

**MINUTES**  
**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**  
**Nebraska Wesleyan University**  
**Roy G. Story Student Center – Round Up Room, Lower Level**  
**5000 Saint Paul Avenue**  
**Thursday, October 12, 2006**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Public notice of time and place of regular meeting was posted to the state's public meeting calendar and was given to Commission members, institutional representatives, news media, the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Department of Administrative Services. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was made available and its location was announced.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

Commission Chairman Mary Lauritzen called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Colleen Adam  
Dr. Dick C. E. Davis  
Dr. Marilyn Harris  
Tim Hodges  
Mary Lauritzen  
William Pile  
Eric Seacrest  
Dr. Joyce Simmons  
Jim Strand  
Dick Uhing

Commissioners Absent:

Dr. James O'Rourke

Commission Staff Present:

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer  
Katherine Green, Planning and Policy Coordinator  
Dr. Marshall A. Hill, Executive Director  
Tammy Korgie, Communications and Special Projects Coordinator

Kadi Lukesh, Bookkeeper/Budget Coordinator & Office Manager  
Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator  
Carna Pfeil, Associate Director for Finance & Administration  
Natalie Rodriguez, Executive Assistant  
Mike Wemhoff, Facilities Officer

Others present:

John Amend, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Dale Grant, Chadron State College  
Joe Gow, Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Ed Hoffman, Nebraska State College System  
Phil Hovis, Legislative Fiscal Office  
Chris Kabourek, University of Nebraska Central Administration  
Rebecca Koller, University of Nebraska Central Administration  
Carolyn Murphy, Nebraska State College System  
Tip O'Neill, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska  
Kathy Tenopir, Legislative Fiscal Office  
Ron Withem, University of Nebraska Central Administration

**COMMISSIONER OATH OF OFFICE**

The secretary of state's office requires all Commissioners to take and sign an oath of office. Dick Uhing, of Norfolk, was sworn in as a Commissioner by Katherine Green.

**WELCOME**

Joe Gow, Interim President, Nebraska Wesleyan University, welcomed the Commission and gave an update on athletic and academic honors earned by Nebraska Wesleyan University students.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ADAM AND SECOND BY  
COMMISSIONER STRAND to approve the September 19, 2006,  
meeting minutes as presented.**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Lauritzen announced the tentative 2007 Commission meeting dates:

February 1, Thursday  
March 13, Tuesday  
May 17, Thursday

July 19, Thursday  
September 27, Thursday  
December 6, Thursday

Chairman Lauritzen appointed Commissioners Simmons, Adam, Pile, and Hodges, who will serve as Chair, to a committee that will nominate a Chair, Vice Chair, and two other members to serve on the Executive Committee in 2007.

Chairman Lauritzen welcomed new Commissioner Dick Uhing and extended her thanks to staff for the work done to prepare for Commission meetings.

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

Dr. Hill announced that instructions regarding the process for deficit funding requests have been received. Commission staff requested the Commission delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve a deficit request of \$25,000. The funding will be used to hire a person on a contractual basis to assist in reviewing requests for capital construction projects.

#### **MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STRAND AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ADAM to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve the deficit request.**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

Dr. Hill announced that Northeast Community College and Wayne State College's proposal for a South Sioux City Center was withdrawn after the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee voted to recommend disapproval of the proposal. Chadron State College's proposal for the Armstrong Physical Education Building addition and renovation was also withdrawn after the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee voted to recommend disapproval of the proposal. NECC and WSC will revise and resubmit proposals for consideration at the December Commission meeting.

Dr. Hill announced that the Commission is developing a new booklet to distribute to new and remaining senators. The booklet is titled *2006-07 Bird's-Eye View of Nebraska Higher Education*.

Kadi Lukesh gave the first-quarter CCPE budget report and noted that Commissioners should submit expense reimbursement documents on a monthly basis.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

Individuals commenting on general matters are allowed five minutes each.

Tip O'Neill, Executive Director of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska, addressed the Commission and commented on the updated

economic impact study that was completed in 2003. The study was funded by NEFA (Nebraska Educational Finance Authority, which issues bonds for construction in private colleges and universities.

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

Individuals commenting on the proposals listed under Agenda IX are allowed five minutes each.

Ron Withem, Director of Governmental Relations, University of Nebraska Central Administration, addressed the Commission, thanked the staff for the hard work in reviewing the capital projects, and expressed general satisfaction with the majority of the staff and committee budget recommendations. He spoke as a proponent for all of the University projects on the agenda.

- A. Chadron State College's proposal for the agricultural classroom, laboratory, and arena building.

Ed Hoffman, Nebraska State College System, spoke in support of the proposal for the agricultural classroom, laboratory, and arena building.

- B. University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal for the College of Public Administration and Community Service building renovation and addition change in scope.

Ron Withem spoke in favor of UNO's proposal for the College of Public Administration and Community Service building renovation and addition change in scope.

- C. University of Nebraska-Lincoln's proposal for the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery exterior rehabilitation operating and maintenance costs.

Ron Withem spoke in support of the proposal for the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery exterior rehabilitation operating and maintenance costs and thanked the Commission for their time and consideration of this proposal.

- D. University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal for operating and maintenance costs for the Library renovation.

