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# MINUTES

## COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION July 25, 2019 Metropolitan Community College Fort Omaha Campus Omaha, 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 JULY 25, 2019. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:45 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.

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

DR. DEBORAH FRISON, CHAIR

*Meeting called to order at 9:45 a.m.*

### CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Deborah Frison called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and asked for introductions.

#### Commissioners Present

Dr. John Bernthal  
Dr. Deborah Frison  
Dr. Ron Hunter

Mary Lauritzen  
Dwayne Probyn  
W. Scott Wilson

#### Commissioners Absent

Colleen Adam  
Gwenn Aspen

Dr. Paul Von Behren

#### Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner  
Dr. Kathleen Fimple  
Jill Heese  
J. Ritchie Morrow

Helen Pope  
Gary Timm  
Mike Wemhoff

*Dr. Randy Schmailzl, Metropolitan  
Community College*

### **WELCOME**

Dr. Randy Schmailzl, President of Metropolitan Community College, welcomed Commissioners and staff to the Fort Omaha campus. He stated

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*Dr. Schmailzl's welcome continued*

they are very proud of what MCC has accomplished at the campus and value the tremendous support of the community. He noted his appreciation for the policies and guidelines set up by the Commission and its effort to make education better in Nebraska. Dr. Schmailzl mentioned that two key priorities for MCC are dual enrollment and career academies. Currently they have 4,500 dual enrollment students enrolled for the fall of 2019. Last year 94 seniors graduated from Millard South High School with an associate degree. It has been set up with UNO so that the majority of those students will transfer to UNO. Of the 94 graduates, ten of those students will continue on at MCC and complete a nine-month associate degree in construction, HVAC, or other trade areas. Dr. Schmailzl commented that he believes the students that take dual credit courses become better students and go on to higher education. He answered questions from the Commissioners.

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 29, 2019, WORK SESSION AND MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2019, COMMISSION MEETING**

Chair Frison requested that the minutes of the May Work Session and Commission Meeting be approved together.

*Minutes of May 29, 2019, Work Session and Minutes of May 30, 2019, Commission Meeting approved*

**Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve May 29, 2019, work session minutes and the minutes of the May 30, 2019, Commission meeting. Commissioner Probyn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all six Commissioners present voting yes. The minutes were approved.**

*Chair Frison's Report*

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Frison thanked Stan Horrell, Director of Campus Planning, and Kay Friesen, Associate VP for Organizational Development at MCC, for an informative and enjoyable tour of the three new buildings on the Fort Omaha Campus.

*2019-2020 Committee Roster*

Chair Frison thanked the Commissioners for contacting her with their preferences for the new committees. She distributed the 2019-2020 committee roster. The assignments are:

**Executive Committee**

Dr. Deborah Frison (Chair)  
Dr. John Bernthal (Vice Chair)  
Gwenn Aspen  
W. Scott Wilson

**Academic Programs Committee**

Colleen Adam  
Dr. Ron Hunter  
Mary Lauritzen  
Dr. Paul Von Behren

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**Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee**

Colleen Adam  
Dr. Ron Hunter  
Dwayne Probyn  
Dr. Paul Von Behren

**Planning and Consumer Information Committee**

Gwenn Aspen  
Mary Lauritzen  
Dwayne Probyn  
W. Scott Wilson

A chair for each committee will be decided upon at the September committee meetings.

*Presentation of plaque to outgoing  
Chair Scott Wilson*

Chair Frison presented outgoing Commission Chair Scott Wilson with a plaque on behalf of the Commissioners and staff in sincere appreciation for his dedicated service as Chair of the Coordinating Commission from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2019.

*MHEC meeting update*

Chair Frison reported that in March she was reappointed as one of Nebraska's commissioners for the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). In addition to attending the annual MHEC meeting last year, she was elected to serve on the executive committee, which meets annually. She attended that meeting last month in Columbus, Ohio.

*Executive Director evaluation form*

Chair Frison stated that the Executive Committee has put together an evaluation of the executive director. The evaluation form along with instructions and a copy of Dr. Baumgartner's priorities and activities will be emailed to each Commissioner Monday, July 29. The evaluation should be completed and returned to Chair Frison by August 22. Following that date, the Executive Committee will meet to discuss the appraisal, meet with Dr. Baumgartner to review the appraisal, and then present its recommendation to the Commission at the September Commission meeting.

