
MINUTES

**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
Western Nebraska Community College
Coral E. Richards Boardroom, 1601 E. 27th Street,
Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Friday, July 28, 2023
10:00 a.m. (Mountain)**

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. A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted beside the table containing the documents for the meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON JULY 28, 2023. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 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.

DR. PAUL VON BEHREN, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Von Behren called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

Tim Daniels	Tami Weber
Dr. Deborah Frison	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Dr. Dennis Headrick	W. Scott Wilson
Mary Lauritzen (Non-voting, via Zoom)	
Molly O'Holleran	

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	Helen Pope
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Matthew Roque
J. Ritchie Morrow	Gary Timm

*Mr. Greg Dart, Western Nebraska
Community College*

WELCOME

Mr. Greg Dart, President of Western Nebraska Community College, welcomed the Commissioners. President Dart along with Lynn Koski, Vice President of Administrative Services, and Nancy Hall, Administrative Management Director, provided a campus tour for the Commissioners and staff prior to the meeting.

Minutes of May 19, 2023, approved

MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2023, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the May 19, 2023, minutes as written. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The minutes were approved.

New Commissioner oath of office

NEW COMMISSIONER OATH OF OFFICE

Nebraska statutes require newly appointed Commissioners to take and sign an oath of office. Tami Weber of Columbus was welcomed and sworn in as a new Commissioner by Chair Von Behren.

Chair's report

*New committee assignments for 2023-
2024*

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Von Behren announced the new committee assignments, and the 2023-2024 committee roster was distributed. He 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

Dr. Paul Von Behren (Chair)
Tim Daniels (Vice Chair)
Molly O'Holleran
Dr. Deborah Frison

Academic Programs Committee

Tim Daniels
W. Scott Wilson
Dr. Dennis Headrick
Tami Weber

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

Dr. Dennis Headrick
Mary Lauritzen
Tim Daniels
Tami Weber

Planning and Consumer Information Committee

Mary Lauritzen
Dr. Deborah Frison
Molly O'Holleran
W. Scott Wilson

Vacancies on the Commission

Chair Von Behren stated there are three vacancies on the Commission and three applications in the queue. He thanked the Commissioners for their input on the yearly executive director evaluation and suggestions they provided for new commissioner orientation.

Executive Director's report

Out-of-service area applications approved

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following out-of-service area application requests were approved by the executive director:

- Offered by the University of Nebraska at Omaha at McCook Senior High School, McCook, NE.
 - English 1010 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose - 3 credits
Fall 2023
 - English 1020 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama & Film - 3 credits
Spring 2024

- Offered by the University of Nebraska at Omaha at Lincoln East High School, Lincoln, NE.
 - English 1010 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose - 3 credits
Fall 2023
 - English 1020 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama & Film - 3 credits
Spring 2024

- Offered by the University of Nebraska at Omaha at Crete High School, Crete, NE.
 - Spanish 2120 - Intermediate Spanish II - 3 credits
Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

Fourth Quarter Budget Report

Gary Timm presented the report

Dr. Baumgartner asked Gary Timm, Chief Finance Officer, to provide the Fourth Quarter Budget Report. Mr. Timm discussed several points of interest on the administrative funds report and spoke briefly on the status of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), the Community College Gap Assistance Program, the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE), Guaranty Recovery Program, and the Community College ARPA Grants.

Legislative bills of interest

Dr. Baumgartner presented a handout and gave a brief report on the last Legislative bills of interest to the Commission and a listing of interim studies.

Summary of community college ARPA grants

Dr. Baumgartner presented a summary of the Community College ARPA grants that CCPE has approved, noting most of the funds have been obligated. The colleges have completed and returned grant agreements, and Gary Timm has finished the required monitoring reports and submitted them to the Department of Administrative Services Accounting Division.

The CCPE is working closely with the Nebraska Department of Education to implement or transfer programs as a result of LB 705.

Staff activities

Regarding staff happenings, J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, attend a joint National College Access Network/U.S. ED Federal Student Aid workshop in DC last week for implementing the new FAFSA that will be coming in December. Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, represented Nebraska at the Midwest SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements) council meeting in Chicago last week and will be attending the National Council of SARA meeting in Vermont in September. She will also attend the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) Policy Conference in Denver in August.

To familiarize Matthew Roque, Capital Project & Financial Analyst, with the campuses, he and Mr. Timm visited several central and western Nebraska institutions this week.

