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# MINUTES

## COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION Southeast Community College, Academic Excellence Center, Room 134 4771 West Scott Road, Beatrice, Nebraska Thursday, September 23, 2021

### *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 23, 2021. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.

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

GWENN ASPEN, CHAIR

### *Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m.*

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

Chair Aspen called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. and asked for introductions.

### **Commissioners Present**

Colleen Adam  
Gwenn Aspen  
Tim Daniels  
Dr. Deborah Frison  
Gene Kelly

Mary Lauritzen  
Molly O'Holleran  
Dr. Paul Von Behren  
W. Scott Wilson

### **Commissioners Absent**

Charles Garman

### **Commission Staff Present**

Dr. Michael Baumgartner  
Dr. Kathleen Fimple  
Jill Heese  
Helen Pope

Gary Timm  
Mike Wemhoff  
Joe Velasquez (Zoom moderator)

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*Dr. Paul Illich, Southeast Community College*

### **WELCOME**

Chair Aspen thanked Rachel Kreikemeier, Admission Representative, for guiding the group tour of the SCC facilities and introduced Southeast Community College President Dr. Paul Illich, who welcomed the Commissioners and staff to the SCC Beatrice Campus. Dr. Illich stated his appreciation for the working partnership with the Commission on capital construction and program approvals at Southeast Community College across all of the campuses.

*Minutes of July 22, 2021, approved*

### **MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2021, COMMISSION MEETING**

**Commissioner O'Holleran made a motion to approve the July 22, 2021, minutes as written. Commissioner Adam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Frison abstained. The remaining eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*Chair's Report*

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Aspen asked for a moment of silence to honor Commissioner Dr. John Bernthal, who recently passed away. His passing is a tremendous loss for the Commission as he was an amazing friend and thoughtful leader. He is leaving a legacy of many educational contributions to the state of Nebraska.

Chair Aspen presented outgoing Commission Chair Frison with a plaque on behalf of the Commissioners and staff in sincere appreciation for her dedicated service as Chair of the Coordinating Commission from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2021.

*2022 CCPE Meeting calendar approved*

### **2022 CCPE MEETING CALENDAR**

Chair Aspen presented the 2022 CCPE Meeting calendar for approval.

**Commissioner Daniels made a motion to approve the 2022 CCPE Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Lauritzen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.**

*Nominating Committee*

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Nominating Committee Chair Lauritzen reported that the committee made up of Commissioners Daniels, Aspen, Von Behren, and herself met and nominates Commissioner Von Behren to serve as Vice Chair from September 23, 2021, through June 30, 2022, to replace Commissioner Bernthal.

*Commissioner Von Behren approved as new Vice Chair*

**Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, made a motion to approve Commissioner Paul Von Behren to serve as Vice Chair from September 23, 2021, through June 30, 2022. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Von Behren abstained. The**

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**remaining eight Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

Chair Aspen stated that with Commissioner Von Behren voted as Vice Chair, his position as a member of the Executive Committee needs to be filled. Commissioner Frison nominated Commissioner Adam to serve as a member of the Executive Committee from September 23, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Commissioner Adam agreed to the nomination.

*Commissioner Adam elected as a member of the Executive Committee*

**Commissioner Frison made a motion to elect Commissioner Adam to serve as a member of the Executive Committee from September 23, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Commissioner O'Holleran seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Adam abstained. The remaining eight Commissioners voted yes. The motion carried.**

*Executive Director's Report*

*Out-of-Service area applications authorized*

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

The following out-of-service area applications were authorized by the executive director:

1. Offered by Central Community College  
Interactive two-way video, from CCC Columbus campus to  
Deshler High School, Deshler, NE
  - Math 1600 Calculus I - 5 credits  
August 16, 2021 - December 10, 2021
2. 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 credits  
August 16, 2021 - December 10, 2021
3. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
On site at Crete High School, Crete, NE
  - Spanish 2120 - Intermediate Spanish II - 3 credits  
Fall 2021 & Spring 2022
4. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
On site at Lincoln East High School, Lincoln, NE
  - English 1010 - Intro to Genre Studies: Prose - 3 credits  
Fall 2021
  - English 1020 - Intro to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama  
and Film - 3 credits  
Spring 2022
5. Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
On site at McCook Sr. High School, McCook, NE
  - English 1010 - Intro to Genre Studies: Prose - 3 credits  
Fall 2021

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- English 1020 - Intro to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama and Film - 3 credits  
Spring 2022

6. Offered by Mid-Plains Community College - North Platte  
On site at Gering High School, Gering, NE
  - BLDC 1005 - Safety - 1 credit  
August 13 - August 17, 2021
  - BLDC 1170 - Framing - 8 credits  
August 13 - December 22, 2021

*Dr. Baumgartner reported on recent institutional visits and meetings*

Dr. Baumgartner reported that he visited Central Community College in Grand Island in July to see the completed Center for Health and Technology Building with President Matt Gotschall, and then traveled to CCC Columbus to tour the Center for Science and Technology, which is still under construction, with campus president Kathy Fuchser.