*Executive Director's Report*

*Gary Timm presented Fourth Quarter  
Report*

*J. Ritchie Morrow commented*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Gary Timm, Chief Finance Officer, presented the fourth quarter report, noting June 30 is the end of the fiscal year. He reviewed the administrative funds, pointing out salary, data processing, and dues and subscription areas of interest. Mr. Timm reported on the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), noting the balance includes refunds from the prior year and Peru State College appropriations that were paid after June 30. Regarding the refunds listed, J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, stated that sometimes NOG funds are awarded to students to attend summer classes who then decide not to attend and the grant must be cancelled. If this occurs after the deadline to award the funds they must be refunded back to the Commission. Other times during his audit he will find that someone should have not been awarded the grant, so those funds must be returned. Those funds may be carried over to the next fiscal year. Money we receive from the Nebraska Lottery for the Community College GAP Assistance Program is

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allocated to the community colleges quarterly. Some administrative funds to pay staff hours specifically dedicated to the program are taken out. Mr. Timm stated the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE) program dollars have been distributed with a remaining balance of \$214, which will not be carried over.

*Dr. Baumgartner attended ECS Forum*

Dr. Baumgartner reported that he attended the annual Education Commission of the States (ECS) National Education Policy Forum in Denver July 10-12. He noted high points of the forum were a reception for Nebraska attendees hosted by State Board of Education member Deborah Neary's family, and a presentation by University of North Carolina demographer James Johnson, Jr. Copies of his presentation *Six Disruptive Demographics that Will Change America Forever: Implication for K-12 Education* were distributed to Commissioners.

*Dr. Baumgartner attended SHEEO annual meeting*

Dr. Baumgartner noted he attended the SHEEO annual meeting last week in Little Rock, Arkansas. One of the presentations that stood out was Ryan Craig's presentation on overcoming education and hiring friction with last-mile training or out-sourced apprenticeships. Mr. Craig's goal is free or debt-free education with good employment outcomes for students and the companies that hire them. Dr. Baumgartner added that the SHEEO team will be spending a day with Commission staff on September 13, as part of a capacity building process they have undertaken with over forty member states thus far.

*Dr. Baumgartner to speak at NCCA meeting*

Dr. Baumgartner will be speaking to the Nebraska Community College Association (NCCA) executive committee in August on the *2019 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report and Tuition, Fees, and Affordability Report*.

*Dr. Baumgartner reported on staff activities*

Dr. Baumgartner reported on several CCPE staff activities; Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, made a presentation on the 2019 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report to a Doane University graduate course for aspiring school counselors and will be a presenter at UNO's Data User's Conference in August. Mr. Timm attended the Governor's Economic Development Conference last week, and Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, participated in the M-SARA meeting this month and will be attending the NC-SARA meeting in September. She will be reporting on SARA issues after that meeting. Dr. Fimple will also be attending the SHEEO higher education policy conference in Boston in August.

*Dr. Baumgartner discussed NOG and use of lottery funds*

The Education Committee of the Legislature is reviewing use of lottery funds, which includes the majority of our Nebraska Opportunity Grant funding and all of the Community College Gap Assistance Program funding. Dr. Baumgartner has spoken with Sen. Groene and his staff about the review, and will be meeting with them in August. We are in the process of conducting a study of graduation outcomes for NOG recipients in anticipation of the committee review.

*Staff members met with US Census Bureau specialists*

Several CCPE staff members met with partnership specialists for the US Census Bureau this week to discuss partnering with the Census Bureau to

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encourage Nebraskans to complete the 2020 census, particularly 18 to 24 year olds. The census is working with school districts, the Nebraska Department of Education, and colleges and universities. Our participation includes providing them with higher education contacts and participating in some public service announcements. There may be a possibility of creating a higher education complete count committee in Nebraska.

*Dr. Baumgartner reported on Commissioners meeting to discuss dual enrollment*

Commissioners Bernthal and Lauritzen, along with state board members Lisa Fricke and Patricia Kochs John, will be meeting July 26 to discuss ways to ensure maximum dual enrollment opportunities for students across the state. They will be joined by experts from the Education Commission of the States to review 13 model state-level policies identified by ESC. Dr. Baumgartner added that from his travels he is more aware that dual credit access, equity, transfer, and affordability policies are being discussed in most states.

*Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

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

*Commissioner Bernthal chaired the Academic Programs Committee*

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Bernthal, Committee Chair, introduced the CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology application and turned it over to Dr. Fimple for additional comments.

*CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology – Omaha*

**CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology, Omaha – Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate**

*Dr. Fimple and Mr. Rob Hughes, CHI Health, presented the application*

Dr. Fimple, along with Mr. Rob Hughes, Radiology Program Director at CHI Health, presented and reviewed the application. Mr. Hughes stated the radiology technology program has been in existence for a long time, and the AAS degree in radiologic technology has had great student outcomes. CHI would like to offer students a bachelor degree in radiologic sciences. Dr. Fimple added that faculty and facilities are in place, and they meet the state of Nebraska requirements. It was noted that offering the bachelor's degree will produce around the same number of graduates as the associate degree did.

*APC recommendation*

Commissioner Bernthal stated the APC Committee recommendation is to approve the CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology in Omaha's Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate.

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**Committee Recommendation:** Approve the recurrent authorization to operate.  
**Institution:** CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology  
**Owner:** CHI Health Immanuel Medical Center  
**Level of authorization:** Authorized to offer the baccalaureate degree in radiologic sciences  
**Length of authorization:** Five years (valid through August 1, 2024)

**Reporting requirements:** Annual reporting is required, with the first report due August 1, 2020.

*CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology – Omaha – Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate approved*

**Commissioner Bernthal, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology in Omaha’s Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. All six Commissioners present voted yes. The motion was adopted.**

*2018-2019 Existing Program Review*

*Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the program review*

*Dr. Matt Gotschall, Central Community College*

**2018-2019 Existing Program Review**

Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the Central Community College and Southeast Community College existing programs that were reviewed and approved for continuation by the Executive Director. Dr. Matt Gotschall, President of Central Community College, discussed their programs in the review and answered Commissioners’ questions.

Central Community College

Heavy Equipment Operation Technology – Diploma  
Truck Driving – Certificate

Southeast Community College

Professional Truck Driver Training - Certificate

*Annual Reports from Institutions Holding Recurrent Authorization to Operate in Nebraska*

*Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the annual reports*

**Annual Reports From Institutions Holding Recurrent Authorization to Operate in Nebraska**

Commissioner Bernthal and Dr. Fimple presented the annual reports from the following five institutions. Dr. Fimple stated that these reports were received between January and June, 2019, having previously been approved for a five-year period with an annual reporting requirement. She also noted that Purdue Global campus in Omaha and National American University Bellevue campus both closed on May 31, 2019.

1. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
2. University of Missouri
3. National American University
4. Purdue University Global
5. University of South Dakota

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

Commissioner Bernthal presented the institutional activities listed below.

*Reasonable and Moderate Extension*

**Reasonable and Moderate Extension**

1. CCC – Social Media Specialist (in Business Technology)-Certificate
2. CCC – Instrumentation (in Mechatronics)-Certificate
3. CCC – Process Control (in Mechatronics)-Certificate
4. UNO – Communication Graduate Certificate
5. UNO – Supply Chain Management Graduate Certificate
6. UNO – History Graduate Certificate
7. UNL – Human Resource Management Graduate Certificate (in Department of Management)
8. UNO – Center for Professional Sales (in Department of Marketing and Entrepreneurship)
9. WNCC – Paramedic AAS
10. SCC – Accounting AA
11. SCC – Business Communications AA
12. SCC – Criminal Justice AA

*Name Changes*

**Name Changes**

1. UNO – Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education in Physical Education change to Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education in Kinesiology
2. UNO – Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to the Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees in Health and Kinesiology in the School of Health and Kinesiology

*Discontinued Program*

**Discontinued Program**

1. UNO – Master of Arts in Theatre (School of the Arts in the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media)

*New Partnership*

**New Partnership**

1. UNK – Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Central Community College to offer a co-enrollment partnership to help students succeed and earn college credit on a path to a university degree.

*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.

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

*Commissioner Probyn chaired the BCF Committee in Commissioner Von Behren's absence*

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

Commissioner Probyn led the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee in Commissioner Von Behren's absence. He acknowledged Commissioners and staff who attended the recent committee conference call, and introduced Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, to present the project proposal.

