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# MINUTES

## COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION September 26, 2019 UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, Room 230 6001 Dodge Street Omaha Nebraska

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.

*Public notice of meeting*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTICE OF MEETING</b></p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2019. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M.</p> <p>AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DR. DEBORAH FRISON, CHAIR</p>
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*Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.*

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

Chair Deborah Frison called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked for introductions.

#### **Commissioners Present**

Colleen Adam	Charles Garman
Gwenn Aspen	Dr. Ron Hunter
Dr. John Bernthal	Dwayne Probyn
Timothy Daniels	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Dr. Deborah Frison	W. Scott Wilson

#### **Commissioners Absent**

Mary Lauritzen

#### **Commission Staff Present**

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

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*David Drozd, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

### **PRESENTATION**

David Drozd, Research Coordinator, from the Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR) at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Nebraska State and Local Population Trends. He stated the data that they provide is collected from an annual ongoing American Community Survey (ACS) and the Decennial Census. CPAR is the lead agency for the Nebraska State Data Center and has access to and the ability to organize and interpret Census data and provide distribution of the data locally and nationally. He discussed major population change related items in Nebraska throughout history from 1900 to 2018. Mr. Drozd noted that the 2020 Census is coming up, answered Commissioners questions, and recommended visiting their website at [www.unomaha.edu/cpar](http://www.unomaha.edu/cpar).

*Dr. Sacha Kopp, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

### **WELCOME**

Dr. Sacha Kopp, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academics and Student Affairs, University of Nebraska at Omaha, welcomed the Commissioners and staff to the UNO campus and the Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center. The center is a partnership with the community aligned with their mission where numerous community organizations come together to work with faculty and students on various projects. He expressed his appreciation for the Commission's continued commitment to curriculum involvement in the state.

*Minutes of July 25, 2019, approved*

### **MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2019, COMMISSION MEETING**

**Commissioner Wilson moved that the July 25, 2019, minutes be approved. Commissioner Probyn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Adam, Aspen, and Von Behren abstained. The remaining five Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*Oath of Office for Commissioners Daniels and Garman*

### **COMMISSIONER OATH OF OFFICE**

The Secretary of State's office requires newly appointed Commissioners to take and sign an oath of office. Timothy Daniels and Charles Garman, both of Omaha, Nebraska, were sworn in as new Commissioners by Chair Frison.

*Chair Frison reported restructure of 2019-2020 Committee Roster*

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Frison reported that with the appointment of two new Commissioners, she has restructured the 2019-2020 Committee Roster. Commissioner Garman will serve on the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, and Commissioner Daniels will serve on the Planning and Consumer Information Committee. The new roster was distributed to the Commissioners.

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*Chair Frison reported on meeting with Governor Ricketts*

Chair Frison reported that she, Commissioner Wilson, and Dr. Baumgartner had a successful meeting with Governor Ricketts on August 15 and details of that meeting will be in the executive director's report.

*Chair Frison and Commissioner Wilson discussed executive director's evaluation*

Chair Frison thanked the Commissioners for completing the executive director's evaluation/appraisal with 100 percent participation. Commissioner Wilson stated that he met with Dr. Baumgartner and reviewed the appraisal with him. He stated that Dr. Baumgartner is very knowledgeable and shows tremendous leadership. At their meeting, he shared all Commissioners' comments and Dr. Baumgartner discussed staff goals and accomplishments and shared the employee handbook. The executive director evaluation will be done every two years. Dr. Baumgartner commented that he appreciated the Commissioners' comments and having the evaluation information.