In August Dr. Baumgartner visited Metropolitan Community College's South Omaha campus to see the new Automotive Technology Center and the renovated Center for Advanced Manufacturing with President Randy Schmailzl and Stan Horrell, Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability.

Dr. Baumgartner noted that last week he was hosted at the University of Nebraska at Kearney by Dr. Charlie Bicak, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, toured the new Discovery Hall, and met with Chancellor Kristensen, three new deans (Drs. Teten, Reid, and Jares) and members of UNK's Academic Affairs leadership team. They have invited the Commission to meet at UNK, and while 2022 is full, we hope to meet there in 2023.

Dr. Baumgartner stated that on September 24 he will be meeting with the new University of Nebraska at Omaha Chancellor Joanne Li and Dr. Martha Garcia-Murillo, the new dean of Information Science and Technology.

*Dr. Baumgartner to testify on LR 180*

Dr. Baumgartner has been asked to testify before the Education Committee next week on LR 180, which requires an in-depth review of how at-risk and economically disadvantaged students are identified as a qualification factor for state-funded, education-related programs at the primary, secondary, and postsecondary education levels. For Commission purposes, the use of Free and Reduced Lunch eligibility to qualify for the Access College Early scholarship is most pertinent, though we also use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant program.

Dr. Baumgartner announced that we have signed a contract with Nebraska Indian Community College for their participation in the Community College Gap Assistance Program. Little Priest Community College has chosen not to participate at this time.

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*Dr. Baumgartner spoke on staff meetings and activities*

Reporting on staff happenings, Dr. Baumgartner noted that Dr. Kathleen Fimple has participated in multiple virtual NC-SARA meetings, and plans to attend the SHEEO Policy Conference in DC in November. In November Dr. Baumgartner plans to attend the Midwestern Higher Education Commission meeting in Grand Rapids, MI, and the Higher Learning Commission State Agencies Annual Meeting in Chicago. Financial Aid Officer, Ritchie Morrow is on the road auditing CCPE's financial aid programs at campuses.

*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*

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost from the University of Nebraska, came forward to state that a number of representatives from the University system were present and available to discuss the program proposals on the agenda. He pointed out that several programs have been discontinued as is noted in the Information Items appendix, and the University continues to actively discontinue any programs that don't apply to students.

*Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska*

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

*Academic Programs Committee*

### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Kelly spoke*

Commissioner Kelly, new AP Committee Chair, stated the AP Committee reviewed the Pillar Seminary application at their recent conference call and asked Dr. Fimple to present the proposal.

*Pillar Seminary, Omaha, Nebraska - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Administrative Office*

### **Pillar Seminary, Omaha, Nebraska - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate – Administrative Office**

Mr. Nick Reuting, Director of Finance and Operations from Pillar Seminary, came forward to thank the Commissioners for taking the time to consider the proposal and stated that he is available to answer any questions they may have. Dr. Fimple presented background information and noted the application is to have an administrative office in Nebraska.

*Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the application.*

*Mr. Nick Reuting, Pillar Seminary*

*APC recommendation*

Commissioner Kelly read the AP Committee recommendation.  
Committee Recommendation:

Approve the recurrent authorization to operate for:

Institution:	Pillar Seminar
President:	Mr. Dan Lowery
Level of authorization:	Authorized to establish in the state an administrative office for the seminary



offering the Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts and a certificate in Contextual Leadership

Length of authorization: Three years (valid through October 1, 2024)

Conditions of authorization: Pillar Seminary continues to submit documentation to DEAC and becomes accredited following DEAC procedures.

