
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
Antelope Room in the Nebraskan Student Union
University of Nebraska at Kearney,
1013 West 27th Street, Kearney, NE
Friday, September 22, 2023
10:00 a.m. (CT)

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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2023. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.

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

DR. 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	Molly O'Holleran
Dr. Dennis Headrick	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Dannika Nelson	Tami Weber
W. Scott Wilson	
Dr. Deborah Frison (via Zoom, non-voting)	

Commissioners Absent

Mary Lauritzen

Commission Staff Present

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

*Douglas Kristensen, University of
Nebraska at Kearney*

*Dr. John Falconer, University of
Nebraska at Kearney*

*Minutes of July 27, 2023, Work Session
approved*

*Minutes of July 28, 2023, Commission
Meeting approved*

Oath of Office - Dannika Nelson

Chair Report

2024 CCPE Meeting calendar approved

Executive Director's Report

*Out-of-service area applications
approved*

WELCOME

Mr. Douglas Kristensen, Chancellor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, welcomed the Commissioners. Chancellor Kristensen provided a campus tour for the Commissioners and staff prior to the meeting. There is a good deal of construction underway on campus: a Community Engagement Center and the Nebraska Medicine Kearney Cancer Center at University Village; the Rural Health Education Building (RHEB) north of the Health Science Education Complex; and new Greek residence halls just east of the Nebraskan Student Union. Dr. John Falconer, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor, was tour guide at Discovery Hall following the meeting.

MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2023, WORK SESSION

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the July 27, 2023, Work Session minutes as written. Commissioner O'Holleran seconded the motion. Voting aye: Daniels, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. Abstained: Nelson. The motion carried.

MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2023, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to approve the July 28, 2023, Commission Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Headrick seconded the motion. Voting aye: Daniels, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. Abstained: Nelson. The motion carried.

NEW COMMISSIONER OATH OF OFFICE

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Von Behren stated the meeting calendar for 2024 has been put together and requires approval.

Approval of 2024 CCPE Meeting Calendar

Commissioner Headrick made a motion to approve the 2024 CCPE Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion. Voting aye: Daniels, Headrick, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
On-site at Gering High School, Gering, NE

*Out-of-service area applications
approved continued*

- BLDC 1005 – Safety – 1 credit
August 16 – September 7, 2023
- Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
On-site at Gering High School
 - BLDC 1170 – Framing Construction – 8 credits
September 8 – November 10, 2023
- Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
On-site at Gering High School
 - BLDC 1120 – Exterior Finish – 5 credits
September 8 – December 20, 2023
- Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
On-site at Gering High School
 - BLDC 1225 – Bldg. City Code & State Standards –
1 credit
August 16 – September 7, 2023
- Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
On-site at Gering High School
 - BLDC 1300 – Energy Efficiency in Residential – 1 credit
August 16 – September 7, 2023
- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Central Community College to
Elgin Pope John XXIII High School, Elgin NE
 - MATH 1150 - College Algebra - 3 credits
August 21, 2023 - December 15, 2023
- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Central City High School, Central
City, NE, to Elgin Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School,
Elgin, NE
 - MATH 1600 - Analytic Geometry and Calc I - 5 credits
August 21, 2023 - May 9, 2024
- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Central Community College,
Columbus, NE, to Elgin High School, Elgin, NE
 - ENGL 1010 - English Composition - 3 credits
August 21, 2023 - December 15, 2023
- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Central Community College,
Columbus, NE, to Elgin Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High
School, Elgin, NE
 - ENGL 1010 - English Composition - 3 credits
August 21, 2023 - December 15, 2023

*Out-of-service area applications
approved continued*

- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE,
to Sargent High School, Sargent, NE
 - BIOS 1250 - Structure & Function of Human Body I -
2 credits
August 21, 2023 - December 15, 2023

- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE,
to Sargent High School, Sargent, NE
 - HLTH 1060 - Comprehensive Medical Terminology -
3 credits
August 21, 2023 - May 9, 2024 (1:54 PM to 2:45 PM)
August 21, 2023 - May 9, 2024 (2:50 PM to 3:40 PM)

ARPA update

Dr. Baumgartner provided a handout and gave an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community College Grants that have been approved by the Commission.

