MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION Apothecary Building, 5 Floor, North Loft 140 No. 8th Street Lincoln, Nebraska Thursday, December 8, 2022

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 DECEMBER 8, 2022. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 A.M.

AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. $8^{\rm TH}$ STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

GWENN ASPEN, CHAIR

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

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Von Behren called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Tim Daniels Dr. Deborah Frison Dr. Dennis Headrick Molly O'Holleran Dr. Paul Von Behren W. Scott Wilson

Commissioners Participating in a Non-Voting Capacity via Zoom Mary Lauritzen

Commissioners Absent Gwenn Aspen

Commission Staff Present Dr. Michael Baumgartner J. Dr. Kathleen Fimple H Jill Heese G

J. Ritchie Morrow Helen Pope Gary Timm Minutes of October 13, 2022, approved

Commissioner O'Holleran joined the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

Chair's Report

Executive Director's Report

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

Dr. David Jackson, University of Nebraska

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2022, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the October 13, 2022, minutes as written. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

In Chair Aspen's absence, Vice Chair Von Behren stated there was no report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Baumgartner reported he and Commissioner Frison attended the Midwestern Higher Education Compact's annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, last month. He also recently attended the Education Commission of the States winter meeting in San Diego. He is an appointed Commissioner by Governor Ricketts.

Dr. Baumgartner stated that staff members have been busy attending meetings. Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, attended the Higher Learning Commission's annual meeting for state agencies last month. Gary Timm, Chief Finance Officer, discussed the Gap Assistance Program and ARPA funding for the colleges at the Nebraska Community College Association annual meeting. Jill Heese, Research Director, along with Dr. Baumgartner, will meet via Zoom with the Nebraska Manufacturing Alliance, and Ms. Heese will be presenting *Factual Look* enrollment information to the community colleges later this month. J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, attended the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs conference in DC in October and participated in the annual Federal Student Aid conference via Zoom.

Dr. Baumgartner noted the Nebraska Legislature reconvenes on January 4, 2023, and he looks forward to meeting with new members.

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

Vice Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Matters of General Concern.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost at the University of Nebraska, came forward to state that representatives from the University were available to discuss and answer questions on the in-depth review/monitoring reports agenda items. He noted there are several programs being discontinued that were no longer relevant as they modernize the curricula. Academic Programs Committee

Commissioner Dennis Headrick

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Music, PhD

Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the report

Dr. Chris Marks, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Academic Committee recommendation

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Music, PhD approved

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Art History, MA

Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the report

Dr. Katie Anania, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Academic Committee recommendation

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Art History, MA approved

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska at Kearney - English Literature, MA

Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the report

Dr. Megan Adkins, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Academic Committee recommendation

Vice Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Headrick, Committee Chair, introduced Dr. Fimple to present the in-depth reports from the University of Nebraska.

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Music, PhD

Dr. Fimple presented the monitoring report for the PhD in Music program at UNL. Dr. Chris Marks, Associate Dean at UNL, provided information on the program and answered Commissioners' questions.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission continue the PhD in Music program at UNL.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the PhD in Music program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

<u>Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of</u> <u>Nebraska-Lincoln - Art History, MA</u>

Dr. Fimple presented the monitoring report for the MA in Art History at UNL. Dr. Katie Anania, Assistant Professor of Art History, offered information on the program.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission continue the MA in Art History at UNL.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the MA in Art History Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska at Kearney - English Literature, MA

Dr. Fimple presented the monitoring report for the MA in English with a Literature Emphasis program at UNK. Dr. Megan Adkins, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at UNK, was present to discuss the program.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission acknowledge the restructuring of the English graduate programs and continue the MA in English.

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska at Kearney - English Literature, MA approved

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Natural Resource and Environmental Economics, BS

Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the report

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

Academic Committee recommendation

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Natural Resource and Environmental Economics, BS approved

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska Medical Center -Biostatistics, PhD

Dr. Kathleen Fimple presented the report

Dr. David Jackson, Dr. Chris Wichman, Dr. Jeffrey Gold, University of Nebraska

Academic Committee recommendation

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska Medical Center -Biostatistics, PhD

2020-2021 Existing Program Review

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the MA in English Program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Natural Resource and Environmental Economics, BS

Dr. Fimple presented the monitoring report for the BS in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics at UNL. Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, Dean, and Dr. Larry Van Tassel, Department Chair, came forward and discussed the program and answered Commissioners' questions.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission continue the BS in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics at UNL.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the BS in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Monitoring Report for a Program Previously Reviewed - University of Nebraska Medical Center- Biostatistics, PhD

Dr. Fimple presented the monitoring report for the PhD in Biostatistics at UNMC. Dr. David Jackson, Dr. Chris Wichman, Director of the Biostatistics graduate program, and Dr. Jeffrey Gold (via Zoom) all spoke in support of continuing the program and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission continue the PhD in Biostatistics at UNMC.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to continue the PhD in Biostatistics Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

2020-2021 Existing Program Review

The following University, State, and Community College programs were approved by the Executive Director for continuation.

