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# MINUTES

## COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION January 24, 2019 The Apothecary Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, North Loft Lincoln, 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 JANUARY 24, 2019. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:45 A.M.

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

W. SCOTT WILSON, CHAIR

*Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m.*

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair W. Scott Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and asked for introductions.

#### **Commissioners Present**

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

#### **Commissioners Absent**

Dr. Ron Hunter

#### **Commission Staff Present**

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	J. Ritchie Morrow
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Gary Timm
Kadi Lukesh	Mike Wemhoff
Helen Pope	

*Minutes of December 6, 2018,  
Commission meeting approved*

### **MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2018, COMMISSION MEETING**

**Commissioner Probyn moved that the December 6, 2018, minutes be approved. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote**

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**was taken, with all eight Commissioners present voting yes. The motion carried.**

*Chair Wilson's Report*

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Wilson stated that Dr. Baumgartner is working with the Governor's office to fill two vacant Commissioner positions.

*Chair Wilson discussed executive director evaluation form*

Chair Wilson reported the Executive Committee recently met to create an executive director evaluation form. The form was distributed to all Commissioners and Chair Wilson noted that as a working document the full Commission is to review the form and contact him with any suggested changes. Chair Wilson stated that this will be a fiscal year evaluation and the document will be in place at the July Commission meeting when new officers take over.

*Executive Director's Report*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Out-of-service area applications authorized*

The following out-of-service area authorizations were approved by the Executive Director:

1. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC  
Delivered to Deshler High School in Deshler, NE
  - MATH 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.)  
1/7/19-5/3/19
  
2. Offered by Central Community College  
Traditional Delivery at Deshler High School in Deshler, NE
  - MATH 2070 Calculus II (5 cr.)  
1/7/19-5/3/19
  
3. 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.)  
1/7/19-5/3/19
  
4. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated at CCC  
Delivered to Madison High School in Madison, NE
  - SPCH 1110 Public Speaking (3 cr.)  
1/7/19-5/3/19
  
5. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video originated at Humphrey High School in Humphrey, NE  
Delivered to Elgin High School in Elgin, NE
  - ENGL 1020 Writing & Research (3 cr.)  
1/7/19-5/3/19

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*Kadi Lukesh presented second quarter budget report*

Kadi Lukesh, Budget Coordinator, made the second quarter budget report. There will be a revision in the Administrative budget for staff travel as the Commission meeting in North Platte was scheduled after the 2018-19 budget was finalized. This meeting will require hotel stays for staff and Commissioners. Ms. Lukesh discussed the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), noting that in January there was a large distribution. She reported that cash funds are used before spending the general fund. Ms. Lukesh stated this is the last time the Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) Grant statistics will be in her report. The ITQ grant ended December 31, 2018. The report indicated that a distribution from the Community College GAP Assistance Program was made in January and shows 65 percent spent. Ms. Lukesh commented that the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE) program would show more activity as the school year goes on.

*Dr. Baumgartner gave a Legislative update*

Dr. Baumgartner stated the Legislature is in session and 739 bills have been introduced. The Coordinating Commission will be tracking 26 of those bills and one resolution for a constitutional amendment. A handout providing details on those bills of interest was distributed to Commissioners, and Dr. Baumgartner discussed specifics of each bill.

*Dr. Baumgartner reported on the Governor's budget proposal*

Dr. Baumgartner presented and reviewed the Governor's proposal for Higher Education Appropriations 2019-21: LB 294 and LB 297. He reported that the operating budget is good for the Commission, with all agencies receiving two percent annual increases for salaries and funds for health insurance increases. The Nebraska Opportunity Grant will receive \$1 million additional funds each year from the Nebraska Lottery Fund, which will allow campuses to award 765 more scholarships each year. We received a two percent increase for the ACE scholarship program, which would fund 77 more scholarships each year. The institutions will receive a two percent increase for salary and health insurance, which varies by institution. The community colleges receive a 2.0 percent increase. The Governor's Nebraska Talent Scholarships would provide \$4,000 scholarships, 250 the first year and 500 the second year, for the state colleges and the University of Nebraska system. The community colleges would receive funding for 65 scholarships the first year and 130 the second year. Dr. Baumgartner noted he is pleased with the budget, and noted the Appropriations Committee will receive the revenue forecast update in February and put out their report. He answered Commissioners' questions.

