
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION Thursday, September 10, 2020 UNL East Campus Union, Great Plains Room, Lincoln, Nebraska NECC, West Point Extended Campus (via Zoom)

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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2020. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.

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

DR. DEBORAH FRISON, CHAIR

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
Gwenn Aspen
Dr. John Bernthal
Tim Daniels
Dr. Deborah Frison

Charles Garman
Mary Lauritzen (via Zoom)
Dr. Paul Von Behren
W. Scott Wilson

Commission Staff Present

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

Helen Pope
Gary Timm
Joe Velasquez (Zoom moderator)
Mike Wemhoff

Minutes of June 25, 2020, approved

MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2020, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Bernthal made a motion to approve the June 25, 2020, minutes as written. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chancellor Paul Turman, Nebraska
State College System

Mr. Greg Adams, Nebraska Community
College Association

President Randy Schmailzl and Gordon
Jensen, Metropolitan Community
College

President Ted Carter, University of
Nebraska

2021-2023 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS BIENNIAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director, welcomed and introduced representatives from the public institutions to present their budget requests.

Nebraska State College System

Chancellor Paul Turman joined the meeting via Zoom and presented the State Colleges for Nebraska Strategic Plan 2025 with a PowerPoint presentation. The NSCS has identified four outcomes and identified goals and overviews for each of those outcomes: student success and completion, institutional and academic quality, workforce and economic impact, and access and affordability. Chancellor Turman commented that their core need budget request includes salaries and health benefits, utility rates, and operating increases. Chancellor Turman reviewed two strategic priorities which include a workforce-based scholarship program and an industry liaison program. The Nebraska State College System is requesting a 2.9 percent increase for FY 2022 and a 2.9 percent increase for FY 2023, with a total of 5.8 percent over the biennium for the strategic priorities.

Nebraska Community College Association

Mr. Greg Adams, Executive Director of the Nebraska Community College Association, presented the 2021-2023 Nebraska Community College Association biennial budget request. All six of the community colleges have experienced significant increases in property and casualty insurance, loss of interest income, a rise in health insurance, and increased costs not covered by the CARES Act in preparing campuses for classes due to COVID. Mr. Adams commented that the community colleges provide affordable educational opportunities, technical training, and career advancement for Nebraska students. Their number one priority is training in order to produce the type of student that employees want. The Community Colleges are requesting a 3 percent increase in state aid for each year of the biennium.

Metropolitan Community College

President Randy Schmailzl and Budget Coordinator Gordon Jensen came forward to discuss the biennium budget. President Schmailzl noted that Metropolitan Community College offers around 35 percent of the state's dual enrollment classes. They work with UNO and all of the high school districts helping teachers get qualified to teach dual enrollment classes. He noted that MCC has a large population of adult students. Mr. Gordon discussed the budget and stated that with the current uncertainty and situation they were still able to hold the budget flat. The community colleges are requesting a 3 percent increase in each of the two years of the biennium.

University of Nebraska

President Ted Carter addressed the Commissioners and presented the University of Nebraska's biennial budget request. He noted how proud they are to be hosting the Commission at the newly renovated East Campus Union. President Carter discussed how they developed the University system's five-year strategic plan, noting the plan lists goals for academic

*President Carter's presentation,
continued*

and enrollment growth, capital renewal, and facility upkeep and repairs. The goal to lay out a vision for the future included five strategies: student access and success, excellence in teaching and research, diversity and inclusion, partnerships, and fiscal effectiveness. President Carter stated that with the current pandemic situation, spending cuts have been put into motion and they are holding back on spending.

The University is requesting a 2 percent annual increase to the General Fund appropriations for operations plus Workers Compensation and Accounting System Assessment increases. The 2021-2023 biennial capital request of \$2 million in FY 2021-22 and \$4 million in FY 2022-23 would be matched one-for-one by the University. Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) is requesting a 2.5 percent increase for the first year and a 3.6 percent increase the second year.

Chris Kabourek, University of Nebraska

Chris Kabourek, VP for Business & Finance at the University of Nebraska, addressed Commissioners' questions about where funds will come from to assist with eventually repairing or replacing aging buildings within the University system.

Challenge coin presentation

President Carter presented each Commissioner with a University of Nebraska challenge coin he created. Challenge coins have been an American military tradition for decades used to instill pride, reward hard work, and recognize service.

Chair's Report

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Frison announced the new committees and distributed the 2020-2021 committee roster. She mentioned she appreciates everyone's willingness to serve where needed. A chair for each committee will be decided upon at each upcoming committee meeting.