Existing Program Review continued

Chadron State College

- Education, BSE
 - Curriculum and Instruction, ME
- Special Education, BSE

Peru State College

- Education, BA, BS
 - Curriculum and Instruction, MSEd

Wayne State College

- Education, BS
 - Curriculum and Instruction, MSE
- Early Childhood & Family Studies, BS
- Special Education, BA, BS, MSE
- School Administration, MSE, EdS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education, BS-Ele, BS-Sec, MEd, MA
 - Early Literacy, Graduate Certificate
 - K-3 Mathematics Specialist, Graduate Certificate
 - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Graduate Certificate,
 - Response to Intervention: Reading, Graduate Certificate
 - World Language Teaching: German, Graduate Certificate
 - World Language Teaching: Spanish Graduate Certificate,
 - Mathematics Education, Graduate Certificate
 - Social Justice & Diversity Education, Graduate Certificate
- Educational Studies, EdD, PhD
- Special Education, BSEH, MA, MEd, EdS
 - Autism Spectrum Disorders & Severe Disabilities, Graduate Certificate (inactivated 2021)
 - Early Childhood Special Education, Graduate Certificate
 - Sensory Disabilities, Graduate Certificate
- Educational Administration, MA, MEd, EdD
 - Community College Leadership, Graduate Certificate
 - Educational Administration and Supervision, Graduate Certificate
- Human Sciences, PhD
- Educational Psychology, MA, PhD, EdS
 - Mixed Methods Research, Graduate Certificate

Existing Program Review continued

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Teacher Education
 - Elementary Education/Special Education, BS
 - Elementary Education, BS, MS
 - Library Science, BMS, BS
 - Secondary Education/Special Education, BS
 - Secondary Education, BS, MS
 - Literacy, MS
 - Instruction in Urban Schools, Graduate Certificate
- Special Education & Communication Disorders
 - Communication Disorders, BS
 - Early Childhood Inclusive, BS
 - Special Education, MS
 - Speech-Language Pathology, MS
- Educational Leadership, MS
 - Educational Administration, EdD
 - Educational Administration & Supervision, EdS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Elementary Education
 - Early Childhood Inclusive, BAE
 - Elementary Education K-6, BAE
 - Middle Level 5-9 Subject, BAE, BSE
 - Business Education, BAE
 - Reading PK-12, MAE
 - Science/Math Education, MSE
 - Instructional Technology, MSE
 - Curriculum and Instruction, MAE
 - Special Education, BAE, MAE
- Educational Administration, MAE, EdS
 - School Superintendent

Discontinued Programs:

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Human Sciences, EdD
- Food Technology for Companion Animals, BS
- Veterinary Science, MS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Art History, BA

<u>Revisions to Guidelines for Submitting Proposals for New</u> <u>Instructional Programs and New Organizational Units: Appendix A:</u> <u>Definitions of Programs</u>

Revisions to Guidelines for Submitting Proposals for New Instructional Programs and New Organizational Units: Appendix A: Definitions of Programs *Dr. Fimple and Dr. Baumgartner presented the revisions*

Academic Committee recommendation

Revisions to Guidelines for Submitting Proposals for New Instructional Programs and New Organizational Units: Appendix A: Definitions of Programs approved

Annual Reports from Institutions Holding a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Kathleen Fimple discussed the report

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

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

Commissioner W. Scott Wilson

Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations 2022-23 Deficit Request

Gary Timm presented the budget recommendations

Dr. Monte Kramer, Nebraska State College System

Budget Committee recommendation

Dr. Fimple and Dr. Baumgartner discussed the proposed revisions to the guidelines for submitting proposals.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the revisions to Guidelines for Submitting Proposals for New Instructional Programs and New Organizational Units: Appendix A: Definitions of Programs.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the revisions to Guidelines for Submitting Proposals for New Instructional Programs and New Organizational Units: Appendix A: Definitions of Programs. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Annual Reports from Institutions Holding a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

Dr. Fimple presented the recurrent authorization to operate report for Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, (at Union College), and Pillar Seminary, Omaha, NE., for the Administrative Office only.

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

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

Vice Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson, Committee Chair, stated the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee recently met to discuss the two action items on the agenda.

Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations 2022-23 Deficit Request

Gary Timm, Chief Finance Officer, presented the budget recommendations, stating that the Commission is directed to review the budget requests of the governing boards and make recommendations for approval or modification of the budget requests, together with the rationale for its recommendations. Dr. Monte Kramer, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at the Nebraska State College System, was present and discussed the market-driven reasoning for an increase in adjunct pay.

Committee recommendation: Approval of the Operating Budget Recommendation for the 2022-23 Deficit Requests.

Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations 2022-23 Deficit Request

Southeast Community College - Milford Campus - Construction Technologies Center

Mr. Timm presented the proposal

Ed Koster, Southeast Community College

Budget Committee recommendation

Southeast Community College - Milford Campus - Construction Technologies Center approved

Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items

Planning and Consumer Information Committee

Commissioner Lauritzen

2022 Measuring Accomplishments, companion piece to Chapter One of the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Operating Budget Recommendation for the 2022-23 Deficit Requests. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Southeast Community College - Milford Campus - Construction Technologies Center

Mr. Timm presented the proposal. Southeast Community College is proposing to construct a 94,735 square foot construction technologies center on their Milford Campus that would meet the evolving needs for classrooms, labs, and student/faculty spaces. The new facility would bring together faculty and students from six construction technologies programs that are currently located in three aging facilities. The estimated cost of the project is \$40,640,000 coming from private fundraising, institutional cash funds, and Capital Improvement Funds. Ed Koster, Southeast Community College Milford Campus Director, provided information on the project and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Committee recommendation: Approval of Southeast Community College's proposal to use \$36,576,000 in capital improvement property taxes to construct the Construction Technology Center on the Milford Campus as outlined in the amended program statement approved by the SCC Board of Governors on August 17, 2022.

Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Southeast Community College - Milford Campus - Construction Technologies Center. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony on Planning and Consumer Information Items.

Vice Chair Von Behren closed the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.

Vice Chair Von Behren requested a break at 9:41 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:51 a.m.

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen acknowledged Committee members who recently met to review the *Measuring Accomplishments* report.

<u>2022 Measuring Accomplishments, companion piece to Chapter One</u> of the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education

Jill Heese presented the report	Ms. Heese gave a presentation on the <i>2022 Measuring Accomplishme</i> , report. The report includes national comparisons, peer comparisons for Nebraska's public institutions, and non-comparative measures. The 20 report now includes information on the 70 percent attainment goal. Ms. Heese discussed the report and noted that Nebraska's rankings varied depending on the metrics and institutions analyzed. Ms. Heese noted t corresponding Data Dictionary describes each of the variables in detail including the data source, calculations, and goals measured.				
Executive Committee	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE				
2022 Biennial Report	2022 Biennial Report Dr. Baumgartner presented the 2022 Biennial Report, stating the report is				
Dr. Baumgartner presented the report	required every two years by statute and is due on December 1 to the Governor and the Legislature. The biennial report summarized Commission activities for years 2021 and 2022.				
Executive Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the 2022 Biennial Report to the Legislature and Governor.				
2022 Biennial Report approved	Vice Chair Von Behren, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the 2022 Biennial Report. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.				
Next Commission meeting will be Friday, January 20, 2023	<u>FUTURE MEETINGS</u> The next Commission meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom on Friday, January 20, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.				
Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.	ADJOURNMENT				

Vice Chair Von Behren adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Quarterly Report as of December 31, 2022

Administrative Funds (Program 640)

	2022-2023 Appropriations	2022-2023 Current Expenditures	Balance Remaining	% of Budget Expended Time Elapsed 50.00%
PERSONAL SERVICES				
PSL	\$1,006,969			
Permanent Salaries	\$979,706	\$400,889	\$578,817	40.9%
Benefits	\$273,191	\$100,953	\$172,238	37.0%
Subtotal	\$1,252,897	\$501,842	\$751,055	40.1%
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Postage	\$2,200	\$933	\$1,267	42.4%
Communication	\$9,400	\$3,293	\$6,107	35.0%
Data Processing	\$47,262	\$22,574	\$24,688	47.8%
Publication & Printing	\$12,300	\$2,835	\$9,465	23.0%
Awards Expense	\$400	\$69	\$331	17.3%
Dues & Subscriptions	\$23,332	\$22,740	\$592	97.5%
MHEC Dues	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$0	100.0%
Conference Registration Fees	\$2,500	\$1,121	\$1,379	44.8%
Electricity	\$2,800	\$1,129	\$1,671	40.3%
Other Utility	\$1,800	\$400	\$1,400	22.2%
Rent Expense	\$53,103	\$27,114	\$25,989	51.1%
Office Supplies	\$2,500	\$580	\$1,920	23.2%
Non Capitalized Equipment	\$450	\$330	\$120	73.3%
Other Contratual Services	\$5,705	\$5,250	\$455	92.0%
Food Expenses	\$2,000	\$1,517	\$483	75.9%
Education Supplies	\$1,100	\$88	\$1,012	8.0%
Account & Auditing Services	\$5,705	\$5,705	\$0	100.0%
Purchasing Assessment	\$186	\$172	\$14	92.5%
Software	\$1,000	\$864	\$136	86.4%
Insurance Expense	\$200	\$250	-\$50	125.0%
Other	\$800	\$275	\$525	34.4%
Subtotal	\$289,743	\$212,239	\$77,504	73.3%
STAFF TRAVEL				
Board & Lodging	\$5,500	\$4,975	\$525	90.5%
Commercial Transportation	\$2,000	\$590	\$1,410	29.5%
State-Owned Transportation	\$2,000	\$998	\$1,002	49.9%
Mileage	\$1,000	\$666	\$334	66.6%
Other	\$500	\$115	\$385	23.0%
Subtotal	\$11,000	\$7,344	\$3,656	66.8%
COMMISSIONER TRAVEL				
Board & Lodging	\$4,500	\$558	\$3,942	12.4%
Mileage	\$6,500	\$1,402	\$5,098	21.6%
Other	\$500	\$30	\$470	6.0%
Subtotal	\$11,500	\$1,990	\$9,510	17.3%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,565,140	\$723,415	\$841,725	46.2%
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General Fund Cash Fund	\$1,512,031 \$53,109	\$715,590 \$7,825	\$796,441 \$45,284	
Total	\$1,565,140	\$723,415	\$841,725	46.2%

Note: The percentage of budget spent without including the MHEC dues is 42%. The MHEC dues are paid in full (\$115,000) during the first month of the fiscal year.

