
MINUTES

**Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Chadron State College Student Center, Scottsbluff Room,
1000 Main Street, Chadron, NE
Friday, July 26, 2024
9:15 a.m. (Mountain) 10:15 a.m. (Central)**

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 26, 2024. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:15 A.M. (MT) AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.(MT)

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 9:15 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Von Behren called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and asked for introductions.

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Dr. LeDonna Griffin
Dannika Nelson (attended via Zoom, not participating)

Commission Staff Present

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

*Dr. Ron Patterson, Chadron State
College*

WELCOME

Dr. Ron Patterson, President of Chadron State College, welcomed the Commissioners and gave a recap of his first year as president of the college.

*Minutes of May 17, 2024, Commission
meeting approved*

MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2024, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Headrick made a motion to approve the May 17, 2024, minutes as written. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The minutes were approved.

Chair’s Report

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Von Behren thanked Dr. Patterson for the early morning tour of the college campus provided for the Commissioners and staff along with Steve Hotovy and Dr. Paul Turman.

New Committees for 2024-2025

Chair Von Behren announced new Committees for 2024-2025:

Executive Committee

Dr. Paul Von Behren (Chair)
Tim Daniels (Vice Chair)
Dr. Dennis Headrick
Dr. Deborah Frison

Academic Programs Committee

Tim Daniels
Dr. Deborah Frison
Dr. LeDonna Griffin
Dr. Dennis Headrick
Tami Weber

Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee

Dr. LeDonna Griffin
Mary Lauritzen
Dannika Nelson
Molly O’Holleran
W. Scott Wilson

Planning and Consumer Information Committee

Mary Lauritzen
Dannika Nelson
Molly O’Holleran
Tami Weber
W. Scott Wilson

Chair Von Behren stated there has been preliminary discussion of a possible meeting with the Board of Regents and the Commissioners.

Executive Director's Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Out-of-service area applications

- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video from Central Community College, Holdrege, NE to Elgin Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Elgin, NE
 - MATH 1050 - College Algebra - 3 credits
August 19, 2024 - December 13, 2024

- 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 19, 2024 - December 13, 2024

- Offered by Central Community College
Hybrid- Interactive two-way video and online from Central Community College, Columbus, NE to Elgin High School, Elgin, NE
 - ENGL 1010 - English Composition - 3 credits
August 19, 2024 - December 13, 2024

- 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 19, 2024 - December 13, 2024

- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video from Arcadia High School, Arcadia, NE to Loup County High School, Taylor, NE
 - BIOS 1250 - Structure & Function of Human Body I - 2 credits
August 19, 2024 - December 13, 2024

- Offered by Central Community College
Interactive two-way video from Central Community College Columbus, NE to Deshler High School, Deshler, NE
 - BIOS 1250 - Structure & Function of Human Body I - 2 credits
August 19, 2024 - December 13, 2024

*Out-of-service area applications
continued*

- Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
In-person-adjunct faculty in area, from the University of Nebraska at Kearney to Roncalli Catholic School, Omaha, NE
 - SPAN 200 - Intermediate Spanish I - 3 credits
August 15, 2024 - May 15, 2025
- Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney
In-person-adjunct faculty in area, from the University of Nebraska at Kearney to Roncalli Catholic School, Omaha, NE
 - SPAN 201 - Intermediate Spanish II - 3 credits
August 15, 2024 - May 15, 2025
- Offered by Central Community College
Online from Central Community College to North Bend High School, North Bend, NE
 - INDT 1100 - Concepts of Electronics - 3 credits
Academic year 2024-2025
- Offered by Central Community College
Online from Central Community College to North Bend High School, North Bend, NE
 - INDT 1800 - Introduction to Instrumentation - 3 credits
Academic Year 2024-2025

*Gary Timm presented the Fourth
Quarter Budget 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 report

Dr. Baumgartner stated that with Governor Pillen calling a special session of the legislature, it is possible that CCPE will have to prepare some fiscal notes and possibly testify on bills that affect the Commission by changes in appropriations and cash fund balances.

Agency budget requests

Agency budget requests for the 2025-27 biennium are due to the State Budget Division by September 15. Instructions have been received and preparations are underway.

Staff happenings

In staff happenings, Dr. Baumgartner and J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, continue to work with Nebraska's FAFSA Task Force. Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, and Dr. Baumgartner continue to participate in the Nebraska Consortium for Postsecondary Education in Prison. Dr. Fimple recently attended the Midwest SARA meeting in Chicago and has the NC-SARA meeting coming up in September.