Committee assignments

Executive Committee

Dr. Deborah Frison (Chair)
Dr. John Bernthal (Vice Chair)
Gwenn Aspen
Colleen Adam

Academic Programs Committee

Colleen Adam
Dr. John Bernthal
Tim Daniels
Mary Lauritzen

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

Gwenn Aspen
Charles Garman
Dr. Paul Von Behren
W. Scott Wilson

Committee assignments, continued

Planning and Consumer Information Committee

Tim Daniels
Charles Garman
Mary Lauritzen
W. Scott Wilson

Executive Director's Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Out-of-service area authorizations

1. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
On-site at McCook Senior High School, McCook, NE
 - English 1010 – Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose (3 credit hours)
Fall 2020
 - English 1020 – Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama and Film (3 credit hours)
Spring 2021
2. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
On-site at Lincoln East High School, Lincoln, NE
 - English 1010 – Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose (3 credit hours)
Fall 2020
 - English 1020 – Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama and Film (3 credit hours)
Spring 2021
3. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha
On-site at Crete High School, Crete, NE
 - Spanish 2120 – Intermediate Spanish II (3 credit hours)
Fall 2020 and Spring 2021
4. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Distance Learning from MPCC McCook campus to Clarkson High School, Clarkson, NE
 - MATH 1150 – College Algebra (3 credit hours)
August 24 – December 17, 2020
5. Offered by Central Community College
Telecommunications from CCC to Deshler High School, Deshler, NE
 - Math 1600 Calculus I (5 credit hours)
August 17 – December 11, 2020

*Out-of-service area authorizations,
continued*

6. Offered by Central Community College
Telecommunications from CCC to Chambers High School,
Chambers, NE
 - Math 1600 Calculus I (5 credit hours)
August 17 – December 11, 2020

7. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video from CCC Columbus campus
to Elgin Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School,
Elgin, NE
 - ENGL – 1010 English Composition (3 credit hours)
August 17 – December 11, 2020

8. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video from CCC Columbus campus
to Elgin High School, Elgin, NE
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 credit hours)
August 17 – December 11, 2020

9. Offered by Central Community College
Telecommunications from St. Paul High School to
Madison High School, Madison, NE
 - Physics 1410, General Physics I (5 credit hours)
August 17 – May 21, 2021

10. Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video from Humphrey High School,
Humphrey, NE, to Madison High School, Madison, NE
 - ENGL 1010 English Composition (3 credit hours)
August 17 – December 11, 2020

Legislative update

Dr. Baumgartner gave a Legislative update noting the legislature reconvened July 20 and met for 17 days. He provided a handout of bills the Commission has been following. Bills not approved by the Governor will not be taken up at the next session unless they are introduced as new bills. Dr. Baumgartner stated that the session was successful for postsecondary education as there was no reductions in state appropriations. He announced that LB 1008 was approved by the Governor and includes funding for the Nebraska Career Scholarship to community colleges (\$1 million), state colleges (\$1million), and the University (\$2 million). It also provides funding for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (\$1 million), Daugherty Water for Food Institute (\$500,000), and \$1 million to community college costs related to dual credit, particularly reduced tuition.

Dr. Baumgartner stated LB 1160 passed and created the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System, which CCPE plans to partner with. Education Committee priority bills which did not pass

Legislative update, continued

included LB 1131 and LB 920. LB 1131 dealt with obsolete statutes, sunset dates, other topics and references that no longer exist and included a bill the CCPE supported to extend the Community College Gap Assistance Program to the tribal colleges. CCPE will find a sponsor for that bill to introduce at the next session. LB 920 would have changed distribution of lottery funds and extended the distribution to 2026.

LB 1089 was vetoed by the Governor. The bill would have required high school seniors to complete the FAFSA or a form declining to fill it out in order to graduate. Dr. Baumgartner noted we will continue to work with school counselors to participate in the FAFSA Completion Initiative.

Dr. Baumgartner discussed meetings and staff projects

Dr. Baumgartner commented that since this year is different, organizations such as the Education Commission of the States, SHEEO, and SARA are meeting through Zoom. Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, will be participating in the NC-SARA annual meeting via Zoom next week.

Jill Heese, Research Coordinator, will be making a presentation of the *Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report* to a Doane University graduate course in the near future. J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, will also be participating. The courses are for high school counselors and aspiring counselors, which is a great opportunity to share education pipeline and scholarship data with them.