AETP and EETP Programs

Dr. Baumgartner noted the CCPE is working with the Nebraska Department of Education on the transition of the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program (AETP) and Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program (EETP).

Meeting with Governor Pillen

Chair Von Behren, Vice Chair Daniels, and Dr. Baumgartner recently met with Governor Pillen and Grant Latimer, his Education Policy Advisor. They discussed what the Commission does and its priorities to boost educational attainment.

Recent staff activities

Dr. Baumgartner attended the Governor's Agriculture and Economic Development Summit last month and traveled to Mid-Plains Community College for the ribbon cutting of their Health and Science Center Addition.

Regarding staff happenings, J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, attended the State Higher Education Executive Officer's Financial Aid Learning Community Convening in DC. He plans to attend the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs annual meeting in October. Currently he is conducting annual audits of our four aid programs.

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, recently attended the annual SHEEO policy conference in Denver and the National Council of SARA meeting in Vermont. Gary Timm, Finance Officer, and Matthew Roque, Capital Projects Analyst, have recently visited several campuses to familiarize Matthew with the campuses.

Jill Heese, Research Director, and Mr. Morrow presented the Progress Report to Doane University's College and Career Readiness graduate class. Joe Velasquez, Database Manager, attended training on

Recent staff activities continued

Microsoft Azure DevOps and Microsoft .NET Framework and will be attending the Nebraska Security Conference at the University of Nebraska Innovation Campus in October.

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

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Headrick

Commissioner Headrick, Committee Chair, introduced Dr. Fimple to present the committee's action items.

Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL

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Dr. Kathleen Fimple

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that Trinity International University from Illinois has requested to come into Nebraska and offer two courses at Brookside Evangelical Free Church in Omaha. Trinity is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and Association of Theological Schools. Dr. Fimple discussed the financial stability concerns regarding the institution.

APC recommendation

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission approve the recurrent authorization to operate.

Institution: Trinity International University
Owner: Trinity International University
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer courses at the graduate level, limited to:
ST 5201 Theology I: God of the Gospel
ST 5202 Theology II: The Gospel of God
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through September 22, 2028)

Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL, approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Trinity International University's Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate. In addition, the most recent audited financial statement with the management letter should be submitted to the Commission by September 15, 2026. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Headrick, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

New Guidance for Rule 7 - Guidance for Applicants for Authorization to Operate in Nebraska Seeking to Offer Programs that are Subject to Approval by Additional Nebraska Agencies, Boards, or Commissions

Dr. Fimple

APC recommendation

New Guidance for Rule 7 - Guidance for Applicants for Authorization to Operate in Nebraska Seeking to Offer Programs that are Subject to Approval by Additional Nebraska Agencies, Boards, or Commissions approved

2021-2022 Existing Program Review

New Guidance for Rule 7 - Guidance for Applicants for Authorization to Operate in Nebraska Seeking to Offer Programs that are Subject to Approval by Additional Nebraska Agencies, Boards, or Commissions

Dr. Fimple presented the new guidance for Rule 7 that clarifies that no postsecondary institution will operate in Nebraska until it is brought to the Commission for authorization, and if approval is required by another Nebraska agency, board, or commission, the Coordinating Commission shall not take action until such approval is obtained.

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission approve the Guidance for Applicants for Authorization to Operate in Nebraska that are Seeking to Offer Programs that are Subject to Approval by Additional Nebraska Agencies, Boards, or Commissions.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the New Guidance for Rule 7. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

2021-2022 Existing Program Review

The following programs were approved by the Executive Director for continuation.