*Pillar Seminary, Omaha, Nebraska - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Administrative Office approved*

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

*University of Nebraska at Omaha - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - History and Government, MA*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - History and Government, MA**

*Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Danielle Battisti, Associate Professor and Graduate Program Chair from the Department of History at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, gave a brief description of the program and answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Dr. Danielle Battisti, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

*APC recommendation*

Commissioner Kelly stated the AP Committee recommendation is to approve the Master of Arts in History and Government at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - History and Government, MA approved*

**Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - History and Government, MA. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Acting, BFA*

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Acting, BFA**

*Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal and were joined by Ms. Christina Kirk, Director, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Dr. Chris Marks, Associate Dean, Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Fimple described the purpose of the degree and noted there were many positive letters received in support of this program.

*Ms. Christina Kirk, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

*Dr. Chris Marks, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

*APC recommendation*

Commissioner Kelly stated the AP Committee recommendation is to approve the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Acting, BFA approved*

**Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Acting, BFA.**



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*University of Nebraska-Lincoln -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Environmental Engineering,  
BS*

*Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple  
presented the proposal*

*Dr. Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln*

*APC recommendation*

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Environmental Engineering,  
BS approved*

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Statistics and Data  
Analytics, BS*

*Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple  
presented the proposal*

*Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln*

*Dr. Bertran Clark, University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln*

*Dr. Erin E. Blankenship, University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln*

*APC recommendation*

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Statistics and Data  
Analytics, BS approved*

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Biomedical Engineering,  
PhD*

*Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple  
presented the proposal*

*Dr. Dan Linzell, UNL*

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**A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Environmental Engineering, BS**

Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Fimple discussed accreditation and market analysis noting a regional student demand for the program. Dr. Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, Chair, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was present in support of the program proposal.

Commissioner Kelly stated the AP Committee recommendation is to approve the Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Environmental Engineering, BS. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Statistics and Data Analytics, BS**

Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Fimple noted that UNL stated local companies are looking for statisticians. Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, added that there is a definite need for this program and no credentialed stand-alone program exists at the undergraduate level in statistics and data analytics. Dr. Bertran Clarke, Department Head of Statistics, spoke via Zoom indicating how this program is different from other statistics programs. Dr. Erin E. Blankenship, Associate Dean and Professor of Statistics in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, was also available via Zoom.

Commissioner Kelly stated the AP Committee recommendation is to approve the Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics and Data Analytics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Statistics and Data Analytics, BS. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Biomedical Engineering, PhD**

Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Fimple provided background information and described the need and demand for the program. Dr. Dan Linzell, Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs in the College of Engineering from the University



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of Nebraska-Lincoln, came forward along with Dr. Jackson to answer Commissioners' questions.

*APC recommendation*

Commissioner Kelly stated the AP Committee recommendation is to approve the PhD in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Biomedical Engineering,  
PhD approved*

**Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Biomedical Engineering, PhD. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*University of Nebraska Medical Center  
- Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Respiratory Therapy, Master  
of Respiratory Care (MRC)*

**University of Nebraska Medical Center - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Respiratory Therapy, Master of Respiratory Care (MRC)**

*Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple  
presented the proposal*

Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Fimple pointed out that the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) changed the accreditation standard to require all new entry-level programs to award a baccalaureate or graduate degree. The three current programs in Nebraska are associate level. Dr. Kyle Meyer, Dean, College of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, came forward to discuss the need and demand for the program and answer Commissioners' questions. Dr. Tammy Webster, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor in the Department of Clinical, Diagnostic, and Therapeutic Sciences at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, was present to support the program proposal.

*Dr. Kyle Meyer, University of Nebraska  
Medical Center*

*Dr. Tammy Webster, University of  
Nebraska Medical Center*

*APC recommendation*

Commissioner Kelly stated the AP Committee recommendation is to approve the Master of Respiratory Care degree at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

*University of Nebraska Medical Center  
- Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Respiratory Therapy, Master  
of Respiratory Care (MRC) approved*

**Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Respiratory Therapy, Master of Respiratory Care (MRC). A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*University of Nebraska Medical Center  
- Proposal for a New Organizational  
Unit - Genome Editing and Education  
Center - Nebraska*

**University of Nebraska Medical Center - Proposal for a New Organizational Unit - Genome Editing and Education Center-Nebraska**

*Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple  
presented the proposal*

Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Channabasavaiah Gurumurthy, Professor and Director, Mouse Genome Engineering Core Facility, in the Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, joined the discussion via Zoom, providing additional information regarding advantages the proposed center would provide.