Recent meetings Dr. Baumgartner attended

This month Dr. Baumgartner attended the Education Commission of the State (ECS) national forum and the SHEEO Annual meeting. In August he plans to attend the Governor's Ag and Economic Development Conference and visit Mid-Plains North Platte campus. He, along with Chair Von Behren and Vice Chair Daniel, will meet with Governor Pillen on August 17th to introduce him to the CCPE and familiarize him with our responsibilities.

Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

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

Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS

There was no testimony on Academic Programs Committee Items.

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

Academic Programs Committee

Commissioner Headrick

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Headrick, Committee Chair, asked Dr. Fimple to come forward to present the academic items on the agenda.

University of Nebraska Medical Center proposal for a New Instructional Program - Medical Sciences, DMSc

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

University of Nebraska Medical Center - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Medical Sciences, DMSc

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating the Doctor of Medical Sciences degree is designed for practicing physician assistants. The curriculum includes 40 credit hours with 24 in didactic courses and 16 hours of field placements. The field placements would take place in the student's home community. Dr. Fimple discussed a strong demand and need for the program and noted the program of study courses are listed with the proposal. Dr. Kyle Meyer, Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, and Dr. Shaun Horak, future DMSc Director (available via Zoom), spoke in favor of the program and answered questions from the Commissioners

Dr. Kyle Meyer and Dr. Shaun Horak, UNMC

AP Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the Doctor of Medical Science degree program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center with a report on number of enrollments and location of students due September 1, 2026.

University of Nebraska Medical Center proposal for a New Instructional Program - Medical Sciences, DMSc approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Medical Sciences, DMSc with a report on number of enrollments and location of students due September 1, 2026. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber and Wilson. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center proposal for a New Organizational Unit - Center for Drug Design and Innovation

University of Nebraska Medical Center - Proposal for a New Organizational Unit - Center for Drug Design and Innovation

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that the UNMC proposal for the Center for Drug Design and Innovation will bring together researchers from the entire NU system to provide guidance and support and help advance early-stage drug discovery projects. The center will be located in the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Corey Hopkins, Professor, College of Pharmacy and Dr. Keith Olsen, Dean of the College of Pharmacy (via Zoom), provided additional information on the proposed center.

Dr. Corey Hopkins, and Dr. Keith Olsen, UNMC

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the Center for Drug Design and Innovation at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

AP Committee recommendation

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Proposal for a New Organizational Unit - Center for Drug Design and Innovation. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center proposal for a New Organizational Unit - Center for Drug Design and Innovation approved

Annual Reports from Institutions Holding a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

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Dr. Fimple presented the recurrent authorization to operate report on the following institutions:

- Western Governors University, Utah
- CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology, Omaha
- Mission University, Omaha

Report of College Course Offering for High School Students by Nebraska Public Institutions, 2021-22

Report of College Course Offerings for High School Students by Nebraska Public Institutions, 2021-22

Dr. Fimple presented the college course offerings for high school students touching on the highlights of the report.

Report of SARA Activities in Nebraska, Fall 2021

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Dr. Fimple presented the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Fall 2021 Data. Dr. David Jackson, Vice Provost at the University of Nebraska, answered Commissioner questions regarding tuition for on-line and in-person students.

Discontinued Programs

Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs

Dr. Fimple reported on existing program institutional activities.

Discontinued Programs

- MCC - Business Management - Financial Studies, Certificate of Achievement
- MCC - Business Management - Not-for-Profit Management, Certificate of Achievement
- MCC - Global Business Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC - Not-for-Profit Management, Career Certificate
- MCC - Spanish for Business, Career Certificate
- MCC - Supply Chain Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC - Economics Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC - Investment Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC - Insurance Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC - Marketing Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC - Architectural Design Technology - AEC Professions, AAS
- MCC - Architectural Documentation Software, Career Certificate
- MCC - Residential Architecture, Career Certificate
- MCC - Spanish for Healthcare, Career Certificate
- MCC - Design, Interactivity, and Media Arts - DIMA Entrepreneur, AAS
- MCC - Design, Interactivity, and Media Arts - Media Generalists, AAS
- MCC - Design, Interactivity, and Media Arts - Motion Graphics, AAS
- MCC - Theatre, AA
- MCC - Manufacturing, Power & Process Operations Technology - Bio Processing, AAS
- MCC - Manufacturing, Power & Process Operations Technology - Nuclear Power Plant Non-Licensed Operator, AAS
- MCC - Manufacturing, Power & Process Operations Technology - Power Plant, AAS
- MCC - Advanced Industrial Sales Representative, Career Certificate
- MCC - Beginning Industrial Sales Representative, Career Certificate
- MCC - Electrical Plant Maintenance, Career Certificate
- MCC - General Plant Maintenance, Career Certificate
- MCC - Information Technology - Cisco Network Technician, AAS
- MCC - Information Technology - Computer Programming, AAS
- MCC - Information Technology - Data Center Operations, AAS
- MCC - Information Technology - Database Management and Data Analysis, AAS
- MCC - Information Technology - Desktop Support Specialist, AAS
- MCC - Information Technology - Server Administration, AAS
- MCC - Information Technology - Server Technician, AAS
- MCC - Information Technology - Data Center Technician, Certificate of Achievement
- MCC - Cisco Certified Network Associate, Career Certificate
- MCC - Data Center Technician, Career Certificate
- MCC - Information Technology - Systems Operations, Career Certificate
- MCC - Liberal Arts/Academic Transfer - Language Studies, AA
- MPCC - Business Software, Certificate