*Dr. Baumgartner comments*

*Out-of-service area applications authorized*

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Baumgartner reported the following out-of-service area applications have been authorized:

1. Offered by Central Community College  
Telecommunications from CCC to Deshler High School, Deshler, NE
  - Math 1600 Calculus I (5 cr.)  
Fall 2019
2. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video from Humphrey High School to Elgin High School, Elgin, NE
  - English 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)  
Fall 2019
3. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video from Humphrey High School to Madison High School, Madison, NE
  - English 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)  
Fall 2019
4. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video from Humphrey High School to Pope John High School, Elgin, NE
  - English 1010 English Composition (3 cr.)  
Fall 2019
5. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College  
Distance Learning from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE to Sumner/Eddyville
  - OFFT 2500 Medical Terminology (3 cr.)  
Academic year, 2019-2020

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*Out-of-service area authorizations  
continued*

6. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College  
On-site at Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE
  - BIOS 1100 Basic Anatomy & Physiology (3 cr.)  
Academic year, 2019-2020
7. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College  
Distance Learning from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE  
to Sumner/Eddyville
  - OFFT 2500 Medical Terminology (3 cr.)  
Academic year, 2019-2020
8. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College  
Distance Learning from MPCC North Platte campus to Pleasanton  
High School, Pleasanton, NE
  - Math 1150 College Algebra (3 cr.)  
Fall 2019
9. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
On-site at McCook High School, McCook, NE
  - English 1010 Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose (3 cr.)  
Fall 2019
  - English 1020 Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama  
& Film (3 cr.)  
Spring 2020
10. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
On-site at Lincoln East High School, Lincoln, NE
  - English 1010 Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose (3 cr.)  
Fall 2019
  - English 1020 Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama  
& Film (3 cr.)  
Spring 2020
11. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
On-site at Waverly High School, Waverly, NE
  - Computer Science 1200 Computer Science Principles (3 cr.)  
Academic year 2019-2020
12. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
On-site at Crete High School, Crete, NE
  - Spanish 2120 Intermediate Spanish II (3 cr.)  
Academic year 2019-2020

*Dr. Baumgartner reported on meetings  
he attended in July, August, and  
September*

Dr. Baumgartner commented that it has been a busy two months since the last Commission meeting. He along with Commissioners Lauritzen and Bernthal represented the CCPE at meetings in July, August, and

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*Dr. Baumgartner's report continued*

September with the dual enrollment working group along with two members of the State Board of Education.

At the July meeting, they had a presentation from Jennifer Dounay Zinth comparing Nebraska dual enrollment policies with 12 model state-level policies identified by the Education Commission of the States (ECS). Three priority areas were identified: access, qualified instructors, and transfer credit. At the August meeting they heard from a panel of Nebraska higher education leaders and high school counselors on the challenges they face. From that meeting several broad areas were identified: informing teachers, students, parents, and counselors about opportunities; getting teachers Higher Learning Commission qualified; providing equitable access; and tracking postsecondary success of dual enrollment students.

At the September meeting, the working group members asked the ECS staff to gather conversations about goals, priority areas, and policy levers and make them into action steps that can be prioritized and written into a set of recommendations. The final meeting will be held in late October.

On August 15, Dr. Baumgartner along with Chair Frison, and past-chair Wilson, met with Governor Ricketts and Cheryl Wolff, his education policy advisor, going through the executive summary of the Progress Report to discuss Commission programs, particularly financial aid, gaps in college preparation, participation, and completion. They also discussed the value of a state completion goal and being data and results driven. They talked about Commission vacancies and as a result, Dr. Baumgartner stated we are pleased to welcome new Commissioners Daniels and Garmen.

Dr. Baumgartner noted that the CCPE will soon be receiving ECS assistance on the Connecting Education and Work project. The project is funded by Strada and will provide us with a Nebraska-specific report from a vast survey conducted over several years by Gallup that captures residents' perceptions of higher education and its role in meeting their career needs.

*Dr. Baumgartner reported SHEEO representatives met with CCPE staff*

On September 13, Rob Anderson, president of SHEEO, and Christina Whitfield, Sr. VP, spent the entire day with the Commission staff, meeting as a group and also individually to learn what we do and how SHEEO can be of assistance. The visit was part of a capacity building process SHEEO has undertaken with over forty member states. They were complimentary of the wide range of responsibilities for a small staff of ten.

*Dr. Baumgartner discussed recent meetings attended by staff members*

Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, made a well-received presentation on our dashboards at UNO's Data User's Conference with over 300 people in attendance.