Information Items:

Central Community College

- Mechatronics, AAS, Diploma, Certificate
- Quality Technology, AAS, Diploma, Certificate
- Business Administration, AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Metropolitan Community College

- Business Management/Business Transfer, AAS, AA, Certificate
- Accounting, AAS, Certificate

Mid-Plains Community College

- Business, AAS, Diploma, Certificate

Northeast Community College

- Business, AAS, AA, Diploma, Certificate
- Accounting, AAS, AA, Diploma, Certificate

Southeast Community College

- Nondestructive Testing Technology, AAS
- Manufacturing Engineering Technology, AAS
- Business Administration, AAS/AA, Diploma, Certificate

Western Nebraska Community College

- Business Technologies, AAS, AA/AS, Certificate

Chadron State College

- Technical Occupations, BAS
- Business Administration, BA/BSE, MBA

Peru State College

- Business Administration, BA/BS
- Management Applied Science, BAS

Wayne State College

- Industrial Technology, BA/BS
- Technology, BA/BS
- Engineering Technology, BA/BS
- Business Administration, BA/BS, MBA

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Industrial Technology
 - Construction Management, BS
 - Industrial Distribution, BS
- Business Administration, BS, MBA
- Business Administration Comprehensive, BS
- Economics, BS/BA
- Professional Sales, UG Certificate
- Supply Chain Management, UG Certificate

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Business Administration, MBA
 - Business Administration Executive, MBE
 - Business for Bioscientists, Graduate Certificate
 - Health Administration, Graduate Certificate
- Accounting, BSBA, MACC
- Finance, BSBA
 - Real Estate, UG Certificate
- Economics, BA/BS, BSBA, MA/MS,
 - Economics Education, Graduate Certificate
 - Homeland Security Focused Business Analytics, Graduate Certificate
- Management, BSBA
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Graduate Certificate
- Marketing, BSBA

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Business Administration (Interdepartmental), BSBA
- Business, MA, MBA, PhD
- Business and Law, BSBA
- International Business (Interdepartmental), BSBA
- Accounting, BSBA
- Accountancy, MPA
- Finance, BSBA, MS

Existing Program Review continued

- Actuarial Science, BSBA, BA/BS, MS
- Finance Analytics, Graduate Certificate
- Economics, BSBA, BA/BS
- Management, BSBA
 - Strategic Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Graduate Certificate
 - Human Resource Management, Graduate Certificate
- Supply Chain Management, BSBA, MS, Graduate Certificate
 - Supply Chain Analytics, Graduate Certificate
- Business Analytics, MS, Graduate Certificate
- Marketing, BSBA
 - Sales Excellence, Graduate Certificate
 - Marketing Analytics, Graduate Certificate
 - Strategic Marketing, Graduate Certificate

2021-2022 Existing Program Review - Programs Requiring Additional Review

Dr. Fimple

2021-2022 Existing Program Review - Programs Requiring Additional Review

Dr. Fimple stated the following programs require additional review.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Industrial Technology, BS
- Telecommunication Management (InfoNetworking), BS
- Industrial Technology Applied Science, BS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Economics, MA, PhD

2021-2022 Existing Program Review - Programs Requiring Additional Review approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to require the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to conduct in-depth reviews for the Programs Requiring Additional Review. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Headrick, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs

Dr. Fimple

Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs

Dr. Fimple discussed recent changes to existing programs.

Discontinued Organizational Units

- UNL - Nebraska Prevention Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- UNL - Center for Insurance and Risk Management

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

- UNK - Communication Instructional Development, Graduate Certificate
- UNL - Agronomy, Graduate Certificate
- UNL - Early Childhood and Family Policy, Graduate Certificate

**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 Headrick

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Headrick, filling in for absent Committee Chair Commissioner Lauritzen, introduced Matthew Roque to present the Budget Committee capital project proposals.

*Central Community College - Hastings
Campus - Automotive Careers Training
Center*

Matthew Roque

**Central Community College – Hastings Campus - Automotive
Careers Training Center**

Mr. Roque presented the proposal, noting that Central Community College is proposing to construct a new building adjacent to the existing Furnas Building on the Hastings campus. The new space would support automotive and auto body programs. The new building would be 45,852 gross square feet and the college estimates the project cost to be \$22.3 million. The Automotive Careers Training Center would be funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Capital Improvement, and Capital Campaign funds.

*Christopher Waddle, Central
Community College - Hastings Campus*

Christopher Waddle, JD, Central Community College - Hastings Campus President, was present and answered Commissioner's questions regarding the proposal.

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 Central Community College's proposal to utilize Capital Improvement funds to construct and equip the Automotive Careers Technology Center project as outlined in the governing board's program statement approved on August 17, 2023, along with supplemental information provided.