*Dr. Channabasavaiah Gurumurthy,  
University of Nebraska Medical Center*



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*APC recommendation*

*University of Nebraska Medical Center  
- Proposal for a New Organizational  
Unit - Genome Editing and Education  
Center - Nebraska approved*

Commissioner Kelly stated the AP Committee recommendation is to approve the Genome Editing and Education Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Proposal for an Organizational Unit - Genome Editing and Education Center-Nebraska. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

Chair Aspen called for a break at 11:10 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

*Bryan College of Health Sciences,  
Lincoln, Nebraska - Application for  
Authorization to Operate on a  
Continuing Basis*

*Commission Kelly and Dr. Fimple  
presented the proposal*

**Bryan College of Health Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska - Application for Authorization to Operate on a Continuing Basis**

Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Fimple stated that when a new college or out-of-state institution wants to operate in Nebraska they have to apply to the Commission and they are granted a recurrent authorization to operate, usually for a five-year period during which they provide a yearly report. Our statutes state that when they reach 20 years, they can ask for an authorization to operate on a continuing basis.

*APC recommendation*

Commissioner Kelly stated the AP Committee recommendation is to authorize Bryan College of Health Sciences to operate on a continuing basis.

*Bryan College of Health Sciences,  
Lincoln, Nebraska - Application for  
Authorization to Operate on a  
Continuing Basis approved*

**Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the application from Bryan College of Health Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska for Authorization to Operate on a Continuing Basis. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

*St. Gregory the Great Seminary,  
Seward, Nebraska - Application for  
Authorization to Operate on a  
Continuing Basis*

*Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple  
presented the proposal*

**St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Seward, Nebraska - Application for Authorization to Operate on a Continuing Basis**

Commissioner Kelly and Dr. Fimple presented the proposal. Dr. Fimple noted that St. Gregory the Great Seminary is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

*APC recommendation*

Commissioner Kelly stated the AP Committee recommendation is to authorize St. Gregory the Great Seminary to operate on a continuing basis.

*St. Gregory the Great Seminary,  
Seward, Nebraska - Application for  
Authorization to Operate on a  
Continuing Basis approved*

**Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the application from St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Seward, Nebraska, for Authorization to Operate on a Continuing Basis. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

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#### *2019-2020 Existing Program Review*

*Dr. Fimple discussed the program review*

*Dr. Jodi Kupper, Nebraska State College System*

#### **2019-2020 Existing Program Review**

The following programs were approved by the Executive Director for continuation. Dr. Fimple commented that anything listed on the report in bold is below the Commission minimum performance standard, and the institutions are asked for justification. Dr. Jodi Kupper, Vice Chancellor at the Nebraska State College System, indicated that the state colleges have incorporated the in-depth review into any low threshold programs. The Board of Trustees has asked for a review of number of graduates every year of those programs to monitor any changes in enrollment.

#### **Chadron State College**

- Social Work (BA)

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

- Social Work (BS)
- Political Science (BA/BS, BAE)

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

- Political Science (BA, BS, MA)

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

- Social Work (MSW)
- Political Science (BA/BS, MS)
- Government (Grad Certificate)
- Intelligence and National Security (Grad Certificate)
- Global Information Operations (Grad Certificate)

#### **Wayne State College**

- Political Science (BA, BS)

*University of Nebraska at Kearney - Existing Program Review - Public Administration (BS) and University Of Nebraska at Omaha - Existing Program Review - Social Work (BS)*

*Dr. Fimple and Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska, discussed the programs*

*APC recommendation*

*University of Nebraska at Kearney - Existing Program Review - Public Administration (BS) and University Of Nebraska at Omaha - Existing Program Review - Social Work (BS) approved*

#### **University of Nebraska at Kearney - Existing Program Review - Public Administration (BS) and University of Nebraska at Omaha - Existing Program Review - Social Work (BS)**

Dr. Fimple presented the 2019-2020 programs requiring additional review. Dr. Jackson spoke briefly noting the University has a process in place to collect information from the department and develop a strategy with them and then the Board of Regents decides either to continue or discontinue programs such as these.

Commissioner Kelly stated the AP Committee recommendation is to approve the Existing Program Review for both UNK - Public Administration (BS), and UNO - Social Work (BS), with in-depth reviews due by July 1, 2022.