Discontinued Programs, continued

MPCC - Legal Assistant, Certificate
MPCC - Marketing, Certificate
MPCC - Medical Documentation, Certificate
MPCC - Non-Profit Management, Certificate
MPCC - Fire Science Technology, AAS, Diploma
SCC - Fire & Emergency Services Management, Certificate
SCC - Fire Protection Technology, AAS, Certificate
UNK - Art History, BA
UNK - Education, Psychology, 7-12 Teaching Subject Endorsement, BA
UNL - Horticulture, BS (moving to new Plant and Landscape Systems program)
UNL - Turfgrass and Landscape Management, BS (moving to new Plant and Landscape Systems program)
UNL - Food Technology for Companion Animals, BS (moving to a minor)

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

MCC - Building Information Modeling - Architectural, Career Certificate
MCC - Building Information Modeling - Electrical, Career Certificate
MCC - Building Information Modeling - Mechanical, Career Certificate
MCC - Building Information Modeling - Structural, Career Certificate
MCC - Advanced Firefighter Operations, Certificate of Achievement
MCC - Basic Firefighter Operations, Career Certificate,
MCC - Facilities Operations and Maintenance, Career Certificate
MCC - ATV/Snowmobile Technician, Career Certificate
MCC - Marine Technician, Career Certificate
MCC - Motorcycle Technician, Career Certificate
MCC - Outdoor Power Equipment Technician, Career Certificate
MCC - CISCO Advance Networking, Career Certificate
MCC - Cloud/Server Administration, Career Certificate
MCC - Computer Programming, Career Certificate
MCC - Cybersecurity, Career Certificate
MCC - Digital Technology, Career Certificate
MCC - Game Developer, Career Certificate
MCC - IT Support, Career Certificate
MPCC - Associate of Fine Arts - Music, Certificate
UNL - Entomology, Graduate Certificate
UNO - Urban Leadership, Graduate Certificate

Name Changes

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MCC - General Management, Career Certificate to *Business, Career Certificate*
MCC - General Health Studies, AAS, to *Professional Health Studies, AAS*
MCC - Manufacturing, Power & Process Operation Technology
Manufacturing Process Operations, AAS, to *Manufacturing, Power & Process Operation Technology, AAS*
MCC - Information Technology - Cyber Security, AAS, to *Cybersecurity, AAS*

Name changes, continued

MCC - Information Technology - Web Programming, Career Certificate, to *Web and Mobile App Programming, Career Certificate*
MCC - Critical Facilities Operations, AAS, to *Facilities Operations and Maintenance Technology, AAS*
UNL - Geography, PhD, to *Global Integrative Studies*
UNMC - Center for Biosecurity, Biopreparedness, and Emerging Infectious Diseases, to *Center for Preparedness and Emergency Response Solutions*

Chair Von Behren called for a break at 11:48 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:58 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 Von Behren closed the public hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

Commissioner Wilson

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson, Committee Chair, stated the Committee met and there are three items that are being brought to the full Commission. He introduced Matthew Roque, to present the action items on the agenda.

Wayne State College - Brandenburg Renovation and Addition

Matthew Roque presented the project proposal

Wayne State College - Brandenburg Renovation and Addition

Mr. Roque presented the project proposal, noting that the Brandenburg building was built 107 years ago and that the renovation will include the entire building. The building will be repurposed into administrative space serving as the campus student services center, including admissions, financial aid, records and registration, career services and more, consolidating services currently in separate buildings across campus. The project is approximately 22,600 sq ft of renovation and will cost around \$17 million.