*Dr. Baumgartner spoke on attending recent NCTA advisory meeting*

Dr. Baumgartner attended the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) annual advisory meeting on January 4 and was asked to speak about the comprehensive statewide plan goals, the recent measuring accomplishments report, and how NCTA's strategic plan is matching up to the comprehensive plan and their performance. He noted that NCTA has a creative group of staff and administrators who are looking at ways to extend their mission to the entire state. The Commissioners will tour NCTA on May 29, the day before the May 30 Commission meeting in North Platte at Mid-Plains Community College.

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*Dr. Baumgartner and Dr. Fimple to attend upcoming military credit meeting*

*Dr. Baumgartner reported on his participation on Blueprint Nebraska sub-committee*

*Reminder to Commissioners that accountability and disclosure forms are due*

*Jodie Meyer, Nebraska Department of Labor presentation*

*Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern*

Dr. Baumgartner and Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, will attend a military credit meeting at Central Community College in Grand Island with Craig Chandler from the Army University to discuss ways military training in military occupational specialties can be worked into the programs at the community colleges and universities.

Dr. Baumgartner stated he had been participating in a postsecondary and career sub-committee of Blueprint Nebraska. The group has finished its work gathering data and it has been submitted to the steering committee. The full report will be coming out later this year.

Dr. Baumgartner reminded Commissioners that their accountability and disclosure forms are due March 1.

### **PRESENTATION**

Jodie Meyer, Research Analyst from the Nebraska Department of Labor, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Nebraska Occupation and Industry Projections. Ms. Meyer stated the industry and occupational employment projections are produced for the entire state and broken down into nine economic regions. There is a short-term time frame report that is completed every year and comes out in March, the current being for 2017-2019. The long-term time-frame report covers ten years, currently 2016-2026, and is generated every other year in even numbered years and comes out in July. Ms. Meyer gave an overview of long-term industry projections and listed the top 10 fastest growing statewide industries, with ambulatory healthcare services being at the top. Wind turbine service technicians topped the fastest growing occupations statewide for 2016-2026, with home health aides being second.

Ms. Meyer discussed high wage, high skill, high demand (H3) occupations and how each category is determined. H3 occupations are today's most in-demand jobs. Occupations are considered high wage when at least half of their wage measures are at or above the regional average for all occupations. High skill occupations require some college, or higher level of educational attainment, or require a high school diploma plus long-term on-the-job training, apprenticeship, or internship/residency. The number of annual openings, net change in employment, and growth rate determine whether an occupation is high demand. Ms. Meyer answered Commissioners' questions, and noted that resources and information are available online at [Networks.nebraska.gov](http://Networks.nebraska.gov) and [H3.ne.gov](http://H3.ne.gov).

### **PUBLIC HEARING 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.**

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*Public Hearing on Academic Programs  
Committee Items*

*Dr. David Jackson, University of  
Nebraska*

*Dr. Tom McDonnell and Mr. Scott  
Broady, Metropolitan Community  
College*

*Commissioner Bernthal chaired the  
Academic Programs Committee*

*Metropolitan Community College*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

*Mr. Scott Broady*

*APC recommendation*

*Metropolitan Community College  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program – Automotive Technology:  
Toyota T-TEN (AAS) approved*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE  
ITEMS**

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost from the University of Nebraska, came forward in support of and to answer any questions regarding agenda items from the University.

Dr. Tom McDonnell, Vice President of Academic Affairs from Metropolitan Community College, and Mr. Scott Broady, Associate Dean of Industrial Technology Trades, stated they were present to discuss and answer questions regarding Metropolitan Community College's Automotive Technology new instructional program.

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

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Bernthal, Committee Chair, introduced Dr. Fimple to present the first item from the Academic Programs Committee.

**Metropolitan Community College – Proposal for a New  
Instructional Program – Automotive Technology: Toyota T-TEN  
(Technician Training and Education Network) (AAS)**

Dr. Fimple stated Toyota has designed this training program with 33 regional T-TEN entities across the United States. Students have to be sponsored by a dealer, who agrees to provide a paid internship within a rotation of 10 weeks of classroom and 10 weeks of lab time. Dr. Fimple stated that Toyota did a survey about dealerships in this region. In the survey they estimated 34 possible internships available to fill the need and demand. If this program is approved, it would serve North and South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa. The program would be located in the Mahoney Building Automotive Technology space at the South Omaha Campus. Mr. Broady noted that Toyota will not subsidize the students for their internships, but the students' time at the dealership will be paid. Dr. McDonnell commented that this type of program might encourage other manufacturers to offer similar instructional partnerships.

Commissioner Bernthal stated the Committee recommendation is to approve Metropolitan Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Automotive Technology: Toyota T-TEN (Technician Training and Education Network) (AAS).

**Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Metropolitan Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Automotive Technology: Toyota T-TEN (Technician Training and Education Network) (AAS). A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

### **2017-2018 Existing Program Review**

Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the State College and University of Nebraska existing programs that were reviewed and approved for continuation by the Executive Director. Dr. Jodi Kupper, Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Partnerships from the Nebraska State College system, spoke briefly on how the state colleges are refocusing academic opportunities.

#### **University of Nebraska at Kearney**

English – BA  
English Writing – BA  
English 7-12 – BAE  
Language Arts 7-12 – BAE  
English Creative Writing – MA  
Organizational & Relational Communication – BS  
German – BA  
French – BA  
Spanish – BA  
Spanish Translation & Interpretation – BA  
German 7-12 – BAE  
French 7-12 – BAE  
English as Second Language – BAE  
Spanish 7-12 – BAE  
Modern Languages – BA/BAE  
Spanish Education – MAE

#### **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

English – BA, BS, MA, PhD  
Digital Humanities – Graduate Certificate  
Microbiology – BS  
Russian – BA  
French – BA, BS  
German – BA, BS  
Spanish – BA, BS  
Modern Languages and Literatures – MA  
Classics & Religious Studies – BA  
Classical Languages – BA

#### **University of Nebraska at Omaha**

English – BA, BGS, MA  
Advanced Writing – Graduate Certificate  
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages – Undergrad Cert,  
Grad Cert  
Technical Communication – Graduate Certificate  
Writing – MFA  
Creative Writing – BFA, BGS  
Chemistry – BS, BA  
Geology – BS  
Geography – BA, BS, BMS, MA  
Geographical Information – Graduate Certificate

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*Existing Program Review continued*

Foreign Language & Literature – BA, BMS  
Language Teaching – MA

Chadron State College  
English (Language Arts) – BA, BSE

Peru State College  
English – BS

Wayne State College  
English – BA, BS  
Spanish – BA

*2017-2018 Existing Program Review  
Action Items*

**2017-2018 Existing Program Review Action Items**

Dr. Fimple presented the two programs that are below threshold and recommended for an in-depth review, with comments from Dr. Jackson.

University of Nebraska at Kearney  
English Literature – MA

University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Modern Languages & Literatures – PhD

*APC Recommendation*

Commissioner Bernthal stated the Committee recommendation is to allow UNK and UNL to continue with an in-depth review due July 15, 2019.

*2017-2018 Existing Program Review  
Action Items approved*

**Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve both of the Existing Program Review Action Items as a group. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

Chair Wilson called for a break at 10:30 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m.

*Final Report for Improving Teacher  
Quality Grant*

**Final Report for Improving Teacher Quality Grant**

Dr. Fimple gave a brief history of the Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) Grant, noting that it goes back to the Education for Economic Security Act from 1984. It has had several name changes but always has been a partnership between higher education and K-12. Grants have been awarded to 17 institutions in Nebraska, with the number of projects funded being influenced by federal funding available, number of proposals submitted, and the quality of those proposals. The report goes as far back as there is documentation, but Dr. Fimple focused her discussion on ITQ's accomplishments from the previous five years.

*Dr. Fimple presented 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 stated that Bryan College of Health Sciences, The Creative Center, and Crown College submitted their annual reports required under their authorization to operate in Nebraska.

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*Existing Programs Institutional Activities*

**Report on Name Changes, Deletions, Reasonable and Moderate Extensions, and Other Institutional Activities Relating to Existing Programs**

Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented and briefly discussed the institutional activities listed below.

*Reasonable and Moderate Extensions*

**Reasonable and Moderate Extensions**

1. SCC – Technical Skills Instructor (AOS)
2. NECC – Natural Resources concentration (AS)

*Center Transfer*

**Center Transfer**

1. UNL - Transfer the Gallup Research Center to *The Clifton Strengths Institute*

*Center Name Change*

**Center Name Change**

1. UNL - Boys Town Center on Child and Family Well Being to *The Academy for Child and Family Well Being*

*Center Eliminations*

**Center Eliminations**

1. UNL - Leadership Institute in the College of Business
2. UNL - Center for Nontraditional Manufacturing Research
3. UNL - Center for Instructional Innovation in the Dept. of Educational Psychology

*Department Elimination*

**Department Elimination**

1. UNK - Department of Economics

*Department Changes*

**Department Changes**

1. UNK - Business Education program and Business Administration courses move from the Department of Economics to the Department of Management
2. UNK - Economics program from the Department of Economics to the Department of Accounting and Finance
3. UNK - Agribusiness program from the Department of Economics to the Department of Marketing and Management Information Systems