J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, is currently performing annual audits at the colleges across the state. He is auditing the Nebraska Opportunity Grant, the Access College Early Scholarship, and Community College Gap Assistance Program.

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Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, participated in the annual SHEEO State Policy Conference in August, the National Council of SARA meeting two weeks ago, and has a Multi-state Collaborative on Military Credit meeting coming up.

Dr. Baumgartner noted he participated in the first meeting convened by the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation on their Annie E. Casey SIPBRA (Social Impact Partnerships and Results Act) planning grant to improve outcomes for “disconnected youth,” and the group will be meeting again in early October.

*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**

Dr. David Jackson, Interim Vice President and Provost at the University of Nebraska, came forward to state that there were representatives from UNL, UNMC, and UNK to answer questions and discuss items on the agenda.

*Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska*

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

*Commissioner Hunter – Academic Programs Committee items*

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Hunter, new Committee Chair, announced that Commissioners Adam, Lauritzen, Von Behren, and Bernthal join him on the new 2019-2020 Academic Programs Committee. They recently met via conference call to discuss items on the agenda.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Financial Communications, Graduate Certificate**

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting this 12-credit hour program combines aspects from two different fields: six credit hours from the College of Journalism and Mass Communication and six credit hours from the College of Business. A poll of graduate students indicated that this program would be beneficial. Dr. Fimple stated this program would be offered online and attract working professionals in the region. Dr. Jackson along with Joseph Weber, Associate Professor, College of Journalism and Mass Communications, and Tammy Beck, Associate Dean, College of Business, spoke briefly on the program proposal and answered Commissioners’ questions.

*Dr. Jackson, Joseph Weber, and Tammy Beck, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Commissioner Hunter stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Graduate Certificate in Financial Communications at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

*APC Committee recommendation*

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*University of Nebraska-Lincoln New Instructional Program – Financial Communications – Graduate Certificate approved*

**Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s New Instructional Program - Financial Communications - Graduate Certificate. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion was adopted.**

*Peru State College*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

**Peru State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Interdisciplinary Studies, BA/BS**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that this program would provide students the chance to design their own individual program of study to meet their career goals. The program has potential to increase enrollment at Peru State College as employers in the area noted these skills were in high demand. Faculty, facilities, and equipment are in place, and the program would be available online and on campus. Tim Borchers, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Peru State College, added that this program would be attractive to new students, help retain undergraduate students, and meet local workforce needs.

*Tim Borchers, Peru State College*

*APC Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Hunter stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the BA and BS degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies at Peru State College.

*Peru State College New Instructional Program – Interdisciplinary Studies, BA/BS approved*

**Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Peru State College’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Interdisciplinary Studies, BA/BS. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion was adopted.**

*University of Nebraska at Omaha*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Data Science, MS**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, reporting that this program would be offered by the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, and Information Science and Technology. It would create an interdisciplinary approach to the study of data science for working professionals preparing for leadership roles. Dr. Fimple noted the current shift in research methods and the need for a different set of skills. Dr. Dustin White, Assistant Economics Professor, and Andrew Swift, Associate Mathematics Professor, from UNO discussed the proposal and answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Dr. Dustin White, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

*APC Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Hunter stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the MS in Data Science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha – New Instructional Program – Data Science, MS approved*

**Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Data Science, MS. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion was adopted.**



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University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Jackson, University of Nebraska and  
Dr. Merry Lindsey, UNMC

APC Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska Medical Center  
– New Organizational Unit – Center for  
Heart and Vascular Research approved

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Commissioner Hunter and Dr. Fimple  
presented the in-depth review

Christopher Mark, University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln

APC Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska-Lincoln – In-  
Depth Review for an Existing Program  
– Music, PhD approved

### **University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Center for Heart and Vascular Research**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting the purpose of the proposed center is to organize research efforts into one center that would enhance research and pull expertise together at UNMC. Dr. Jackson and Dr. Merry Lindsey, Chair, Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, spoke briefly on grant funding, stakeholders involved, and using existing faculty at the center.