Dr. Baumgartner attended ECS and SHEEO meetings

Dr. Baumgartner attended the Education Commission of the States (ECS) National Forum in Washington DC in early July. He is on the ECS steering committee for the next two years. Following the ESC meeting, he attended the SHEEO annual meeting also held in DC.

Appreciation for staff member Joe Velasquez

Dr. Baumgartner noted appreciation for our CCPE database manager, Joe Velasquez, as he continues to work with NDE and OCIO to get remote desktop access for Kelcy Sass, the Excellence in Teaching Act specialist who came to us from NDE. He also is building the applications and databases behind the Career Readiness and Dual Credit Education Grant and the Nebraska Career Scholarship program.

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 proposals on the agenda.

CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology, Omaha, NE - Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate

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Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI Health) became part of CommonSpirit Health in 2019, which owns and operates health care facilities around the country. Dr. Fimple noted no major changes since the previous reporting and the institution's ability to fulfill its proposed commitments and sustain operations is sound.

Mr. Roger Hughes, CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology

Mr. Robert Hughes, MS, RT (R), Program Director from the CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology, discussed the jump in enrollment and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Committee recommendation

Committee Recommendation: That the Commission approve the renewal of the recurrent authorization to operate for CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology.

Institution: CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology
Owner: CHI Health

Level of authorization: Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the baccalaureate level, limited to the BS in radiologic technology.

Length of authorization: Five years (valid through August 1, 2029)

CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology – Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the CHI Health School of Radiologic Technology’s Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Wayne State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – One Health Studies, BA, BS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Wayne State College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - One Health Studies, BA, BS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that One Health is an integrated unifying approach to optimize the health of people, animals, and ecosystems. Students taking the major would be prepared with holistic knowledge, skills, and collaborative aptitudes for diverse professions in areas such as public health, wildlife management, social services, and human and animal health sciences.

Dr. John Miller, Wayne State College

Dr. John Miller, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Wayne State College, discussed the benefits to students these proposed degrees would provide.

Committee Recommendation

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in One Health Studies at Wayne State College.

Wayne State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – One Health Studies, BA, BS approved

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Wayne State College’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program - One Health Studies, BA, BS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Chadron State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Mental Health and Addiction, EdS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Chadron State College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Mental Health and Addiction, EdS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting the proposed program is designed to help individuals who have completed a master’s degree in School Counseling, or a related program, obtain the necessary coursework and requirements for licensure as a Nebraska Licensed Mental Health Practitioner. It would also provide a pathway for school counselors to become a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor in Nebraska.

Dr. Kathi Wood, Chadron State College

Dr. Kathi Woods, Counseling Education Chair at Chadron State College, was present and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Committee recommendation

Chadron State College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Mental Health and Addiction, EdS approved

University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Business Analytics, BS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Laurie Miller, and Dr. Jennifer Ryan, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Business Analytics, BS approved

University of Nebraska Medical Center – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Pharmaceutical Sciences, BSPS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. David Jackson, Dr. Donald Klepser and Dr. Keith Olsen, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the Education Specialist degree in Mental Health and Addictions at Chadron State College.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Chadron State College’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Mental Health and Addiction, EdS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Business Analytics, BS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating this program would train undergraduate students to solve a variety of problems faced by businesses and other organizations using a range of statistical, analytical, and computational approaches. Dr. Fimple noted there is a high demand and need for a program of this type.

Providing additional information on the program proposal was Laurie Miller, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs and Curriculum, and Associate Professor of Practice (Economics), College of Business, and Jennifer Ryan, Ph.D. (via Zoom), Chair, Supply Chain Management and Analytics Professor, Supply Chain Management and Analytics, College of Business, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Business Analytics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Business Analytics, BS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center - Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Pharmaceutical Sciences, BSPS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, indicating the proposed degree is intended to provide a comprehensive undergraduate education for students interested in becoming a pharmacist or other health professional such as M.D or D.D.S, pharmaceutical sales, or research representative.

Dr. David Jackson, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost from the University of Nebraska, along with Donald G. Klepser, Ph.D., M.B.A., Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor, College of Pharmacy, and Keith M. Olsen, PharmD, FCCP, FCCM, from UNMC provided additional information on the program proposal and answered Commissioners’ questions.

Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska Medical Center
– Proposal for a New Instructional
Program – Pharmaceutical Sciences,
BSPS approved

Annual Reports from Private or Out-
of-State Institutions

Dr. Fimple presented the report

Report on Institutional Activities
Related to Existing Programs

Committee recommendation: That the Commission approve the Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmaceutical Science at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

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 - Pharmaceutical Sciences, BSPS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Annual Reports from Private or Out-of-State Institutions

Dr. Fimple presented the annual report on the following institutions holding a recurrent authorization to operate in Nebraska:

- Western Governors University
- University of South Dakota
- Andrews University

Report on Institutional Activities Related to Existing Programs

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

PSC - General Music Subject, BA, BS
UNO - English Dual Enrollment, Certificate
UNO - Geographic Education, Certificate
UNO - Internal Audit, Fraud, and Control, Certificate

Program Name Changes

UNMC - Center for Patient, Family and Community Engagement in Chronic Care Management (CENTRIC) to *Center for Chronic Illness Self-Management and Prevention (CRISP)*

UNO - Foreign Language and Literature, BA to *World Languages and Literature*, BA

Discontinued Programs

NECC - Music Business, AA
NECC - Music Education, AA
NECC - Music Performance, AA
NECC - Criminal Justice, AAS
NECC - Pre-culinary Arts, AA
NECC - Library and Information Services, AA
NECC - Theatre: Musical Theatre Performance, AA
NECC - Real Estate, Certificate
NECC - Banking, Certificate
NECC - Insurance Services, Certificate
NECC - Office Management, Certificate
PSC - Music Comprehensive, BA, BS
UNL - Master of Science for Teachers in Mathematics (MScT), (MS in Mathematics will remain)

*Report on Institutional Activities
Related to Existing Programs
continued*

UNL - Master of Arts in Mathematics, MA
UNL - US Legal Studies LLM
UNO - Applied Behavioral Analysis, Certificate

*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 Lauritzen

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, Committee Chair, introduced Matthew Roque, Capital Project & Financial Analyst, to present the committee's proposals.

*Chadron State College – Memorial Hall
Renovation & New Music Building*

*Matthew Roque presented the project
proposal*

**Chadron State College - Memorial Hall Renovation & New Music
Building**

Mr. Roque presented the project proposal, stating that Chadron State College is proposing a two-phase project. Phase one will be to construct a 24,791 square foot, two-story building to house the Music Department. Phase 2 would be to fully renovate Memorial Hall to house the Performing and Visual Arts departments. The approximate cost of the project is \$53 million, with funds coming from state appropriations, cash funds, private donations, and the LB 309 Task Force.

*Steve Hotovy, Nebraska State College
System*

Steve Hotovy, Vice Chancellor for Facilities & Information Technologies, from the Nebraska State College System, provided additional information on the project.

Committee recommendation

Committee Recommendation: To approve Chadron State College's proposal to utilize state appropriations to construct a new Music Building and fully renovate the existing Memorial Hall project.

*Chadron State College – Memorial Hall
Renovation & New Music Building
approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Chadron State College's proposal to utilize state appropriations to construct a new Music Building and fully renovate the existing Memorial Hall project. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

*Peru State College – A. V. Larson
Renovation & Addition for the Student
Services and Welcome Center*

*Mr. Roque presented the project
proposal*

**Peru State College - A.V. Larson Renovation & Addition for the
Student Services and Welcome Center**

Mr. Roque presented the project proposal, stating that Peru State College is proposing a 5,128 gross square foot addition to and complete renovation of the A.V. Larson Building. This project would transform the upper level of the building into a new welcome center, while optimizing

the building's lower level for Art Program instructional space. The project cost is approximately \$19 million and would be funded from state appropriations, private donations, and the LB 309 Task Force.

Commissioner Headrick

Commissioner Headrick presented enrollment, retention, and graduation data on Peru State College along with his concerns about the sustainability and future of the college.

*Steve Hotovy and Dr. Paul Turman,
Nebraska State College System*

Mr. Hotovy and Dr. Paul Turman, Chancellor at the Nebraska State College System, came forward to answer questions and provide more information about the future of the college and the current project proposal.

Committee recommendation

Committee Recommendation: To approve Peru State College's proposal to utilize State appropriations to construct and equip the A. V. Larson Renovation and Addition project.