	2022-2023 Appropriations	2022-2023 Current Expenditures	Balance Remaining	% of Budget Expended Time Elapsed 50.00%
GOVERNMENT AID				
Other Government Aid	\$24,221,689	\$8,618,924	\$15,602,765	35.6%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$24,221,689	\$8,618,924	\$15,602,765	35.6%
General Fund	\$7,593,430	\$16,750	\$7,576,680	
Cash Fund	\$16,628,259	\$8,602,174	\$8,026,085	
Total	\$24,221,689	\$8,618,924	\$15,602,765	35.6%

Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG)

Community College Gap Assistance Program

	2022-2023 Appropriations	2022-2023 Current Expenditures	Balance Remaining	% of Budget Expended Time Elapsed 50.00%
PERSONAL SERVICES				
PSL	\$28,827			
Permanent Salaries	\$25,497	\$2,457	\$23,040	9.6%
Benefits	\$15,579	\$415	\$15,164	2.7%
Subtotal	\$41,076	\$2,872	\$38,204	7.0%
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Data Processing	\$500		\$500	0.0%
Communications	\$550		\$550	0.0%
Dues & Subscriptions	\$100		\$100	0.0%
Conference Registration	\$150		\$150	0.0%
Other Contractual Services	\$43,218		\$43,218	0.0%
Subtotal	\$44,518 \$0 \$44,518		0.0%	
STAFF TRAVEL				
Personal Vehicle Mileage	\$200		\$200	0.0%
Subtotal	\$200	\$0	\$200	
GOVERNMENT AID				
Other Government Aid	\$3,088,242	\$341,245	\$2,746,997	11.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,174,036	\$344,117	\$2,829,919	10.8%
Cash Fund	\$3,174,036	\$344,117	\$2,829,919	
Total	\$3,174,036	\$344,117	\$2,829,919	10.8%

			Balance Remaining	% of Budget Expended Time Elapsed 50.00%	
GOVERNMENT AID					
Other Government Aid	\$1,779,127	\$305,556	\$1,473,571	17.2%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,779,127	\$305,556	\$1,473,571	17.2%	
General Fund	\$1,779,127	\$305,556	\$1,473,571		
Total	\$1,779,127	\$305,556	\$1,473,571	17.2%	

Access College Early Scholarship (ACE)

Guaranty Recovery Program

	2022-2023 Appropriations	2022-2023 Current Expenditures	Balance Remaining	% of Budget Expended Time Elapsed 50.00%
GOVERNMENT AID				
Other Government Aid	\$16,000		\$16,000	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000	0.0%
Cash Fund	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000	
Total	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000	0.0%

Community College ARPA Grants

	2022-2023 Appropriations	2022-2023 Current Expenditures	Balance Remaining	% of Budget Expended Time Elapsed 50.00%
GOVERNMENT AID				
Other Government Aid	\$60,000,000	\$1,080,263	\$58,919,737	1.8%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$60,000,000	\$1,080,263	\$58,919,737	1.8%
Federal Fund	\$60,000,000	\$1,080,263	\$58,919,737	
Total	\$60,000,000	\$1,080,263	\$58,919,737	1.8%

Community College ARPA Funds - Dual Enrollment (Agency 83)

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GOVERNMENT AID				
Other Government Aid	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	0.0%
Federal Fund	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	
Total	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000	0.0%



NEW INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Institution:	University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK)
Program:	Public History
Award:	Master of Arts (MA)
Mode of Delivery:	Online and face-to-face
Institution's Existing Degree(s) in Same or Similar Discipline:	Minor in Public History; MA in History
Proposal Received by Commission:	December 2, 2022
Proposed Start Date:	When approved by CCPE

Description

Public history is a subfield of historical study and practice defined by its emphasis on doing history in and with public audiences. Public historians usually have careers outside academia in museums, historic preservation, oral history, digital history, cultural resources management, archives, and heritage tourism. The program is designed for students interested in careers in public history or for those currently employed in the field who wish to expand their expertise. To be admitted, students would have to have completed a BA in history or a related field with at least 18 credit hours in history.