Next week Mr. Morrow will begin his annual audits at the colleges across the state of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG), Access College Early Scholarship (ACE), and Gap Tuition Assistance Program.

Dr. Baumgartner thanked Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, for working with the Auditor of Public Accounts to complete the attestation report of Agency 83 Distribution of State Aid to Community College Areas for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. We received the equivalent of a clean audit. The last report was done in 2014.

GREETING

Dr. Ronnie Green, University of Nebraska Chancellor, came to welcome the Commissioners, stating the CCPE is one of the first groups to meet in the new facility. He noted that the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is housed here at the east campus, along with the College of Law and College of Dentistry and many of the human science colleges. Dr. Green stated this at this extraordinary time the faculty has worked extremely hard so that this fall students may come back in-person as much as possible. Being in the fourth week of classes with a record enrollment is a huge victory for the University which they are very proud of. Seventy-two percent of courses across UNL are being offered in some form of in-person instruction with opportunities for remote delivery also being utilized.

Dr. Ronnie Green, University of Nebraska

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

Treva Haugaard, Council of Independent Nebraska Colleges Foundation

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Treva Haugaard, Executive Director of the Council of Independent Nebraska Colleges (CINC) Foundation, stated that being new in her position, she is learning what the Commission does and represents. She stated the CINC is supportive of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant and values the opportunity to participate in the creation of new legislation that will bring in funding for that grant.

Chair Frison 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 from the University of Nebraska, stated that since the University of Nebraska has two items on the agenda it would be helpful to have speakers that can provide information and answer questions on those items.

Dr. Craig Allen, University of Nebraska

Dr. Craig Allen, Professor from the School of Natural Resources, spoke briefly on the Center for Resilience in Agricultural Working Landscapes, noting the center would not compete but complement the other agricultural programs and departments by offering research, solving complex problems, and utilizing an educational approach of resilience.

Dr. John Windle, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. John Windle, Professor of Internal Medicine, Holland Distinguished Chair in Cardiovascular Sciences at UNMC, joined the meeting by Zoom to discuss the proposal for the Center for Intelligent Health Care at UNMC. Dr. Windle spoke on how the center would bring artificial intelligence into healthcare and be unique to Nebraska.

Bob Morgan, Southeast Community College

Bob Morgan, Vice President of Program Development at Southeast Community College, along with Dr. Joel Michaelis, Vice President for Instruction, and Jill Sand, Dean of Health Sciences, came forward to speak on the Occupational Therapy Assistant program proposal. Mr. Morgan stated that occupational therapy is a high-skill, high-wage and high-demand occupation.

Sen. Steve Halloran, Nebraska Legislature

Sen. Steve Halloran, Chairman of the Nebraska Legislature's Agriculture Committee, stepped forward to testify his opposition to the University of Nebraska Center for Resilience in Agricultural Working Landscapes proposal. His concern is instead of complementing the varied entities involved there will be one more layer that is not necessary. He noted agriculture is and always has been resilient.

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

Academic Programs Committee

APC Chair Von Behren

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Von Behren, Committee Chair, opened the Academic Programs committee items.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Windle and Dr. Jackson spoke

AP Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska Medical Center
Proposal for a New Organizational
Unit – Center for Intelligent Health
Care approved

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Allen spoke

AP recommendation

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Proposal for a New Organizational
Unit – Center for Resiliency in
Agricultural Working Landscapes
approved

Southeast Community College

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

University of Nebraska Medical Center - Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Center for Intelligent Health Care

Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the proposal, noting that the center will create solutions through artificial intelligence that will support clinicians to become efficient and improve the health care of patients. Dr. Windle and Dr. Jackson answered Commissioner’s questions regarding the patent, contracts, and funding for the project.

Commissioner Von Behren stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Center for Intelligent Health Care at the University of Nebraska Medical Center with an interim report on program funding due September 30, 2023.

Commissioner Von Behren, 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 Intelligent Health Care with an interim report on program funding due September 30, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Center for Resiliency in Agricultural Working Landscapes

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating when the Committee met there was concern about the proposal as it is complicated and has many moving parts to it. Noting startling statistics such as agricultural production must increase by 70% by 2050 in order to meet global demand for fuel, fiber, and food, this center would work to resolve issues such as drought to make agriculture sustainable. Dr. Allen provided additional input on the concept and focus of the center. Dr. Ron Yoder, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, were present to support the proposal. Sen. Halloran answered questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Von Behren stated that with numerous and varied entities involved regarding the focus of the center, the Committee is forwarding the proposal of the Center for Resiliency in Agricultural Working Landscapes at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to the full Commission without a recommendation.

