
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Union College, Woods Auditorium

3800 South 48th Street

Lincoln, Nebraska

Videoconference via Zoom

Thursday, July 22, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

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 22, 2021. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.

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

GWENN ASPEN, CHAIR

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

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Commissioners Present

Colleen Adam

Gwenn Aspen (via Zoom)

Tim Daniels

Charles Garman (via Zoom)

Gene Kelly

Mary Lauritzen (via Zoom)

Molly O'Holleran

Dr. Paul Von Behren

W. Scott Wilson

Commissioners Absent

Dr. John Bernthal

Dr. Deborah Frison

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner

Dr. Kathleen Fimple

Jill Heese

J. Ritchie Morrow

Helen Pope

Gary Timm

Joe Velaquez (Zoom moderator)

Introductions

INTRODUCTIONS

During introductions, Dr. David Jackson from the University of Nebraska, Dr. James Hauschildt from Mission College, and UNMC Chancellor Dr. Jeffrey Gold, who recently replaced Dr. Susan Fritz as the NU Provost and Executive Vice President, introduced themselves.

LuAnn Davis, Union College

WELCOME

LuAnn Davis, Vice President of Advancement at Union College, welcomed the Commissioners and staff. Ms. Davis gave a brief history of Union College and spoke on its mission to learn, serve, and lead. She noted that they are very proud of their students, who are highly sought after graduating, with many remaining in the state. Ms. Davis stated that Union College is known for its faith-based values and its service, partnering with many local and global organizations.

Commissioner Garman joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes of May 20, 2021, approved

MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2021, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Adam made a motion to approve the May 20, 2021, minutes as written. Commissioner O'Holleran seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Aspen and Lauritzen abstained. The remaining seven Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair's Report

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Aspen noted her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as chair, noting the honor should go to Commissioner Bernthal as he was the past vice chair. Commissioner Bernthal had asked that he not be appointed to that position due to health concerns.

Commissioner Adam spoke

Commissioner Adam stated that she is honored to serve on the Executive Committee, but traditionally the immediate past chair has that honor. In this case the past chair is Commissioner Deborah Frison. She would like to resign from this position and nominate Commissioner Frison. This would require a motion and second to make a change to the Executive Committee.

Motion to remove Commissioner Adam from the Executive Committee, and Commissioner Frison to serve on Executive Committee approved

Commissioner Adam made a motion that she be removed from and Commissioner Frison placed on the Executive Committee. Commissioner O'Holleran seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.

Chair Aspen announced new committees for 2021-2022

Chair Aspen announced the new committees and the 2021-2022 committee roster was distributed. She requested that a chair for each committee be decided upon at each upcoming committee meeting and thanked everyone for their willingness to serve on those committees.

Executive Committee

Gwenn Aspen (Chair)

Dr. John Bernthal (Vice Chair)

Dr. Paul Von Behren
~~Colleen Adam~~ Dr. Deborah Frison

Academic Programs Committee

Dr. John Bernthal
Dr. Deborah Frison
Gene Kelly
Mary Lauritzen
Molly O'Holleran

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

Colleen Adam
Tim Daniels
Molly O'Holleran
Dr. Paul Von Behren
W. Scott Wilson

Planning and Consumer Information Committee

Tim Daniels
Charles Garman
Gene Kelly
Mary Lauritzen
W. Scott Wilson

Executive Director's Report

*Gary Timm presented the Fourth
Quarter Budget Report*

*Dr. Baumgartner reported on his
recent meetings and activities*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Baumgartner introduced Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, to discuss the Fourth Quarter Budget Report. Mr. Timm mentioned that the state budget is on a two-year basis, and this past June 30 was the end of the second year of that cycle. He pointed out several areas of interest in the Administrative Funds, noting there were significant remaining balances due to low spending in 2020. Mr. Timm spoke briefly on the status of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG), Community College Gap Assistance Program, and the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE) appropriations and allocations.

In June, Dr. Baumgartner along with Greg Adams from the Nebraska Community College Association, Heath Mello from the University System, and Paul Turman from the Nebraska State College System, met with Bryan Slone, president of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Chamber's support for a state attainment goal.

Dr. Baumgartner noted he recently visited Central Community College's Hastings campus and will be visiting the Central Community College (CCC) Grand Island campus to attend a 2+2 Transfer Agreement signing ceremony between the University of Nebraska at Kearney and CCC. He will also make a stop at the CCC Columbus campus.

Dr. Baumgartner reported on recent staff meetings and activities

President Darrin Good from Nebraska Wesleyan invited Dr. Baumgartner last month to meet with his cabinet to discuss the Progress Report, particularly in how to reach out to minority students in Nebraska. He will be meeting with Dr. Good again in August.