The curriculum would consist of 36 semester credit hours and could be completed in two years. Students would select either a thesis or project track. A 15-hour required core would include a three-credit-hour internship (see page 5 for full curriculum). Students would take 12 (thesis track) or 15 (project track) credit hours of history electives and nine hours specific to a thesis or six hours specific to a project. All courses are in place. The entire program would be offered online as well as on campus. Students would eventually be able to take related courses from other University of Nebraska campuses such as anthropology or art education's museum studies.

Consistent with Institutional Role and Mission?	<u></u> YES	NO
Consistent with Statewide Comprehensive Plan?	√ YES	NO

REVIEW CRITERIA

A. Need for the Program

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UNK cites the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as evidence of need. The Bureau reports employment in museums, archives, and related public

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history careers is expected to grow by 19% from 2020 to 2030. In addition, the proposal cites the Nebraska Department of Labor figures for curators and museum technicians that project an 8% growth between 2018 and 2028, with an average annual salary of \$42,223. UNK notes that positions such as those listed usually require a master's degree with practical experience preferred--requirements that the proposed program would meet.

The proposal asserts that the program would benefit Nebraska communities, especially those struggling to advance. It also notes that among the goals of Blueprint Nebraska are providing opportunities for economic development, promoting diversity and inclusion, and connecting people with their pasts. Specifically, Blueprint Nebraska states that many Nebraskans "believe that rural Nebraska, in particular, needs help reimagining and developing its communities," particularly through the arts, entertainment, and recreation. Museums, heritage tourism, and other public history efforts would contribute to such an effort.

Letters of support were provided by the chair of UNK's Department of History, the interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Dean of Graduate Studies and Academic Outreach, History Nebraska, Humanities Nebraska, the Stuhr Museum, and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The proposal states that the program is also supported by the Nebraska Museums Association and local museum partners. Four students provided letters of support. Three are enrolled in the History MA program and one is an undergraduate with a public history minor. All identified the benefits of a degree in public history for career placement versus one in history.

The 19% growth rate is national. The 8% growth in Nebraska suggests a need, although much of it would be concentrated in the larger cities. The online format may help fill needs in smaller communities.

B. Demand for the Program

High-----Low

There is currently a public history minor and a concentration in public history in the existing history MA program. UNK reports that there are 21 students enrolled in the public history concentration and that there

have been 47 inquiries from prospective students in the past two years. The existing public history courses have been operating at or above capacity every semester. Marketing of the proposed program is expected to increase interest, especially since UNK states that this would be only the second online public history master's degree in the United States (see Section C). The University expects to enroll no more than15 new students each year. The budget uses 15 students in year one and 15 new students each subsequent year.

The online format and the fact that there are few such graduate programs in the United States should attract students. The number of current students pursuing the public history concentration also speaks to the viability of the proposed program.

C. Avoidance of Unnecessary Duplication

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There is no master's degree in public history in Nebraska. The proposal states that there are 39 programs worldwide that have a dedicated MA in Public History (per the National Council on Public History). The

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closest are at Fort Hayes State in Kansas, Southeast Missouri State, Wayne State University, and the University of Minnesota. Fort Hayes State has an online option, but students must complete at least nine hours on campus before enrolling. The only other *online* MA in Public History in the United States is offered by Southern New Hampshire University.

While there are numerous master's degrees in history in the country and at all the University of Nebraska campuses, public history has a much different curriculum and specific professional focus than traditional history programs that focus on academics and students who wish to pursue a doctorate.

D. Resources: Faculty/Staff

HighLow				

UNK has one faculty member whose expertise is public history, although UNK reports that there are four faculty capable of offering courses for the program. Additional staffing and funding include:

- A second tenure-track public history faculty member. A recent faculty departure from the History Department opened a line for this purpose. Three-quarters of his/her time would be devoted to Public History.
- A Program Coordinator. UNKOnline/the Dean of Graduate Studies has pledged existing resources for a part-time program coordinator who would aid with internships, counseling, and placement as well as assisting with recruitment, retention, marketing, and alumni.
- A Graduate Program Chair, separate from the Chair for the History Graduate Program, would be appointed and receive a stipend from the department.
- One graduate assistant, reassigned from history.

The Department has an on-going cost-sharing initiative with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) that would support the program. UNK would house a repository for NGPC collections that would be professionally managed by Public History interns and graduate assistants. The Graduate Dean has committed to more graduate assistantships for this endeavor, although this was not included in the budget. Upon approval of an MOU, NGPC would support the costs of a director to oversee the day-to-day operations of the repository. That person would also serve as a public history faculty member.

An advisory board would be created for the program consisting of representatives of major state agencies such as Humanities Nebraska and NGPC. Regional and local institutions would also serve on the board including the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, Durham Western Heritage Museum, the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum, Great Plains Black History Museum, and Buffalo County Historical Society. Lastly, one representative from each of the University of Nebraska campuses would be a member.

E. Resources: Physical Facilities/Equipment

Acceptableyes $\sqrt{}$ no

UNK states that since the program would be offered entirely online no new physical facilities or equipment would be needed beyond the infrastructure that is already in place. UNK Online provides recording

equipment and video production for the development of online courses.