Commissioner Hunter stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Center for Heart and Vascular Research at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Center for Heart and Vascular Research. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion was adopted.**

### **University of Nebraska-Lincoln In-Depth Review for an Existing Program – Music, PhD**

Commissioner Hunter presented the in-depth review for three programs that do not meet the Commission’s performance standards and commented that each program would be voted upon individually. Dr. Fimple stated UNL offers a Doctor of Musical Arts degree that focuses on the performance and creation of music. The PhD is designed to prepare students to hold faculty positions and educate future teachers. UNL presented a four-point action plan that includes increasing teaching assistantships, improving the environment by prioritizing a new School of Music building, giving faculty load credit during the dissertation phase, and increasing international recruiting. Christopher Marks, Associate Dean at the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at UNL, came forward to answer Commissioners’ questions. Dr. Jackson brought up the state statute that requires a specific follow-up procedure for review of programs not meeting CCPE performance standards. He suggested going with a three-year review.

Commissioner Hunter stated the Committee recommendation is to continue the PhD Music program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, with the next regular program review due June 30, 2025.

**Commissioner Bernthal made a motion to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln In-Depth Review for an Existing Program – Music, PhD, with UNL providing a progress report in three years, rather than the seven-year review. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**



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University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Dr. Fimple presented the in-depth review

Tim Farrell, University of Nebraska at Kearney

**University of Nebraska at Kearney In-Depth Review for an Existing Program – Music Comprehensive: Music Business, BM, and Musical Theatre Comprehensive, BM**

Dr. Fimple presented the in-depth review noting that UNK offers several degrees in music, with the ones under review failing to meet CCPE performance standards. The UNK review summary focused on music as a whole with an action plan to increase enrollments by increasing recruiting efforts. Tim Farrell, Professor at the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance at UNK, spoke briefly on the music program noting they believe in the programs and are producing excellent students and teachers in the state of Nebraska.

Chair Frison suggested that if, over the regular seven-year review period, the Commission has a reason to request a monitoring report from an institution regarding one of the continued programs, statute tells us that we can request a monitoring report, but that we continue with the Committee recommendation with the seven-year time frame for these programs.

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Hunter stated the Committee recommendation is to continue the BM programs in Music Comprehensive: Music Business and Musical Theatre Comprehensive at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, with the next program review due June 30, 2025.

University of Nebraska at Kearney – In-Depth Review for Existing Programs – Music Comprehensive: Music Business, BM, and Music Theatre Comprehensive, BM approved

**Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s In-Depth Review for Existing Programs – Music Comprehensive: Music Business, BM, and Music Theatre Comprehensive, BM. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Dr. Fimple presented the in-depth review

**University of Nebraska at Kearney In-Depth Review for an Existing Program – Theatre, BA**

Dr. Fimple presented the in-depth review stating that this program most recently shows that the number of graduates were up and if UNK can maintain this level, the program will meet the CCPE performance standards.

APC Committee recommendation

Commissioner Hunter stated the Committee recommendation is to continue the BA in Theatre at the University of Nebraska at Kearney with the next program review due June 30, 2025.

University of Nebraska at Kearney – In-Depth Review for an Existing Program – Theatre, BA approved

**Commissioner Hunter, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s In-Depth Review for an Existing Program – Theatre, BA. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

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2018-2019 Existing Program Review

Annual Reports for Institutions Holding Recurrent Authorizations to Operate in Nebraska

Commissioner Probyn discussed discontinuation of UNL - Electronics Engineering BS

Dr. Mark Riley, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Discontinued Program

Discontinued Center

Name Changes

### **2018-2019 Existing Program Review**

Dr. Fimple and Commissioner Hunter presented the Existing Program Review for 2018-2019 noting this shows the minimum performance standards and the review policy for low performing programs.

### **Annual Reports for Institutions Holding Recurrent Authorizations to Operate in Nebraska**

Dr. Fimple presented the report, stating the authorizations for Andrews University and Crown College met the Commission's approval to operate until a renewal of the authorization is requested. She noted that Andrews University works in conjunction with Union College and Crown College works in conjunction with Christ Community Church in Omaha.

