
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION December 1, 2017 Lincoln Public Schools District Office Building 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 DECEMBER 1, 2017. 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;">W. SCOTT WILSON, CHAIR</p>

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair W. Scott Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam	Dr. Joyce Simmons
Dr. John Bernthal	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Dr. Deborah Frison	W. Scott Wilson
Mary Lauritzen	Carol Zink
Dwayne Probyn	

Commissioners Absent

Gwenn Aspen
Dr. Ron Hunter

Commission Staff Present

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

Lt. Governor Foley speaks and presents plaque to Commissioner Zink

PRESENTATION

Chair Wilson introduced Lt. Governor Mike Foley, who spoke on the importance of the Commission and the valuable service its members perform for postsecondary education in Nebraska. He then presented Carol Zink, who is leaving the Commission, with a plaque honoring her with Admiralship in the Nebraska Navy. He commented on her many contributions to the State of Nebraska and thanked her for her dedicated service. Commissioner Zink thanked Lt. Governor Foley, fellow Commissioners and staff, and indicated it has been an honor and privilege to work on the Commission.

Commissioner Von Behren takes oath of office

COMMISSIONER OATH OF OFFICE

The Secretary of State's office requires newly appointed Commissioners to take and sign an oath of office. Dr. Paul Von Behren of Ames, Nebraska was sworn in as a new Commissioner by Chair W. Scott Wilson.

Minutes of October 12, 2017 Commission Meeting approved

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2017, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Simmons moved that the October 12, 2017, minutes be approved. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Zink abstained. The remaining eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Wilson discussed changes to committees

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wilson reported that with Commissioner Zink's departure, there are changes to the committees. Commissioner Hunter will be added to the Executive Committee, and Commissioner Von Behren will serve on the Planning and Consumer Information Committee.

Chair Wilson recognized Commissioner Zink with Resolution 17-01

Chair Wilson read Resolution 17-01, recognizing Commissioner Zink for her leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education for over 10 years.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director, reported the following out-of-service area application has been authorized:

1. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video originated at MPCC in North Platte, NE
Delivered to Burwell High School in Burwell, NE
 - MATH 1900 Calculus II (5 cr.)
1/15//18-5/10/18

Dr. Baumgartner noted Public Information & Special Projects Coordinator position will not be filled

Dr. Baumgartner stated that due to recent budget cuts we currently are not able to fill Jason Keese's position. The duties of that position are being distributed among several staff members.

Dr. Baumgartner reported attending Nebraska Lottery briefing

Dr. Baumgartner reported that he, J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, along with Commissioners Frison, Von Behren, and Probyn participated in a lottery briefing on November 7, along with other lottery beneficiaries: Nebraska Department of Education, State Fair, and Environmental Trust. They received an overview of the lottery industry, a review of sales and profitability, a tour of the lottery warehouse, and a review of transfers to beneficiaries. Dr. Baumgartner was pleased to report the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) has received \$101 million of lottery funding since 2003.

Dr. Baumgartner and Commissioner Zink attended MHEC annual meeting.

Commissioner Zink and Dr. Baumgartner attended the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) annual meeting November 13-14 in Overland Park, KS. Others present representing Nebraska were Sen. Sue Crawford, Randy Ferlich, John Dunning from Wayne State College, and Dr. Charles Snare from Chadron State College. They spent the first day on MHEC business, including annual reports on major activities (MCMC, student exchange, technology program, insurance, research, SARA) and hearing reports from each member state. The second day was devoted to national speakers on state funding and affordability.

Dr. Baumgartner attended Education Commission of the States Dual Enrollment Policy Academy

Dr. Baumgartner joined Education Commissioner Matthew Blomstedt, State Board Liaison Ryan Foor, and WNCC Associate Dean Ellen Dillon at the Education Commission of the States Dual Enrollment Policy Academy this week in Denver, CO. In a facilitated context, they discussed ways to improve the availability and quality of dual credit in Nebraska and will be developing a plan to move forward with other stakeholders to make improvements. They were joined by teams from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Kansas.