Dr. Baumgartner reported on recent staff activities. He and Gary Timm met with the presidents of Little Priest Tribal College and Nebraska Indian Community College, and with Dean Larry Gossen from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, to discuss their potential participation in the Community College Gap Assistance Program.

Jill Heese, Research Director, and J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, made presentations on the Progress Report to Doane University graduate students, and Mr. Morrow spoke to staff at the Midwest Higher Education Compact on how the FAFSA Completion software is used in Nebraska. Mr. Morrow is putting together his fall audit schedule.

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, has recently participated in multiple virtual State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) meetings, including the annual Midwest SARA meeting. The NC-SARA meeting will be held in September.

Kadi Lukesh, Office Manager and Budget Coordinator, has been participating in meetings with MHEC's Midwest Student Exchange Program, which is undergoing an evaluation as Illinois has dropped out of the program and many campuses across the region provide substantial tuition discounts or no longer charge nonresident tuition.

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

Chair Aspen closed the public hearing on Matters of General Concern.

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

Dr. James Hauschildt, Mission College

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. James Hauschildt, Chief Executive Officer at Mission College of Health Sciences, came forward to introduce himself and speak on the college's proposal to offer an online nursing BSN and to answer any questions regarding starting an administrative office in Omaha.

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

Academic Programs Committee

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Adam, Committee Chair, acknowledged committee members who recently met to discuss the items on the agenda.

*Mission College of Health Sciences
Application for a Recurrent
Authorization to Operate -
Administrative Office*

*Commissioner Adam and Dr. Fimple
presented the proposal*

Dr. Hauschildt, Mission College

APC recommendation

*Mission College of Health Sciences
Application for a Recurrent
Authorization to Operate -
Administrative Office approved*

*College Course Offerings for High
School Students by Nebraska Public
Institutions, 2019-2020*

Dr. Fimple presented the report

Mission College of Health Sciences, Omaha, Nebraska - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Administrative Office

Commissioner Adam and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Mission College is proposing to offer an online RN to BSN program. Mission College is in the process to become accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is also seeking accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Dr. Fimple stated Nebraska statutes indicate an institution is required to seek approval from the Coordinating Commission for an administrative office located within the state. This application is for authorization to establish an administrative office in Nebraska. Dr. Hauschildt answered questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Adam read the AP Committee recommendation:

Committee Recommendation:

Institution:

Chief Executive Officer:

Level of authorization:

Length of authorization:

**Approve the recurrent
authorization to operate for:
Mission College of Health
Sciences
Dr. James Hauschildt
Authorized to establish in the
state an administrative office
for the college offering a BSN
Three years (valid through
August 1, 2024)**

**Conditions of authorization: Mission College of Health
Sciences continues to submit documentation to HLC and
becomes accredited following HLC procedures**

**Commissioner Adam, on behalf of the Academic Programs
Committee, moved to approve the Application for a Recurrent
Authorization to Operate - Administrative Office at Mission College
of Health Sciences, Omaha, Nebraska. A roll call vote was taken. All
nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

College Course Offerings for High School Students by Nebraska Public Institutions, 2019-2020

Dr. Fimple presented the report, which compiles courses offered at distance by public institutions for Nebraska high school students. The report includes college courses offered by institution, by delivery method, subject area, discipline, student level, and a table indicating the school location and number of courses by sector. Dr. Fimple stated that overall there was an increase in courses offered and number of students taking those courses.

*Report on State Authorization
Reciprocity Agreement Data for
Nebraska*

Dr. Fimple presented the report

Report on State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Data for Nebraska

Dr. Fimple presented the report. Prior to 2010, every state had a different policy for authorizing distance education in their state. In 2013 the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (NC-SARA) became a nationwide coordinating entity. As of January 2021, 49 states are members of SARA. When a state joins SARA, they agree to vet institutions in their state and report in-state and out-of-state enrollments. The report demonstrates enrollment numbers of the 25 participating Nebraska institutions and charts of states providing the largest number of students to and from Nebraska.

Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

- MCC- Accounting Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Tax Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC-Global Business Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Human Resource Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Supply Chain Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Economics Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Entrepreneurship Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Financial Counseling Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Investment Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Insurance Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Legal Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Marketing Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC- Technical Theatre, Associate in Applied Science
- MCC- Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship, Career Certificate
- MCC- Information Technology, Associate of Applied Science
- MCC- Administrative Technology, Career Certificate
- MCC- Data Science, Career Certificate
- MCC- Database Administration, Career Certificate
- MCC- Data Center Technician, Career Certificate
- MCC- Digital Technology, Career Certificate
- MCC- Computer Programming, Career Certificate
- MCC- Mobile Application Development, Career Certificate
- MCC- Information Technology- Systems Operations, Career Certificate
- MCC- Information Technology- Server Administration, Career Certificate
- MCC- Information Technology- Web Development, Career Certificate
- MCC- Information Technology- Web Programming, Career Certificate
- UNL- Mathematics Education, Graduate Certificate

Name Changes

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- MCC- Bookkeeping to *Accounting Professional*, Certificate of Achievement
- MCC- Business Management-Generalist to *Business Administration*, Associate in Applied Science
- MCC- Business Management- Management Specialist to *Business Professional*, Certificate of Achievement
- MCC- Customer Service Management to *Customer Experience Specialist*, Career Certificate
- MCC- Business Management- Financial Planning to *Financial Planning Specialist*, Certificate of Achievement
- MCC- Immigration Laws, Policies, and Procedures to *Immigration Laws Specialist*, Career Certificate
- MCC- Real Estate Professional to *Real Estate Specialist*, Career Certificate
- MCC- Professional Health Studies- General Health Studies to *General Health Studies*, Associate in Applied Science
- MCC- Respiratory Care Technology to *Respiratory Therapy*, Associate in Applied Science

Discontinued Programs

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- MCC- Professional Skills, Career Certificate
- MCC- Financial Studies, Career Certificate
- MCC- Legal Studies-Pre- Law, Associate of Applied Science
- MCC- IT- Full Stack Web Development, Associate of Applied Science
- MCC- IT- Front End Web Development, Associate of Applied Science
- MCC- Office Administrative Professional, Associate of Applied Science
- MCC- Office Administrative Professional, Certificate of Achievement
- MCC- Office Administrative Professional, Career Certificate
- UNL- Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars, Undergraduate Certificate
- UNL- Legal Studies, Undergraduate Certificate
- UNL- Leadership, Undergraduate Certificate
- UNL- Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management (in CASNR; degree remains in Education and Human Services)

Chair Aspen called for a break at 10:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:30 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 Aspen closed the public hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.

*Budget, Construction, and Financial
Aid Committee*

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Aspen, Committee Chair, introduced J. Ritchie Morrow to present reports.

*2021-2022 Nebraska Opportunity
Grant Allocation Report*

2021-2022 Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Allocation Report

Mr. Morrow presented the report on the allocations of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant. He noted that every year the Coordinating Commission is appropriated funds from the legislature, and those funds are combined with the Nebraska Lottery money that we receive to award each year. After an allocation formula is applied, 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, the graphs indicating NOG funding by source, and the Nebraska Lottery proceeds for NOG.

Ritchie Morrow presented the report

*Free Application for Federal Student
Aid Completion Report for Academic
Year 2021-2022*

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion Report for Academic Year 2021-2022

Mr. Morrow presented the report. The FAFSA Completion Initiative is a program authorized by the US Department of Education and administered by the Coordinating Commission. He noted that there has been considerable discussion recently in the media nationwide regarding the FAFSA completion rates of the class of 2021. When statistics were reviewed by states, they indicated the lack of filing is from low-income students and minorities. Mr. Morrow stated that this report reflects completion rates that he was able to track from all Nebraska public and some private high schools. He answered questions from the Commissioners.

Ritchie Morrow presented the report

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

*Planning and Consumer Information
Committee*

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Garman, Committee Chair, called upon Jill Heese to present the *Factual Look* report.

*2021 Factual Look at Higher Education
in Nebraska - Degree and Other
Awards Conferred*

2021 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska - Degrees and Other Awards Conferred

Ms. Heese delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the *2021 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Degrees and Other Awards Conferred*. She stated that the Commission is required by statute to report information from the federal Integrated Postsecondary Education

Jill Heese presented the report

Data System (IPEDS). The report focused on the latest 10-year trends for five sections: sector, award level, gender, race/ethnicity, and discipline cluster. While sections one through five analyze the number of awards conferred, section six analyzes the number of students who completed awards by age group. Ms. Heese noted there were two important updates made with this report. First, beginning with 2019-2020 awards, IPEDS began using 2020 Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Codes. This update places veterinary-related programs under CIP 1 (agriculture, animal, plant, veterinary science) rather than CIP 51 (health professions). Also, beginning with the 2021 *Factual Look*, CIP 22 (legal professions) is now coded under the Business and Communication discipline cluster rather than the Trades discipline cluster. Ms. Heese added that she is in the process of creating a 6-digit CIP data dashboard, which will provide more detailed descriptions of each program.

Next Commission meeting is September 23, 2021

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, September 23, 2021, 8:30 a.m. at Southeast Community College, Beatrice Campus, Beatrice, Nebraska. There will be a Work Session on the evening of Wednesday, September 22, 2021 in Beatrice - location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.