F. Resources: Library/Information Access

Acceptable yes √ Ino The proposal indicates that no new resources would be needed. Since UNK is currently offering all the courses for the proposed program, the information resources should be sufficient to support the program.

UNKOnline provides instructional designers and training seminars as well as 24-hour technical assistance.

G. Budget

PROJECTED COSTS AND ANTICIPATED REVENUES FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS As reported by UNK

PROJECTED COSTS	•	ANTICIPATED REVEN	NUES
Faculty and Staff ¹	\$414,165	Reallocated Funds	\$451,665
General Operating ²	\$37,500	New State Funds	
Library		New Local Funds	
Facilities		Tuition and Fees ³	\$902,137
Five-Year TOTAL	\$451,665	Five-Year TOTAL	\$1,353,802

¹ Stipend for the Graduate Program Chair (paid by the Department from existing funds), one graduate assistant moved from a history MA assignment, 75% of an open faculty line in history, and a .25 FTE program coordinator from UNKOnline funding.

² Marketing and travel (from UNKOnline and College of Arts and Sciences).

³ Based on 15 students in year one, 15 new students in year two and every year thereafter, averaging 18 credit hours per year at \$371.25 per credit hour (\$315 online graduate tuition, \$35 online course fee, \$11 technology fee, \$6.25 library fee, and \$4.00 student records fee).

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission approve the Master of Arts in Public History at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

First Program Review Date: Due June 30, 2028

Curriculum (36 credit hours)

Core Courses – Required (15 credits):

HIST 801 – America Interpreted (3 credits) HIST 864 – Public History Seminar (3 credits) HIST 865 – Public History Methods (3 credits) HIST 868P – Digital History (3 credits) HIST 875 – Internship (3 credits) *

* Students already employed in a public history position or possessing substantial and substantive experience in public history work may substitute the internship for an additional elective in public history with the approval from the Graduate Program Chair.

Electives (12 or 15 credits)

Students must take at least 6 hours of required US History (HIST 848 or other 800-level US History) or non-US History (HIST 849 or other 800-level non-US History) readings courses, as well as at least 6 hours of Public History electives. Students may take related courses at UNL, UNO, or UNMC with approval.

Elective courses include: Thesis Track: 12 credit hours of electives Project Track: 15 credit hours of electives

Track Options (6 or 9 credits)

Thesis Track (9 credits): HIST 894 – Introduction to Thesis (3 credits) HIST 896 – Thesis (6 credits)

Project Track (6 credits): HIST 897– Public History Project (6 credits)



NEW INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Institution:	Southeast Community College (SCC)
Program:	Psychology
Award:	Associate of Arts (AA)
Mode of Delivery:	Online and Face-to-face
Institution's Existing Degree(s) in Same or Similar Discipline:	AA Academic Transfer program with psychology courses
Proposal Received by Commission:	December 14, 2022
Proposed Start Date:	August 2023

Description

The proposed program is designed for students who wish to complete the first two years of a baccalaureate degree before transferring to a four-year institution to major in psychology or a related field. Currently SCC students enroll in the Academic Transfer AA degree program and select the majority of their elective courses to create their own area of study in psychology. The Academic Transfer AA has extensive requirements for the general education courses, but there is no established curriculum for creating an individual area of study.

The curriculum for the proposed two-year degree would consist of a total of 61 semester credit hours, including a 15-credit hour psychology core and 11 credit hours of electives, preferably in psychology. The remaining courses would be in general education (see page 4 for a detailed curriculum). All courses are currently in place.

Psychology programs at four-year institutions vary in their requirements. The five courses in the psychology core for the proposed program are identical to five courses that make up the majority of the core required at UNL. The Director of Advising in UNL's College of Arts and Sciences affirmed that the entire proposed SCC core would transfer for UNL's psychology major.

Consistent with Institutional Role and Mission?	<u>√</u> YES*	NO
Consistent with Statewide Comprehensive Plan?	√ YES	NO

*State statutes identify one of the priorities for the community colleges as "transfer education" (see page 4).

REVIEW CRITERIA

A. Need for the Program

High-----Low

The proposal cites research by Gray Associates on the number of internet searches for psychology degrees showing a high student demand. Information from Lightcast (an economic modeling company) Q3 2022 Data Set shows

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that in SCC's service area there are on average almost 1,000 people employed in jobs in the psychology field with an average median salary of \$51,180. Lightcast also projects a nearly 5% increase in demand for bachelor's degrees in psychology (or 47 jobs) in the SCC service area in the next five years. SCC asserts that as a feeder program into the four-year institutions' psychology programs, the college would help meet the demand for the career field.

The positions reported by Gray and Lightcast require a baccalaureate degree. The need for this is identified, but there was no discussion about specific available jobs. A baccalaureate degree in psychology may result in employment in human resources or human services, but often does not translate into employment in the mental health field as some may expect. In addition, the need for an associate degree program is based primarily on its ability to assist students in achieving a baccalaureate degree. Employment for individuals with only an associate degree in psychology would be limited and relatively low paying.