Dr. Baumgartner stated he and other staff recently attended Education of the States financial aid technology meeting

On November 30, Dr. Baumgartner, Mr. Morrow, Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, and Gary Timm, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer, participated in an Education Commission of the States financial aid technical assistance meeting that was convened by Sen. Adam Morfeld. There were 20 participants representing the state colleges, university, community colleges, the legislature, and EducationQuest. Topics of discussion included need-based aid and transfer in Nebraska in the context of best practices nationwide. Mr. Morrow attended a planning meeting in Washington, DC on November 2.

Dr. Baumgartner noted an upcoming ACT State Organization Council meeting that he will attend

An ACT State Organization Council Meeting will be held December 11. Dr. Baumgartner noted he was asked to and will replace Jason Keese as a council member.

Dr. Baumgartner spoke about the upcoming legislative session and CCPE priorities

The start of the legislative session will be January 3, 2018. Our legislative priority is to expand the number of programs eligible for the Community College Gap Assistance program by expanding programs to include short-term for-credit courses. Dr. Baumgartner noted this was discussed at the October Commission meeting and he has recently met with Sen. Kate Bolz to share our proposed change to the statute.

Public Comment on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

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

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost at the University of Nebraska, came forward to state there are representatives present from all of the university campuses that have programs listed on the APC agenda, who are available to discuss each proposal and answer Commissioners' questions.

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

Commissioner Adam chaired the committee

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Adam chaired the Academic Programs Committee as Committee Chair Bernthal was unable to attend the recent committee conference call.

Southeast Community College – Milford Campus

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Southeast Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Academic Transfer (AA and AS), Milford Campus

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that early in the Commission's history, several campuses were identified to offer general academic transfer programs in statute. Southeast Community College – Milford Campus was not among those due to its highly technical focus. Southeast Community College did extensive research and concluded that there is a demand for an academic transfer program at their Milford campus. Dr. Fimple stated most courses can be offered in general classrooms, but a science lab would need to be added.

Mr. Bob Morgan, Southeast Community College

Mr. Bob Morgan, Vice President for Program Development at Southeast Community College, answered Commissioners' questions and commented that a large population of students in the technical programs at the Milford campus come from the 15 surrounding counties. Adding the Arts and Science associate degrees would expand the availability of the program to a large geographical area in the college's service area. Mr. Morgan also noted that SCC's dual credit program has strong participation from the surrounding four-county area. Dr. Carolee Ritter, Dean of Arts and Sciences, discussed adding a science lab for students interested in health occupations so they may complete prerequisites at the Milford campus. With a large female population in health related studies, it would increase diversity on the predominately male campus.

Dr. Carolee Ritter, Southeast Community College

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Adam stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the program, with the first program review due June 30, 2020. Ordinarily this would report a single figure for the academic transfer programs on all campuses. In 2020 only, SCC's review will also break out the figures for the Milford campus.

*Southeast Community College
Proposal for a New Instructional
Program – Academic Transfer (AA
and AS) Milford Campus approved*

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Southeast Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Academic Transfer (AA and AS), Milford Campus. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

*University of Nebraska Medical
Center*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Occupational Therapy (doctorate)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that Nebraska statutes require occupational therapists to be licensed, graduated from a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), and to have passed a national board for certification. She noted there would be clinical practice and fieldwork involved with the program. In determining the need for the program, Dr. Fimple stated the U. S. Department of Labor estimates 36 to 40 annual job openings in Nebraska, but the number of graduates from existing programs is upward of 135. Letters of support from employers note an increasing shortage of occupational therapists and the state of Nebraska has declared 32 counties as areas with shortages.