### **Report on Discontinued Programs, Discontinued Center, Name Changes, and Reasonable and Moderate Extensions**

Commissioner Probyn asked why the UNL – Electronics Engineering BS was being discontinued. Dr. Fimple reported the information from the University indicated the degree and curriculum were outdated and the three students still in the program were moved to the Department of Electronics and Computer Engineering. Dr. Mark Riley, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Associate Dean for Research, College of Engineering, and Dr. Jackson discussed Commissioner Probyn's question noting moving the students will allow them to be trained in computer software and hardware.

#### **Discontinued Programs**

1. UNL - Electronics Engineering, Bachelor of Science
2. WNCC - Auto Body Technology, Diploma
3. UNMC - Pre-Medical Science Certificate
4. UNMC - Medical Physics Residency Program Certificate

#### **Discontinued Center**

1. UNO - Center for Urban Sustainability

#### **Name Changes**

1. UNL - Bachelor of Science in Environmental Restoration Science change to Environmental Science in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.
2. UNL - Department of Civil Engineering to Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the College of Engineering
3. UNL - PhD in Psychological Studies in Education to the PhD in Educational Psychology.
4. WNCC - AAS Auto Body Technology to AAS Collision Repair and Refinish Technology

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*Reasonable and Moderate Extensions*

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. WNCC - Non-Structural Collision Repair, Certificate
2. WNCC - Automotive Paint and Refinish, Certificate
3. WNCC - Structural Collision Repair, Certificate
4. WNCC - Powertrain and Chassis Repair, Certificate
5. WNCC - Drivetrain and Under Hood Repair, Certificate
6. WNCC - Paramedic Certificate
7. UNL - Social Justice and Diversity Education Graduate Certificate
8. UNO - Economic Education Graduate Certificate

Chair Frison called for a break at 11:40 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:50 a.m.

*Public Hearing on Budget,  
Construction, and Financial Aid  
Committee Items*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL  
AID COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.

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

*Commissioner Adam – Budget,  
Construction & Financial Aid  
Committee*

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

Commissioner Adam, new Committee Chair, reported that Commissioners Hunter, Probyn and Von Behren recently met via conference call to discuss the items on the agenda. She introduced Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, to present the capital construction project.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln/ City  
Campus*

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln / City Campus – Scott Engineering  
Center Renovation and Link Replacement**

*Mr. Wemhoff presented the project  
proposal*

Mr. Wemhoff presented the project proposal, reporting that the majority of the funding for this project is coming from LB 957 passed in 2016, which allowed for close to \$250 million in state appropriations and matching institutional funds to pay for long-term renovation and replacement work for the state colleges and the University. With the completion of this particular project, the Commission will be through all of the projects involved with LB 957. UNL is proposing to replace and renovate a portion of the College of Engineering complex, which includes Nebraska Hall, the Scott Engineering Center/Link, and Othmer Hall on the UNL City Campus. Mr. Wemhoff described the updates that would be done to each of those aging facilities to enhance efficiencies, fire and life safety features, and accessibility. The modernization of the spaces would also improve the quality of existing academic and research space and increase the effectiveness and function for programs and departments in those buildings. Funding for this project would be \$70.0 million from the bond issue and the remainder from private donations. Dr. Mark Riley, Associate Dean, College of Engineering, discussed research dollars, growth of enrollment, and need for space in the College of Engineering, and answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Dr. Riley comments*

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*BCF Committee recommendation*

Commissioner Adam stated the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee recommendation is to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's proposal to utilize State appropriations to renovate and add to the Scott Engineering Center and to complete fire and safety and accessibility work to Nebraska Hall as outlined in the architectural program statement, along with supplemental information provided.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln / City Campus – Scott Engineering Center Renovation and Link Replacement approved*

**Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln / City Campus – Scott Engineering Center Renovation and Link Replacement. A roll call vote was taken. All ten Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*Community College Gap Assistance Program 2018-2019*