*Department Name Changes*

**Department Name Changes**

1. UNK - Department of Accounting and Finance to *Department of Accounting, Finance, and Economics*
2. UNK - Department of Marketing and Management Information Systems to *Department of Marketing, Agribusiness, and Supply Chain Management*



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*Discontinued Programs*

**Discontinued Programs**

1. UNK - Writing (MFA)
2. UNK - Speech Communication (BA/BS)
3. UNK - German (BA)
4. UNK - French (BA)
5. UNK - Spanish (BA)
6. UNK - Spanish Translation & Interpretation (BA)
7. UNK - German 7-12 (BAE)
8. UNK - French 7-12 (BAE)
9. UNK - English as Second Language (BAE)
10. UNK - Spanish 7-12 (BAE)

*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 Von Behren chaired the  
BCF Committee report*

**BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Von Behren, Committee Chair, reported the Committee recently met to review the three reports that will be presented.

*2017-2018 ACE Scholarship Year-end  
Report*

**Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship AY 2017-18 Year-end Report**

*J. Ritchie Morrow presented the report*

J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, reported that ACE scholarships were awarded to 2,456 low-income Nebraska high students from 224 different schools, who received 3,723 scholarships for a total amount awarded just under \$915,000.00, with the average award per scholarship equaling \$245.75. The total number of credit hours that were paid for by the scholarship was 12,512 credit hours. Seventy-four percent of the grades from these students were a B or better. This year every student that applied received a scholarship with a limit of two scholarships per student.

Mr. Morrow reviewed graphs that indicated the amount of scholarships awarded, credit hours taken, and grade level of recipients since the beginning of the ACE scholarship program in 2007-08. The report provided graphs of eligibility, gender, and race of recipients. The majority of the students that qualify for the scholarship are eligible for free and reduced fee lunches from their high school, and females are taking advantage of the program more than males are. There has been a significant increase in scholarships awarded to Hispanic students and a decrease in white students. Mr. Morrow discussed the college continuation rate, participating colleges, and grades earned per course. The end of the report lists the number of scholarships awarded by high school, and the breakdown of courses taken by scholarship recipients at each college.

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*BCF Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Von Behren stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship AY 2017-18 Year-end Report.

*2017-2018 ACE Scholarship Report approved*

**Commissioner Von Behren, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship AY 2017-18 Year-end Report. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*2017-2018 NOG Year-end Report*

*Mr. Morrow presented the report*

**Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) AY 2017-18 Year-end Report**

Mr. Morrow presented the 2017-18 year-end Nebraska Opportunity Grant report, commenting that it is Nebraska's only need-based financial aid program for postsecondary students and is funded through General Fund appropriations and lottery funds. When compared to other states nationwide and analyzing national need-based amount of grant dollars per undergraduate enrollment Nebraska ranked 35<sup>th</sup> in the country during the 2016-17 year. For the 2017-18 year, \$17,392,498 was awarded to 12,849 students with the average grant award of \$1,353.61 per student. Mr. Morrow discussed Nebraska Pell Grant-eligible students by sector and unmet need by sector. The report includes key events and the yearly process of NOG funding and distribution. Mr. Morrow presented graphs showing NOG recipients by sector, family income, enrollment status, amount awarded, and funding by source. He answered questions from the Commissioners.

*2017-2018 Community College Gap Assistance Program Annual Report*

*Gary Timm presented the report*

**Community College Gap Assistance Program 2017-18 Annual Report**

Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, presented the Gap Assistance report stating that this is the second year for the report. The Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Grant Committee is responsible for the Gap Assistance program and CCPE administers the program. They have approved this report. Mr. Timm reviewed the eligibility requirements and gave a brief summary of what is in the report. The number of applications and participants has increased from the first year report, and if LB 180, which would change program eligibility criteria, makes it through the Legislature the trend will continue. The majority of participants are male. There were 349 approved programs in the twelve in-demand occupational areas. The report includes summaries for the twelve-month period of 2017-18 of all community colleges. Mr. Timm pointed out graphs in the report that show expenditures, completion rates, in-demand programs, enrollment, and completion rates. Total completion rate was 75 percent for this program. Over the course of these two years, \$2.8 million dollars have been allocated to the community colleges. All of the 349 approved Gap Assistance programs of study are listed at the end of the report. Mr. Timm answered Commissioners' questions.

*Next Commission meeting is Thursday, March 14, 2019*

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2019, at the Apothecary Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor loft, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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*Commissioner Lauritzen comments*

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Lauritzen stated she would soon provide the Commission and the Department of Education a fact sheet on the children's vision care program that she has been involved with for the past four years.

*Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.