B. Demand for the Program

High-----Low According one of the

According to the proposal, SCC's academic advisors report that psychology is one of the most popular areas of study for Academic Transfer students. Using National Student Clearinghouse information, SCC determined that of all its

students who transferred to a four-year institution in the five years from 2018 to 2022, 1,039 earned a bachelor's degree in psychology (an average of 208 students per year).

Psychology courses are offered every term at SCC, and the college expects to maintain its current annual enrollment of 1,300 students in those classes. Consequently, no projections were provided for anticipated new tuition revenue.

The number of transfer students eventually earning a psychology degree is evidence of demand. Also, the online delivery format should attract additional students by appealing to those who are working or place-bound.

C. Avoidance of Unnecessary Duplication

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There are no free-standing associate degrees in psychology in Nebraska. All community colleges offer an academic transfer program where students can select psychology courses.

UNL, UNO, and UNK all have baccalaureate degrees in psychology as do the three state colleges and most of the independent colleges and universities, including Nebraska Wesleyan.

D. Resources: Faculty/Staff

HighLow						

SCC states that the Arts and Sciences Division has eight full-time faculty and a pool of adjunct faculty qualified to teach psychology courses. The Division would provide support staffing and administrative oversight. Since all

personnel are in place, there is no additional expense reported in the budget.

E. Resources: Physical Facilities/Equipment

Acce	ptab	le		
yes	\checkmark		no	

Since the program would utilize existing courses and faculty, no new physical facilities or equipment would be needed.

F. Resources: Library/Information Access

Acceptable					
yes	\checkmark		no		

SCC reports that virtual library and technology resources are already in place and sufficient to support the proposed program.

G. Budget

With staff and other resources already in place, SCC does not anticipate any new expenses associated with the program. No new revenue is anticipated since SCC is not projecting an increase in enrollment.

PROJECTED COSTS		ANTICIPATED REVENUES				
Faculty and Staff		State Aid/Property Tax				
General Operating		New State Funds				
		New Local Funds				
		Tuition and Fees				
Five-Year TOTAL	0	Five-Year TOTAL	0			

PROJECTED COSTS AND ANTICIPATED REVENUES FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS As reported by SCC

Staff Comment: The proposed degree is designed to transfer to four-year institutions for completion of a baccalaureate degree. UNL has verified that the 15 credit hours of SCC's core will transfer to its psychology program. The core requirements at other four-year institutions do not match SCC's core as well as that of UNL. Therefore, fewer courses would likely apply to a psychology major.

In addition, the SCC suggested psychology electives would likely not count toward UNL's requirements for a psychology major since SCC's courses are all lower division and UNL's elective courses are primarily upper division. This situation is not uncommon and could be encountered even if a student were pursuing an Academic Transfer degree. SCC has stated that their advisors would ensure that students were aware of the implications for transfer. One possibility is that students could choose electives from another discipline from the Academic Transfer elective list that would complement psychology.

Nonetheless, the program would cost SCC very little, and students appear to want a psychology degree versus an Academic Transfer degree that could accomplish much the same. In addition, many of SCC's students who do transfer go to UNL, so a curriculum aligned with UNL's requirements is appropriate.

Committee Concerns:

The Nebraska Transfer Initiative, signed by all the community colleges, all the public four-year institutions, and most of the private four-year institutions, provides that students completing an AA or AS in Academic Transfer will be accepted into the four-year institution as a junior and have their general education requirements (30-34 credit hours out of 60 credit hours) considered substantially complete. This separate degree may not be needed or appropriate.

Students who transfer into a psychology program other than that at UNL will have met fewer of the requirements for the major than they would at UNL.

Committee Recommendation: That the Committee forward to the Commission the proposal for the Associate of Arts degree in Psychology at Southeast Community College without a recommendation.

First Program Review: Due June 30, 2027 (with Academic Transfer programs)

AA PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Credit Hours Required for Graduation:	61.0
Required first term course:	
ACFS1015 Success @ SCC	1.0
Psychology Core Classes:	15.0 credits
PSYC1810 Introduction to Psychology PSYC2880 Social Psychology PSYC2630 Cognitive Psychology PSYC2730 Brain and Behavior PSYC2960 Lifespan Human Development	3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0
General Education	34.0 credits minimum
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Other electives may be chosen from the Academic Transfer Electives list.

PSYC2901 Psychology Internship

PSYC2970 Introduction to Psychological Research

§ 85-962

The second instructional and service priority of the community colleges shall be transfer education, including general academic transfer programs, or applied technology and occupational programs which may be applicable to the first two years of a bachelor's degree program, and, when necessary, foundations education.

Nebraska Revised Statutes

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§ 85-926

General academic transfer programs shall mean those one-year or two-year degree-credit programs, at the associate degree level or below including liberal arts and sciences degrees or courses, intended by the offering institution for transfer into a baccalaureate program. Programs in this category may include the award of a formal degree upon completion of the program.