Dr. Kyle Meyer, UNMC

Dr. Kyle Meyer, Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions at UNMC, noted if this proposal is approved, students will be offered occupational therapy courses at the new Health Sciences Building on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus also. He stated they have had a significant amount of input and feedback from individuals in rural communities indicating a great need for occupational therapists. This program would give students the opportunity to train and complete their clinical studies in the central and western part of the state and not have to relocate to Omaha. Dr. Meyer answered questions from the Commissioners.

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Adam stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Occupational Therapy Doctorate at UNMC, with the first regular program review due June 30, 2022.

*University of Nebraska Medical
Center Proposal for a New
Instructional Program –
Occupational Therapy (doctorate)
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 – Occupational Therapy (doctorate). A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Von Behren voted no. The remaining eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Health Administration (master’s)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating the program was designed to meet the standards of the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). The degree would be from the University of Nebraska Medical Center but it is also offered in partnership with UNK, UNO, and UNL with a combination of delivery methods. Dr. Fimple discussed the demand for the program, noting there are other programs offered in the state but without training in hospital or clinic-oriented management.

Dr. Fernando Wilson, UNMC

Dr. Fernando Wilson, Associate Professor, Department of Health Services Research and Administration, College of Public Health, spoke briefly on a recent survey on healthcare leadership in Nebraska surveying 59 hospitals and medical centers in the state. Two-thirds of the executives surveyed held Master of Health Administration degrees, and 60 percent of those surveyed indicated the need to hire personnel that have the MHA degree. Dr. Jackson added that this program is a good example of using the full spectrum of expertise and educational resources across all of the campuses creating an excellent package for the students.

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

APC Committee recommendation

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

University of Nebraska Medical Center Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Health Administration (master’s) 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 – Health Administration (master’s). A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Finance (MS)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting a consultant who was commissioned to conduct a survey determined the need does exist for a MS in Finance. The consultant’s report was based on a national level, so it is difficult to determine the demand for the program in our state, although letters of support were provided by local businesses. Dr. Fimple stated this program would be offered completely online, in five eight-week sessions, and could be completed in one year.

Dr. Tammy Beck, and Dr. Richard DeFusco, UNL

Dr. Tammy Beck, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Research, College of Business, and Dr. Richard DeFusco, Chair, Department of Finance, College of Business, answered questions from the Commissioners on student and corporate demand for the program.

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Adam stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the program with the first review date June 30, 2023.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Proposal for a New Instructional
Program – Finance (MS) approved*

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Finance (MS). A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Probyn and Bernthal abstained. The remaining seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Business Analytics (MS)

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, commenting that the same consultant’s report indicated job postings for business analytics increasing. The university reported that enrollments skyrocketed in the business analytics graduate certificate from nine students in 2014 to 48 students enrolled in 2016.

Dr. Jennifer Ryan, UNL

Dr. Jennifer Ryan, Chair, Department of Supply Chain and Analytics, College of Business, discussed need and demand for the program, and answered questions from the Commissioners.

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Adam stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the program with the first review date June 30, 2023.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Proposal for a New Instructional
Program – Business Analytics (MS)
approved*

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Business Analytics (MS). A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Probyn abstained. The remaining eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Leonard and Shirley Goldstein Center for Human Rights

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that faculty at UNO have been involved in teaching courses or conducting research on human rights for many years. In 2015, Shirley Goldstein donated \$2 million to the NU Foundation for the purpose of endowing a Center for Human Rights in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNO. Currently courses related to human rights are being taught in sociology, anthropology, political science, religious studies, and more. The center would unify those activities and provide a focal point of support, expand research and collaboration, and bring topics forward to the community in a structured fashion.

*Dr. Curtis Hutt, Dr. Paul Williams,
and Dr. David Boocker, University of
Nebraska at Omaha*

Dr. Curtis Hutt, Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Paul Williams, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Religious Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. David Boocker, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, came forward to present testimony in support of the center and answer Commissioners’ questions. Dr. Jackson also noted this center would bring together a wide variety of academic disciplines devoted to the study of issues related to human rights.