Commissioner Bernthal moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Proposal for a New Organizational Unit – Center for Resiliency in Agricultural Working Landscapes. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Garman, Von Behren, and Wilson voted no. The remaining six Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.

Southeast Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program — Occupational Therapy Assistant, AAS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that due to the accreditor’s

*Southeast Community College
proposal, continued*

Jill Sand, Southeast Community College

AP recommendation

*Southeast Community College Proposal
for a New Instructional Program –
Occupational Therapy Assistant, AAS,
approved*

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

timeline, the program may be able to have a start date of fall of 2021 or 2022. The program would be offered on the Lincoln campus and with an online/hybrid option where students can participate in classes online and complete their clinical work in their community or visits to the campus lab. Dr. Fimple added that there is a trend for in-home health or at an intermediary facility which increases the need for occupational therapy. Jill Sand, Dean of Health Sciences at SCC, answered Commissioners' questions and stated that an occupational therapy assistant is a licensed profession that functions under the supervision of an OT. Students are required to have three clinical rotations/classes that would be integrated throughout their learning. SCC works with rural communities to go into facilities that provide the scope of instruction the student needs.

Commissioner Von Behren stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the Associate of Applied Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant at Southeast Community College.

Commissioner Von Behren, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Southeast Community College's New Instructional Program – Occupational Therapy Assistant, AAS. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Report on Reasonable and Moderate Extensions, Name Changes, Discontinued Center and Programs, and Memorandum of Understanding

A. Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

1. MCC – Global Business Specialist Career Certificate
2. MCC – Human Resources Specialist Career Certificate
3. MCC – Supply Chain Specialist Career Certificate
4. MCC – Marketing Specialist Career Certificate
5. MCC – Nonprofit Management Specialist Career Certificate
6. MCC – Customer Service Specialist Career Certificate
7. MCC – Nonprofit Management Specialist Career Certificate
8. MCC – Customer Service Specialist Career Certificate
9. UNL – Supply Chain Analytics Graduate Certificate
10. UNO – Literature and Culture Graduate Certificate*
11. UNO – Secondary Mathematics Specialist Graduate Certificate*
12. UNO – Cybersecurity Graduate Certificate
13. MPCC – Business Office Technology Certificate
14. MPCC – Business Marketing Certificate
15. NECC – Contact Tracer Skills Award

Name Changes

B. Name Changes

1. UNO – College of Education to *College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences*
2. UNO – Master of Arts in Social Gerontology to *Master of Arts in Gerontology*
3. UNO – Master of Arts in Geography to *Master of Science in Geography*
4. UNO – Bachelor of Science in Education in Speech-Language Pathology to *Bachelor of Science in Education in Communication Disorders*
5. MPCC – Business Office Technology AAS Medical Emphasis to *Business AAS Medical Administrative Assistant*
6. MPCC – Business Office Technology Medical Office Technology Certificate to *Business Medical Administrative Assistant Certificate*
7. MPCC – Business Office Technology Diploma in Business Technology to *Business Diploma in Business/Office Technology*
8. MPCC – Business Office Technology Medical Transcriptionist Certificate to *Business Medical Documentation Specialist Certificate*
9. MPCC – Business Office Technology Legal Office Certificate to *Business Legal Administrative Assistant Certificate*

Discontinued Programs or Center

C. Discontinued Programs or Center

1. UNMC – Nebraska Center for Cellular Signaling
2. UNO – Master of Arts in Health and Kinesiology (MS will remain)
3. WNCC – Physical Education/Coaching AAS
4. MPCC – Business Office Technology AAS
5. MPCC – Business AAS and Certificate, emphasis in event management
6. MPCC – Business AAS, emphasis in marketing
7. MPCC – Business AAS, emphasis in non-profit management
8. MPCC – Business AAS, emphasis in sports and recreation management
9. MPCC – Business sports management Certificate
10. MPCC – Business Office Technology AAS, legal emphasis

Memorandum of Understanding

D. Memorandum of Understanding

Between UNO College of Business Administration and UNMC College of Allied Health Professions to offer Master of Business Administration and Allied Health Dual Degree

Commissioner Von Behren left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

*Will meet Higher Learning Commission requirements for teaching dual credit courses

Chair Frison called for break at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Von Behren left the meeting. The meeting resumed at 11:45 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.