*Peru State College – A. V. Larson
Renovation & Addition for the Student
Services and Welcome Center
approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Peru State College's proposal to utilize State appropriations to construct and equip the A. V. Larson Renovation and Addition project. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Chair Von Behren called for a break at 11:20 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:30 a.m.

*Title 281, Nebraska Administrative
Code, Chapter 8, Coordinating
Commission for Postsecondary
Education – Rules and Regulations
Concerning the Guaranty Recovery
Cash Fund*

Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 8, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Rules and Regulations Concerning the Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund

Mr. Timm presented the Chapter 8 Rules and Regulations, and discussed the proposed timeline that leads up to the hearing, final adoption of amendments, and the Commission voting on the final rules.

*Gary Timm presented the Rules and
Regulations*

Committee Recommendation: To approve the amendments to Chapter 8 – Rules and Regulations Concerning the Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund.

Committee recommendation

*Title 281, Nebraska Administrative
Code, Chapter 8, Coordinating
Commission for Postsecondary
Education – Rules and Regulations
Concerning the Guaranty Recovery
Cash Fund approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 8, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Rules and Regulations Concerning the Guaranty Recovery Cash Fund. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Approval of Nebraska Career Scholarship Guidelines for Community Colleges and Nebraska Career Scholarship Guidelines for Private Colleges

J. Ritchie Morrow presented the guidelines

Committee recommendation

Approval of Nebraska Career Scholarship Guidelines for Community Colleges and Nebraska Career Scholarship Guidelines for Private Colleges approved

Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education – Rules and Regulations Concerning the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act

Mr. Morrow presented the Rules and Regulations

Committee recommendation

Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education – Rules and Regulations Concerning the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act approved

Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education – Rules and Regulations Governing The Excellence in Teaching Act

Mr. Morrow presented the Rules and Regulations

Approval of Nebraska Career Scholarship Guidelines for Community Colleges and Nebraska Career Scholarship Guidelines for Private Colleges

Mr. Morrow presented the guidelines, noting since LB 1320 transferred administration of the Nebraska Career Scholarship program to CCPE, staff has worked with the Department of Economic Development for a seamless move. The community colleges and private nonprofit postsecondary institutions were given the opportunity to comment on the draft guidelines, then the Commission made adjustments and clarifications based on their comments.

Committee Recommendation: To approve the Nebraska Career Scholarship Guidelines for Community Colleges and Nebraska Career Scholarship Guidelines for Private Colleges as presented and authorize Commission staff to make updates and adjustments to the Guidelines as necessary.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Nebraska Career Scholarship Guidelines for Community Colleges and Nebraska Career Scholarship Guidelines for Private Colleges. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Rules and Regulations Concerning the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act

Mr. Morrow presented the Chapter 5 Rules and Regulations, indicating areas with changes and the proposed timeline.

Committee Recommendation: To approve amendments to Chapter 5 – Rules and Regulations Concerning the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Rules and Regulations Concerning the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Rules and Regulations Governing The Excellence in Teaching Act

Mr. Morrow presented the Chapter 1 Rules and Regulations, noting adoption of rules since the transfer of the Excellence in Teaching Act loan program to CCPE from the Nebraska Department of Education. He stated that all the rules will follow the same proposed timeline.

Committee recommendation

Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education – Rules and Regulations Governing The Excellence in Teaching Act approved

Nebraska Career Scholarship 2024-25 Annual Allocation Report

Mr. Morrow presented the report

Nebraska Opportunity Grant 2024-25 Annual Allocation Report

Mr. Morrow presented the report

Next Commission meeting will be Friday, September 13, 2024

Chair Von Behren adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Committee Recommendation: To approve the amendments to Chapter 1 – Rules and Regulations Governing the Excellence in Teaching Act.

Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve Title 281, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Rules and Regulations Governing The Excellence in Teaching Act. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, Weber, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Nebraska Career Scholarship 2024-25 Annual Allocation Report

Mr. Morrow presented the report, stating the Commission allocates state funding from the Nebraska Career Scholarship program based on one of two formulas. For 2024-25, \$4 million dollars were allocated to the community colleges, based on the most recent 3-year Reimbursable Education Units (REU) calculations, and \$4 million dollars to the private nonprofit institutions, based on the average number of Nebraska residents enrolled in specific high-need academic programs over the last three years.

Nebraska Opportunity Grant 2024-25 Annual Allocation Report

Mr. 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Friday, September 13, 2024, 8:30 a.m. (CT) at the Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Von Behren adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m. (MT)