*Central Community College – Columbus Campus*

**Central Community College / Columbus Campus – Capital Construction Project Proposal – STEM Center Addition and Renovation**

*Mr. Wemhoff presented the project proposal*

Mr. Wemhoff gave a brief description of the Columbus Campus of Central Community College project. CCC is proposing to construct an addition and remodel of the East Education Center to create a new STEM Center. The current center is part of the campus' main building. The remodeled areas and new construction would include upgraded technology, student collaboration and lab space areas. Nursing instruction space that is currently located in several areas would be consolidated in the new addition. The reason for the addition is primarily to increase lab and student support spaces and offices for functionality and to bring existing space up to code. The estimated cost of the project is a little over \$13 million and would be funded by capital improvement property tax levy funds and \$3 million in private donations.

*Dr. Gotschall comments*

Dr. Gotschall discussed questions the Commissioners had regarding flexible use of the microbiology labs and classroom utilization. He thanked Mr. Wemhoff and the Commission for being thorough with the review of the project.

*BCF forwarded proposal to full Commission for consideration*

Commissioner Probyn noted the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee is forwarding this proposal to the full Commission for consideration and review without a recommendation. A motion is required to vote upon the proposal.

*Central Community College – Columbus Campus – Capital Construction Project Proposal – STEM Center Addition and Renovation approved*

**Commissioner Hunter made a motion to approve the Central Community College / Columbus Campus – Capital Construction Project Proposal – STEM Center Addition and Renovation. Commissioner Bernthal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All six Commissioners present voted yes. The motion was adopted.**

*Nebraska Opportunity Grant Allocations Report for 2019-2020*

**Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Allocations Report for 2019-2020**

*Mr. Morrow presented the report*

Mr. Morrow presented the report, commenting that every year the CCPE is appropriated funds from the legislature for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant, and those funds are combined with the Nebraska Lottery Funds that we receive to award each year. An allocation formula in statute based on FTE enrollment and a tuition and fees component is used and institutions are notified how much is available to award to their students. He gave an



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*NOG Allocation report continued*

overview of the NOG funding by source over the past 10 years noting that around 63% comes from the Nebraska Lottery. Mr. Morrow reviewed allocation funds listed in the report for each participating institution from 2008-09 through 2019-20.

Chair Frison called for a break at 11:25 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:34 a.m.

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

*Commissioner Lauritzen chaired the Planning and Consumer Information Committee in Commissioner Aspen's absence*

**PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Lauritzen led the Planning and Consumer Information Committee in Commissioner Aspen's absence. She acknowledged Commissioners and staff that were on the recent Planning Committee conference call.

*2019 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Degrees and Other Awards*

**2019 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Degrees and Other Awards**

*Ms. Heese presented the report*

Ms. Heese delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the *2019 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Degrees and Other Awards*. Ms. Heese gave a background summary and noted the report focuses on the last 10-year trends. Ms. Heese discussed each of the five main sections: sector, award level, gender, race/ethnicity, and discipline cluster. She noted section six is the age group sector, with data collected for only seven years. Sections one through five analyze the number of awards conferred, section six analyzes the number of students who completed awards. Ms. Heese pointed out the *Factual Look* is primarily an online publication, with data adjustments made occasionally. Each section is available for download, and data users are able to view the most updated data via a dashboard on the CCPE website.

*The next Commission meeting is Thursday, September 26, 2019*

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, September 26, 2019, at the Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center on the UNO campus, Omaha, Nebraska

*Chair Frison comments*

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Frison stated that an Executive Committee meeting will be set up after August 22, 2019, when all of the executive director evaluation forms have been submitted.

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*Commissioner Lauritzen comments*

Commissioner Lauritzen shared an article from the July 11, 2019, *Omaha World Herald* that recognized former Commissioner Dick Davis's work with young people.

*Commissioner Lauritzen and Dr. Baumgartner comments*

Commissioner Lauritzen stated that she met with Doug Lenz in early July and is looking at collaborating with the Central Plains Nebraska Center for Services Foundation for Families and Children. The center works with children who age-out of foster care to help them remain in school. Dr. Baumgartner added that he will be meeting with representatives from the foundation.

*Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Frison adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.