2020-2021 EXISTING PROGRAM REVIEW

(Item in bold is under Commission Minimum Performance Standard)

Institution	Program	5 yr Average (2016-2021)								
		SCH	SCH/F TE	Asso	ciate	Diploma	Certificate	Total Awards	Justification if under standard	
CCC	Automotive Technology	2,128	389	AAS	12.0	13.8	97.8	123.6		
MCC	Automotive Technology	3,310	447	AAS	11.0		61.6	72.6		
MPCC	Automotive Technology	493	249	AAS	2.4	3.0	6.4	11.8	Need	
NECC	Automotive Technology	1,221	267	AAS	12.8	.4	.2	13.4	Role & Mission	
SCC	Automotive Technology	2,636	283	AAS	32.4			32.4		
WNCC	Automotive Technology	603	299	AOS AAS	1.4 0.8		1.2 Powertrain 1.8	6.4	Need	
							Drivetrain 1.2			
CCC	Auto Body Technology	468	234	AAS	5.2	12.4	35.2	52.8	Role & Mission	
MCC	Auto Collision Technology	1,709	321	AAS	10.5		32.2	42.6		
MPCC	Auto Body Technology	501	206	AAS	1.0	3.2	1.2	5.4	Need; Role and Mission	
NECC	Auto Body Repair Technology	712	263	AAS	7.8			7.8	Role & Mission	
SCC	Auto Collision Repair Technology	769	223	AAS	12.0			12.0	Demand; Role & Mission	
WNCC	Collision Repair	426	355	AOS	0.4	0.8	1.0 Auto Paint 1.8 Non-Structural 1.0 Structural 0.6	5.6	Access & Need	
MCC	Diesel Technology	3,089	309	AAS	9.6		10.2	19.8		
SCC	Ford Automotive Student Service Educational Training	656	481	AAS	10.8			10.8		
SCC	GM Automotive Service Educational Program	516	319	AAS	7.0			7.0	Need & Demand	

Commission Minimum Performance Standard

Number of Degrees/Awards in this Program (the mean of the prior 5 years)

Less Than Two Years and Associate	10
Baccalaureate and First Professional	7
Masters Degree	5
Specialist	4
Doctoral Degree	3

Student Credit Hour Production by Department Per Full-Time Equivalent Faculty (the mean of the prior 5 years)

All credit hours produced at the baccalaureate levels and all credit hours at the associate level or below except those described below.	300	All credit hours produced at the associate level and below in programs which utilize contact hou that are converted to credit hours for purposes of determining full-time equivalency pursuant	
		to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-1503 (2008)	275

Justification Key

R & M: Gen Ed: Interdisciplinary:	Program is critical to the role and mission of the institution Program contains courses supporting general education or other programs Interdisciplinary program (providing the program meets the requirements set in the existing policy for interdisciplinary programs)
Demand:	Student or employer demand, or demand for intellectual property is high and external funding would be jeopardized by discontinuing the program
Access:	Program provides unique access to an underserved population or geographical area
Need:	Program meets a unique need in the region, state, or nation
New:	Program is newly approved within the last five years
Other:	Detailed explanation provided

Information Items

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

- NECC Information Technology, AAS, System Administration Concentration
- SCC General Business, Certificate
- SCC Client Relations, Certificate
- SCC Entrepreneurship, Certificate
- SCC Event Venue Operations Management, Certificate
- SCC General Technician, Certificate
- SCC Application Development, Diploma
- SCC Networking, Diploma
- SCC Customer Support, Diploma
- SCC Geographic Information Systems, Diploma
- SCC Architectural Design, AAS
- SCC Computer Aided Design Drafting, AAS
- SCC Automation & Robotics, AAS
- SCC AVD & Low Voltage, AAS
- SCC Electronics Systems Technician, AAS
- SCC Electromechanical Industrial Maintenance, Certificate, AAS
- SCC Electrical Technology, Certificate, AAS
- SCC General Machinist, Certificate
- SCC Advanced CNC & Automation, AAS
- SCC Tool Maker Mold & Die, AAS

Name Changes

- UNK Early Childhood Unified, BA Ed, to Early Childhood Inclusive, BA Ed
- UNK Community Counseling, MS Ed, to Clinical Mental Health Counseling, MS Ed
- UNK Sports Administration/Sports Administration Comprehensive, BS, to *Sports Management/Sports Management Comprehensive, BS*
- UNK Information Networking and Telecommunications Comprehensive, BS, to *Information Technology and Networking Comprehensive, BS*

- UNK Aviation Systems Management Comprehensive, BS, to Aviation Comprehensive, BS
- UNK K-6 School Principalship, MA Ed, to School Principalship, PreK-8, MA Ed.
- SCC Deere Construction and Forestry Equipment to John Deere Construction and Forestry Equipment

Discontinued Programs

- UNK Public Administration, BS (minor will be continued)
- UNL Latin American Studies, BA, BS (transitioning to option in Ethnic Studies major)
- UNMC Emergency Preparedness, MS (emphasis available in MPH and Dr.PH programs)
- SCC Early Childhood Entrepreneurship, Certificate (low/no enrollments)