**Commissioner O'Holleran made a motion to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Existing Program Review - Public Administration (BS), and the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Existing Program Review - Social Work (BS) with an in-depth review on both programs due by July 1, 2022. Commissioner**

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**Aspen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

**Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs**

*Reasonable and Moderate Extensions*

**Reasonable and Moderate Extensions**

- CCC - Advanced Energy, Certificate
- CCC - Plastic Engineering Technology, Certificate
- CSC - Advanced English Studies, BA
- CSC - English Studies, BA
- UNO - Teaching Spanish to Heritage/Bilingual Learners, Graduate Certificate
- UNO - Machine Learning, Graduate Certificate
- UNO - French, Graduate Certificate \*
- UNO - Sociology, Graduate Certificate \*
- UNL - School of Computing

*Discontinue Programs*

**Discontinued Programs**

- CSC - Literature, BA
- UNL - Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science (BS will be retained)

\* Meets HLC requirements for teaching dual credit courses

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

*Dr. David Boocker, University of  
Nebraska at Omaha*

*Ms. Brooke Hay, University of Nebraska*

*Mr. Ryan Swanson, University of  
Nebraska*

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

Dr. David Boocker, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences at UNO, Mr. Ryan Swanson, University of Nebraska Associate Vice President for Facilities, Planning & Capital Programs, and Ms. Brooke Hay, University of Nebraska Assistant Vice President for Facilities, Planning & Capital Programs, introduced themselves and indicated they were present in support of the UNO Dodge Campus Kayser Hall Renovation project.

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

*Budget, Construction, and Financial  
Aid Committee*

*Commissioner Daniels spoke*

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

Commissioner Daniels, new BCF Committee Chair, stated that at the May Commission meeting, the Commission approved the Samuel Bak Academic Learning Center. Since then, the Commission has received the request from UNO to approve renovating Kayser Hall to house the Samuel Bak Museum and the Academic Learning Center. The BCF Committee recently met on a conference call to discuss this project proposal.

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*University of Nebraska at Omaha /  
Dodge Campus - Capital Construction  
Project - Kayser Hall Renovation*

*Mike Wemhoff presented the project  
proposal*

*BDF Committee recommendation*

*University of Nebraska at Omaha /  
Dodge Campus - Capital Construction  
Project - Kayser Hall Renovation  
approved*

*Public Hearing on Planning and  
Consumer Information Committee  
Items*

*Commissioner Von Behren left the  
meeting at 11:55 a.m.*

*Planning and Consumer Information  
Committee*

*Commissioner Lauritzen spoke*

*2021 Factual Look at Higher Education  
in Nebraska: Enrollment*

*Ms. Jill Heese presented the report*

### **University of Nebraska at Omaha / Dodge Campus - Capital Construction Project - Kayser Hall Renovation**

Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer, presented the project proposal. The University of Nebraska at Omaha is proposing a major renovation at Kayser Hall on the Dodge Campus that would include gallery storage, museum exhibition space, and offices for the Academic Learning Center. Mr. Wemhoff noted that there has been no major renovation to the building since its construction in 1971. Dr. Boocker answered Commissioner's questions regarding funding and utilization of space.

Commissioner Daniels read the BCF Committee recommendation to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal to utilize State appropriations to renovate and equip Kayser Hall as outlined in the governing board approved program statement on June 25, 2021, along with supplemental information provided.

**Commissioner Daniels, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha / Dodge Campus's Capital Construction Project - Kayser Hall Renovation. A roll call vote was taken. All nine Commissioners present voted yes. The motion carried.**

### **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.**

Chair Aspen called for a break at 11:55 a.m. The meeting resumed at 12:06 p.m.

### **PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Lauritzen filled in for Commissioner Garman, new PCI Committee Chair, in his absence. She introduced Jill Heese, Research Director, to present the Enrollment section of the *2021 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*.

### **2021 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Enrollment**

Ms. Heese delivered a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Enrollment section of the *2021 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 2010 through fall 2020. She noted that historic FTE numbers changed slightly. CCPE previously calculated each institution's FTE but is now using FTE values calculated by IPEDS. Total fall enrollment was down 2.6 percent over the last year and down 7.1 percent over the 10-year period. The report includes graphs and details regarding enrollment for students by sector, student

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level, full-time/part-time classification, gender, race/ethnicity, age, and distance education status.

Ms. Heese added that she has created a 6-digit CIP data dashboard, which enables end users to easily analyze Nebraska's postsecondary award data. She provided a demonstration on using the dashboard on the CCPE website.

*Next Commission meeting is December 2, 2021*

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, December 2, 2021, 8:30 a.m. at the Apothecary/Ridnour Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, North Loft, Lincoln, Nebraska.

*Commissioner Lauritzen comments*

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Lauritzen commented that this is her 21<sup>st</sup> year on the Commission and it never fails to amaze her as she always learns something new about postsecondary education.

*Chair Aspen comments*

Chair Aspen thanked the Commissioners for their presence and a very productive Work Session Wednesday evening.

*Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.