*Dr. David Jackson, University of
Nebraska*

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Adam stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the proposed Leonard and Shirley Goldstein Center for Human Rights at UNO. Approval of the Center does not constitute approval of any new programs now or in the future.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha
Proposal for a New Organizational
Unit – Leonard and Shirley Goldstein
Center for Human Rights approved*

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Leonard and Shirley Goldstein Center for Human Rights. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Von Behren voted no. The remaining eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Wilson called for a break at 11:00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:10 a.m.

Existing Program Review

Existing Program Review

Dr. Fimple presented the Existing Program Review, stating institutions are required to give a justification if they fall below threshold. A listing of accepted justifications is included in the report.

*Annual Reports for Institutions
Holding a Recurrent Authorization to
Operate in Nebraska*

Annual Reports for Institutions Holding a Recurrent Authorization to Operate in Nebraska

Dr. Fimple presented the report

Dr. Fimple presented the report, stating the authorizations for Hope International University (Nebraska Christian College) and the University of South Dakota reports are on a different timetable than most institutions.

*Off-Campus and Distance Education
Report*

Off-Campus and Distance Education Report

Dr. Fimple presented the report

Dr. Fimple gave a PowerPoint presentation on Off-Campus and Distance Education at Nebraska Public Institutions, noting there are three types of delivery: traditional, synchronous, and asynchronous, with asynchronous being the most popular method of delivery. Dr. Fimple provided a summary of course offerings, and how information is reported by Nebraska public institutions. Dr. Fimple also reviewed how high school students are being served through dual enrollment delivery methods by the community colleges. She noted the report will be available on the Commission’s website www.ccpe.nebraska.gov.

*Reasonable and Moderate
Extensions*

**Reasonable and Moderate Extensions, New Department, Center
Dissolution**

A. Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. UNK – Spanish (graduate certificate)
2. UNMC – Applied Biostatistics (graduate certificate)
3. UNO – Nonprofit Management (graduate certificate)

New Department

B. New Department

1. UNMC – Department of Neurosurgery

Center Dissolution

C. Center Dissolution

1. UNL – Center for Applied Rural Innovations

*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

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, Committee Chair, introduced Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, to give a presentation on measuring accomplishments. She pointed out that there are maps at the end of the report that indicate the location of peers for Nebraska's public postsecondary institutions.

*2017 Measuring Accomplishments,
Companion Piece to Chapter One of
the Comprehensive Statewide Plan
for Postsecondary Education*

2017 Measuring Accomplishments, Companion Piece to Chapter One of the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education

*Jill Heese, Research Coordinator,
presented the report*

Ms. Heese presented a PowerPoint report, noting that this is the second edition of *Measuring Accomplishments*, which is a companion piece to Chapter One of the *Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education*. The report includes national and peer comparisons as well as non-comparative measures, and will be updated on an annual basis. Ms. Heese stated that Nebraska is ranked in the top 25 for educational attainment by age group and degree level, college continuation rates, enrollment rates, and six-year completion rates. Nebraska also ranks in the top 10 for high school graduation rates and ACT college readiness benchmarks. Ms. Heese gave an update on national comparisons, peer comparisons, and non-comparative measures, and answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Next Commission meeting is
January 25, 2018*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, January 25, 2017, at the Apothecary Building, 5th Floor loft, Lincoln, Nebraska

Chair Wilson comments

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Wilson indicated there is cake for all to enjoy after the meeting commemorating 25 years of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Chair Wilson recognized Commissioner Zink for her knowledge, professionalism, and grace brought to the Commission and stated she will be missed.

Commissioner Probyn comments

Commissioner Probyn brought forward an editorial article of interest from the November 23 *Omaha World-Herald* titled *The case for the three-year bachelor's degree*.

Chair Wilson acknowledges Jason Keese

Jason Keese, former Public Information & Special Projects Coordinator, was present and Chair Wilson thanked him for his contributions to the CCPE.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.