*Mr. Timm presented the report*

**Community College Gap Assistance Program 2018-2019**

Gary Timm, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer, presented the Community College Gap Assistance Program report, noting this program was established in 2015 and designed to provide financial aid to low-income community college students enrolled in credit or non-credit programs that do not qualify for federal Pell grants. The for-credit option was added in September 2019 with the passage of LB 180. Mr. Timm pointed out that the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee oversees the program. The committee 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. Mr. Timm noted a new table in the report that indicates continued increase in both applications and participants in the program. He reviewed graphs in the report and also noted that for 2018-19 the completion rate was at 83 percent. The report also lists all of the programs of study at each of the community colleges.

*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 Probyn - Planning and Consumer Information Committee*

**PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Probyn, new Committee Chair, announced that Commissioners Aspen, Lauritzen, and Wilson join him on the new 2019-2020 Planning and Consumer Information Committee. They recently met via conference call to discuss items on the agenda. Commissioner Probyn introduced Ms. Heese to present the *2019 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska – Enrollment* report.

*2019 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Enrollment*

*Ms. Heese presented the report*

**2019 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Enrollment**

Ms. Heese presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Enrollment section of the *2019 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*. The report is primarily an online publication used by legislative staff, institutional

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*Factual Look report continued*

researchers, and Commission staff looking at 10-year trends from fall 2008 through fall 2018. Ms. Heese stated fall enrollment was down 0.7 percent over the last year and up 3.0 percent over the 10-year period. Ms. Heese provided graphs and discussed enrollment for students by sector, student level, full-time/part-time classification, gender, race/ethnicity, age, and distance education status. The full report can be found on the CCPE website at <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/factual-look-higher-education-nebraska-2019>.

*Chair Adam left the meeting at 1:04 p.m.*

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*2020 CCPE Meeting Calendar*

### **2020 CCPE Meeting Calendar**

*Chair Frison and Dr. Baumgartner discussed the 2020 CCPE Meeting Calendar*

Chair Frison stated the Executive Committee recently met to discuss the CCPE Meeting Calendar for 2020. Dr. Baumgartner added that the Commission hopes to have the June meeting at Doane University or Southeast Community College – Beatrice Campus, and the meeting in September at UNL East Campus or at the Health Sciences Building. Those locations are to be determined.

*2020 CCPE Meeting Calendar approved*

**Chair Frison, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the 2020 CCPE Meeting Calendar. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*Approval of 2019-2020 Salary of the Executive Director*

### **Approval of 2019-2020 Salary of the Executive Director**

*Commissioners go into closed session to discuss the executive salary*

**Chair Frison, made a motion to enter into closed session as authorized by the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 84-1410, for the protection of the public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of Dr. Michael Baumgartner, who has not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of discussing the executive director's salary. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*Closed session begins at 1:09 p.m.*

Chair Frison stated that the Commission is going into closed session to discuss the proposed salary of the executive director recommended by the Executive Committee. Chair Frison requested that staff and guests leave the room.

*Closed session ends at 1:25 p.m.*

The Commission entered into closed session at 1:09 p.m.

**The Commission ended the closed session at 1:25 p.m. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Aspen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

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Chair Frison stated that formal action must be taken in open session on the executive director salary recommendations. Commissioner Wilson stated the Commission's appreciation for Dr. Baumgartner's contributions to the CCPE and the Executive Committee recommends a 2.7 percent salary increase for 2019-2020 retroactive to July 1, 2019.

*2019-2020 executive director salary increase approved*

**Commissioner Probyn made a motion to approve the proposed 2.7 percent salary increase for 2019-2020 for Executive Director Baumgartner, with the increase being retroactive from July 1, 2019. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*Next Commission meeting is December 12, 2019*

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, December 12, 2019, at the Apothecary Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor North Loft, Lincoln, Nebraska.

*Commissioner Probyn comments*

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Probyn presented an article of interest from the September 11, 2019, Suburban Newspapers, Inc. titled *Colleges and Careers*. The article will be available at the CCPE office.

*Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Frison adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.