Steven Hottovy, NSCS

Mr. Roque commented that at the committee meeting there were questions regarding active shooter prevention measures being taken at the state colleges and University. Steven Hottovy, Vice Chancellor for Facilities & Information Technology, from the Nebraska State College System, provided additional information on the renovation project and preventive security measures being taken at the three state college campuses.

Budget Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: Pursuant to the Nebr. Rev. Stat. § 85-1414, the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education recommends approval of Wayne State College's proposal to utilize State appropriations to construct and equip the Brandenburg Renovation and Addition project as outlined in the governing board's program statement approved on September 8, 2022, along with supplemental information provided.

Wayne State College - Brandenburg
Renovation and Addition, approved

Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Wayne State College's Capital Construction Project - Brandenburg Renovation and Addition. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska at
Omaha/Dodge Campus - Renovation
for Research, Engagement, and
Collaboration Hub (REACH) Phase 1

Mr. Roque presented the proposal

University of Nebraska at Omaha / Dodge Campus - Renovation for Research, Engagement, and Collaboration Hub (REACH) - Phase 1
Mr. Roque presented the proposal noting the University of Nebraska at Omaha is proposing to renovate existing unused spaces within the 1980 Kinesiology building into functioning space. The space will be used for laboratories and supporting space for Physical Activity in Health Promotion, Midlands Sexual Health Research Collaborative, Exercise and Vascular Physiology Labs, Sports Medicine, and spaces for graduate students. The project will renovate approximately 27,000 square feet at a cost of \$10 million.

Mr. Alan Wedige, University of
Nebraska

In response to questions regarding active shooter prevention, Mr. Alan Wedige, the University Architect for the University of Nebraska, provided information on lock-down and alarm systems, training, and other preventative measures that are in place at all of the University campuses.

Commissioner Wilson spoke

Commissioner Wilson noted the operating and maintenance costs were discussed at the committee meeting. Mr. Timm explained the process.

Budget Committee recommendation

Committee recommendation: Pursuant to the Nebr. Rev. Stat. § 85-1414, the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education recommends approval of the University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal to utilize State appropriations to construct and equip the Renovation for REACH Phase One project as outlined in the governing board's program statement approved on August 11, 2022, along with supplemental information provided.

University of Nebraska at
Omaha/Dodge Campus - Renovation
for Research, Engagement, and
Collaboration Hub (REACH) Phase 1

Commissioner Wilson, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal - Renovation for Research, Engagement, and Collaboration Hub (REACH) - Phase 1. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

2023-24 Nebraska Opportunity Grant
Annual Allocation Report

J. Ritchie Morrow presented the report

2023-24 Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) Annual Allocation Report
J. Ritchie Morrow presented the report on the allocation of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant. He noted that every year the Coordinating Commission is appropriated funds by 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 and reviewed the graphs indicating NOG funding by source.

Executive Committee

Approval of the 2023-24 Salary of the Executive Director

Commissioners approved entering into closed session

Guests and staff left the meeting

Commissioners entered into closed session at 12:28 p.m.

Commissioners approved leaving closed session

Chair Von Behren

2023-24 Executive Director salary approved

Next meeting will be held Friday, September 22, 2023

Dr. Baumgartner discussed 2024 Commission meeting schedule

Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Approval of the 2023-24 Salary of the Executive Director

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to enter into closed session as authorized by the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 84-1410, for the protection of the public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of Dr. Michael Baumgartner, who has not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of discussing the executive director's performance review and salary. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Chair Von Behren requested that staff and guests leave the room while the Commission goes into closed session to discuss the proposed salary of the executive director recommended by the Executive Committee.

The Commission entered into closed session at 12:28 p.m.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to come out of closed session. The time was 12:35 p.m. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber and Wilson. The motion carried.

Chair Von Behren stated that formal action must be taken in open session on the executive director's salary recommendations.

Commissioner Headrick made a motion to approve a seven percent salary increase for 2023-2024, retroactive to July 1, 2023, for Executive Director Baumgartner. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Friday, September 22, 2023, 8:30 a.m. at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, Nebraska.

COMMENTS

Dr. Baumgartner stated that in putting together the Commission meeting schedule for next year, we need to decide on either Thursday or Friday meetings. We will be polling the Commissioners to get their preference before a decision is made.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Von Behren adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.