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

BCF Chair Adam

Commissioner Adam, Committee Chair, acknowledged the Committee members that were on the recent conference call. She introduced J. Ritchie Morrow, to present the *2020 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report*.

2020 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report

2020 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report

J. Ritchie Morrow presented the report

Mr. Morrow presented PowerPoint slides, noting the report is based on information about Nebraska's public postsecondary institutions and the peers of each institution. This report is required by statute and due to the Governor and Appropriations Committee by October 1 of each even-numbered year. The majority of the data is obtained from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). Mr. Morrow gave a brief overview of tuition and fees, cost of attendance, net price of attendance, student payment share, and the state's investment in higher education. The report provides graphs showing state and local appropriations per FTE. Recommendations going forward include maintaining strong state support for public postsecondary institutions, increasing state financial aid programs for college students, and recognizing that affordability is an issue for adult students, especially those that have lost jobs due to the current pandemic. The full report is available online at ccpe.nebraska.gov

BCF Committee recommendation

Commissioner Adam stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the *2020 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report*.

2020 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report approved

Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the *2020 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report*. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Nebraska Opportunity Grant Allocations Report for 2020-2021

Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Allocations Report for 2020-2021

Mr. Morrow presented the report

Mr. Morrow delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Nebraska Opportunity Grant. He reported that every year the CCPE is appropriated funds from the legislature, and those funds are combined with the Nebraska Lottery money that we receive to award each year.

NOG report, continued

An allocation formula is used and institutions are notified how much is available to award to their students. Mr. Morrow discussed the portion of the report that includes a breakdown of allocated dollars for each participating institution from 2009-10 through 2020-2021.

*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.

*Planning and Consumer Information
Committee*

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, Committee Chair, stated the Committee recently met and acknowledged Commissioners present. She introduced Jill Heese, to present the Enrollment piece of the *2020 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*.

PCI Chair Lauritzen

*2020 Factual Look at Higher Education
in Nebraska: Enrollment*

2020 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Enrollment

Ms. Heese delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Enrollment section of the *2020 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*. The report is primarily an online publication used by legislative staff, institutional researchers, and Commission staff looking at 10-year trends from fall 2009 through fall 2019. Total fall enrollment was up 0.4 percent over the last year and down 3.2 percent over the 10-year period. The report includes graphs and details regarding enrollment for students by sector, student level, full-time/part-time classification, gender, race/ethnicity, age, and distance education status. Ms. Heese also discussed location of students enrolled exclusively in distance education courses and fall enrollment for first-time freshman. The full report is available online at ccpe.nebraska.gov

*Jill Heese, Research Coordinator,
presented the report*

Executive Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Frison called on Gary Timm, to present the CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2021-2023.

Chair Frison

*CCPE Biennial Budget Request for
2021-2023*

CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2021-2023

Mr. Timm reported that the CCPE agency budget is due to the Nebraska Legislature and Governor on September 15. He stated the CCPE is requesting additional spending authority of cash funds of \$1 million for the first year of the biennium and General Funds of \$1 million for each year of the biennium for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG). For the Access College Early Scholarship Program (ACE), CCPE is requesting a \$150,000 increase in the first year and \$250,000 the second year of the biennium. In the GAP Assistance Program, we are only requesting the required salary and benefits increases for the biennium. The Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund is requesting spending authority of \$1,000 in each year of the biennium. Mr. Timm reviewed the Administrative Funds

*Gary Timm, Chief Finance &
Administration Officer, presented the
report*

CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2021-2023, continued

request for a 2 percent annual increase for staff salaries and a 4 percent increase in employee health plan costs each year of the biennium, along with increases in certain operating expenses.

Executive Committee recommendation

Chair Frison stated the Committee recommends approval of the 2021-23 Biennium Agency Budget Request. Committee also recommends authorizing the Executive Director to make minor revisions to the budget request.

CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2021-2023 approved

Chair Frison, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2021-2023. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

2021 CCPE Meeting Calendar

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Chair Frison and Dr. Baumgartner

Chair Frison and Dr. Baumgartner presented the 2021 CCPE Meeting Calendar for approval.

Executive Committee recommendation

Chair Frison stated the Committee recommendation is to approve the 2021 CCPE Meeting Calendar.

2021 CCPE Meeting Calendar approved

Commissioner Bernthal moved to approve the 2021 CCPE Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Next Commission meeting is October 8, 2020

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, October 8, 2020, in the Ridnour Room at the Apothecary Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Frison adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.