*Central Community College - Hastings
Campus - Automotive Careers Training
Center approved*

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the Central Community College - Hastings Campus - Automotive Careers Training Center. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Headrick, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

*University of Nebraska at Kearney /
Medical Center UNK UNMC Rural
Health Education Building - Health
Science Education Complex (HSEC) -
Phase Two*

Mr. Roque

**University of Nebraska at Kearney / Medical Center UNK UNMC
Rural Health Education Building - Health Science Education
Complex (HSEC) – Phase Two**

Mr. Roque presented the proposal, stating that the University of Nebraska at Kearney, along with the University of Nebraska Medical Center, is proposing to construct a 112,374 gross square foot health

*Nicole Carritt, University of Nebraska
Medical Center*

*Dr. Jeffrey Gold, University of Nebraska
Medical Center*

Budget Committee recommendation

*University of Nebraska at Kearney /
Medical Center UNK UNMC Rural
Health Education Building - Health
Science Education Complex (HSEC) -
Phase Two approved*

*Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) AY
2022-23 Year-End Report*

J. Ritchie Morrow

*Community College GAP Assistance
Program 2022-23 Annual Year-End
Report*

Mr. Morrow

science-focused building on the UNK campus. The cost of the project would be \$60 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds along with \$35 million in private funding. The building would include classrooms, simulation and clinical skills laboratories, and primary care spaces. Additional office space will accommodate growing faculty and staff and secure storage space for academic records.

Nicole Carritt, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Health Workforce & Relations from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, came forward to discuss and answer questions regarding the proposal, as did Dr. Jeffrey Gold, Chancellor from the University of Nebraska Medical Center via Zoom.

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 Kearney and the University of Nebraska Medical Center's proposal to construct a Health Science Education Building Phase 2 on the UNK campus as outlined in the governing board's program statement approved on August 11, 2022, along with supplemental information provided.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney / Medical Center UNK UNMC Rural Health Education Building - Health Science Education Complex (HSEC) – Phase Two. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) AY 2022-23 Year-End Report

Mr. Morrow presented the report, commenting that every year the CCPE is appropriated general funds from the legislature for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant, and those funds are combined with the Nebraska Lottery Funds that we receive to award each year. Mr. Morrow noted that Nebraska ranked 31st in the country for need-based undergraduate grant dollars per undergraduate enrollment. In the 2021-22 award year, \$23,928,265 was awarded to 13,183 students with the average award being \$1,815.09. He gave an overview of the NOG awarding by source, sector, and family income over the past 10 years.

Community College GAP Assistance Program 2022-23 Annual Year-End Report

Mr. Morrow presented the Community College GAP Assistance Program report, noting this is the seventh year of the program showing an increase in both applications and participants. The program is designed to provide financial aid to low-income community college students enrolled in credit or non-credit programs that do not qualify for federal Pell grants, preparing them for jobs in high-need areas. Mr. Morrow discussed eligible programs, in-demand occupation areas,

funding, and required reporting by the community colleges. The report also lists all the programs of study at each of the community colleges.

Chair Von Behren called for a break at 12:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:15 p.m.

*Public Hearing on Planning and
Consumer Information Committee
Items*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION
COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony on Planning and Consumer Information Items.

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

*Planning and Consumer Information
Committee*

Commissioner Wilson

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson, Committee Chair, introduced Jill Heese to present the *2023 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*, focusing on enrollment.

*2023 Factual Look at Higher Education
in Nebraska: Enrollment*

Jill Heese

2023 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Enrollment

Ms. Heese delivered a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Enrollment section of the *2023 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*. The Coordinating Commission is required by statute to report Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data. Total fall enrollment for all sectors was up 1.0 percent over the last year and down 3.7 percent over the 10-year period. The report includes graphs and details regarding enrollment for students by sector, student level, full-time/part-time classification, gender, race/ethnicity, age, and distance education status. Ms. Heese gave a brief tutorial of the Enrollment Data Dashboard that is available on the Commission's website.

*Next Commission meeting is Friday,
December 1, 2023*

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Friday, December 1, 2023, following the 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting with the State Board of Education in Lincoln, Nebraska.

*Chair Von Behren adjourned the
meeting at 1:00 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Von Behren adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.