts to it. The Otto Olsen building, built in 1954, is inadequate for current campus needs. A new Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) facility would be constructed, and

Welch Hall and the Otto Olsen Building will be demolished in conjunction with the construction of the new STEM building. Several programs and departments in the Otto Olsen building will be relocated. The total project cost would be \$30,000,000 and would be funded from facilities bond proceeds that are a result of revisions per LB 957, which extends the current facilities bond program for an additional 10 years through 2030.

Doug Kristensen, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Doug Kristensen, Chancellor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, reported that there would be sufficient institutional funds to cover the cost of demolition. To honor Otto Olsen, there will be either plaques, a courtyard, or some special way to honor him since the new building will have a new name. He added that this is a state funded project, and private donations will most likely assist with those costs. Lee McQueen, Facilities Director at UNK, commented that demolition and construction should begin in the spring of 2018.

Lee McQueen, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Commissioner Probyn stated that the committee recommendation is to approve the project proposal.

University of Nebraska at Kearney – Otto Olsen Building Replacement approved

Commissioner Probyn, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s Capital Construction Project – Otto Olsen Building Replacement. A roll call vote was taken. All Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Community College Gap Assistance Program

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Mr. Timm presented the report

Mr. Timm presented the Community College Gap Assistance Program, noting this program was designed to provide financial aid to low-income community college students enrolled in non-credit programs that do not qualify for federal Pell grants or the Nebraska Opportunity Grant. This program was created by the Nebraska Legislature in 2015 to fill that gap, so these students could qualify for jobs in high-need fields. Through June 30, 2017, there were 122 applicants, with 106 approved for one of the 283 programs that have been approved to date. A committee was created several years ago to oversee and administer the grant dollars to the community colleges called The Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee. It is made up of representatives from Nebraska’s Department of Education, Department of Economic Development, Department of Labor, and three of the six community colleges, as well as the CCPE. Dr. Baumgartner and Mr. Timm answered questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Wilson asked the APC Committee to resume

Chair Wilson called for the Academic Programs Committee to resume with the remainder of their agenda items.

Existing Program Review

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Dr. Fimple presented the Existing Program Review

Dr. Fimple presented the Existing Program Review, stating Southeast Community College only enrolls students in the Deere Construction & Forestry Equipment Technician program every other year. In this case there is only information for two graduating classes, so averaging it over five years makes it below threshold.

Update on SARA

Dr. Fimple presented the SARA update

Update on State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)

Dr. Fimple talked about the benefits and background of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), noting the US Department of Education requires every institution to be approved in every state in which it has students. The requirements vary state to state, so SARA was created to simplify the process. Over 1,600 institutions currently participate in SARA. Dr. Fimple gave an overview of data collected in spring of 2017, noting the number of institutions participating has greatly increased.

Reasonable and Moderate Extension and Name Changes

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A. Reasonable and Moderate Extension

1. UNK – Public History (graduate certificate)

Name Changes

B. Name Changes

1. UNL – Speech Language Pathology and Audiology to *Communication Sciences and Disorders*
2. UNMC – Department of Health Promotion, Social and Behavioral Health to *Department of Health Promotion*

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

Commissioner Lauritzen acknowledges Planning Committee and staff

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, who will remain the Committee Chair, thanked Commissioners and staff that were on the Committee call. She introduced Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, to present the *2017 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Enrollment*.

2017 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Enrollment

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Ms. Heese presented the report

Ms. Heese provided a PowerPoint presentation on the latest 10-year enrollment trends throughout the state of Nebraska, noting the information comes from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). Ms. Heese presented graphs for fall enrollment data by sector, student level, full-time/part-time classification, gender, race/ethnicity, age, and distance education status. New this year is a fall enrollment data dashboard that includes data corresponding to all sections of the report. Ms. Heese gave a demonstration on accessing the data and stated that the data dashboard can be found on the CCPE website at <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/enrollment-dashboard>.

Executive Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Wilson acknowledged Executive Committee members that recently met to discuss the following two action items to be voted on by the Commission.

2018 CCPE Meeting Calendar

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Dr. Baumgartner presented the proposed 2018 CCPE Meeting Calendar. There were no concerns or questions on the proposed meeting calendar.

2018 CCPE Meeting Calendar approved

Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the 2018 CCPE Meeting Calendar. A roll call vote was taken. All Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Proposed Staff Salary Range Adjustment for 2017-2018

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Dr. Baumgartner presented the proposed Staff Salary Range Adjustment for 2017-2019, noting that money set aside for employees who were not on the state's insurance was lost with last year's budget cuts. With the Communications & Special Projects Coordinator position now open, in order to accommodate for the possibility of providing insurance, a salary range decrease is being proposed. Mr. Timm added that this adjustment for the Communications & Special Projects Coordinator position reflects the entry-level salary range for a Public Information Officer I in the state system.

Dr. Baumgartner presented the proposal

Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the Proposed Staff Salary Range Adjustment for 2017-2019. A roll call vote was taken. All Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Timm commented

Proposed Staff Salary Range Adjustment for 2017-2018 approved

Next Commission meeting is December 1, 2017

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Friday, December 1, 2017, at the Lincoln Public Schools Administration Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Commissioner Lauritzen comments

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lauritzen commented that recently the State Chamber did a presentation in West Point. She obtained a publication listing Chamber members in Nebraska. Commissioner Lauritzen also reported that at a recent college fair in West Point, 40 schools were represented from five different states.

Commissioner Probyn comments

Commissioner Probyn stated that the Wednesday, September 27, 2017, *Wall Street Journal* had an article ranking the top U.S. colleges, with the University of Nebraska ranking 467 out of the top 500 colleges.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.