Ron Withem stated that the issue of the Committee's approval or disapproval of operation and maintenance costs as opposed to recommending those costs as a part of the operating budget is an issue the University would like to pursue in further discussions.

John Amend, University of Nebraska at Omaha, commented on the incremental increase in facility operating and maintenance costs for the Library on the North campus. (See attached letter.)

- E. University of Nebraska-Lincoln's proposal for operating and maintenance costs for the International Quilt Study Center.

Ron Withem commented on the proposal for operating and maintenance costs for the International Quilt Study center, stating his belief that all questions were answered at the last meeting. He thanked the Commission for their recommendation.

- F. Recommendations regarding 2007-09 public postsecondary education institutions' operating budget requests.

Ron Withem stated that the University appreciated the recommendation that was made for the University's 2007-09 operating budget requests and, in particular, the positive recommendation for the program of excellence funding. He also stated that the Commission and NU continue to disagree on the funding recommendation for utilities requests, and announced that Chris Kabourek, Budget Director, was available for questions concerning utilities.

- G. Recommendations and prioritization of Nebraska's public postsecondary education institutions' 2007-09 biennial capital construction budget requests.

Rebecca Koller, University of Nebraska Central Administration, spoke in regard to the University's 2007-09 biennial capital construction budget requests, including the student information system and Greater Nebraska proposals.

**MOTION: PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED BY GENERAL CONSENT.**

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

- A. Ritchie Morrow reported on the 2006-07 Nebraska State Grant allocations.
- B. Capital Construction Projects:
  - 1. Chadron State College's proposal for the agricultural classroom, laboratory, and arena building.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS ON BEHALF ON THE COMMITTEE to approve Chadron State College's proposal for the agricultural classroom, laboratory, and arena building, with the understanding that private funding would be sufficient to finance the entire cost of the arena.**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

2. University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal for the College of Public Administration and Community Service building renovation and addition change in scope.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS ON BEHALF ON THE COMMITTEE to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal for the College of Public Administration and Community Service building renovation and addition change in scope.**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

3. University of Nebraska-Lincoln's proposal for the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery exterior rehabilitation operating and maintenance costs.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS to indefinitely postpone the proposal for the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery exterior rehabilitation operating and maintenance costs.**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

4. University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal for operating and maintenance costs for the Library renovation.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS ON BEHALF ON THE COMMITTEE to disapprove the University of Nebraska at Omaha's proposal for operating and maintenance costs for the Library renovation.**

**Voting aye:** Lauritzen, Pile, Seacrest, Simmons, Uhing, Davis, and Hodges.

**Voting nay:** Strand, Adam, and Harris.

**RESULT:** Motion carried with seven (7) ayes and three (3) nays.

5. University of Nebraska-Lincoln's proposal for operating and maintenance costs for the International Quilt Study Center.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS to approve UNL's proposal for operating and maintenance costs for the International Quilt Study Center with modification of wording to state that "The Commission encourages expects the use of non-tax-related revenues such as patron admission fees, donor endowments, or other non-state tax revenues to make up the estimated shortfall."**

**Voting aye:** Pile, Simmons, Strand, Uhing, Adam, Davis, Harris, Hodges, and Lauritzen.

**Voting nay:** Seacrest

**RESULT:** Motion carried with nine (9) ayes and one (1) nay.

- C. Recommendations regarding statewide funding issues and the 2007-09 public postsecondary education institutions' operating budget requests.

Carna Pfeil presented the recommendations regarding the statewide funding issues and the 2007-09 public postsecondary education institutions' operating budget requests.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SEACREST AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS to approve recommendations regarding the statewide funding issues and the 2007-09 public postsecondary education institutions' operating budget requests, including suggestions to identify the Commission as the funding recipient for FutureForce and SSI funding requested for statewide funding issues and to include a comment to encourage the use of non-tax sources for depreciation charges and move a tax policy statement from page 128 to page 130, along with the following amendments:**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

- 1. SECONDARY MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STRAND AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS to change items with zeros and add explanatory footnotes as appropriate.**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes

- 2. SECONDARY MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SEACREST AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SIMMONS to state in the document: "Dollar amounts listed under Commission recommendations signify the following points: an institution has submitted a request in that amount for approval by the Coordinating Commission and the Commission has reviewed the request and given approval for the institution to request state funding from the Legislature up to that amount. The Commission's approval is not necessarily an endorsement of that specific amount."**

Following discussion Commissioner Seacrest withdrew the above motion.

- 3. SECONDARY MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SEACREST AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS to state in the document: "Dollar amounts listed under Commission recommendations**

**signify the following points: an institution has submitted a request in that amount for approval by the Coordinating**

**Commission and the Commission has reviewed the request and given approval for the institution to request state funding from the Legislature up to that amount.”**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

- 4. SECONDARY MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SEACREST AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SIMMONS to state in the document: “The Commission’s approval is not necessarily an endorsement of that specific amount.”**

**Voting aye:** Harris, Lauritzen, Seacrest, and Simmons

**Voting nay:** Uhing, Davis, Hodges, Pile, and Strand

**Abstain:** Adam

**RESULT:** Motion failed with five (5) nays and four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention.

- 5. SECONDARY MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SEACREST to remove Commission totals on page 74 and insert “approve” or “disapprove” for each project where appropriate.**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

## **RECESS**

The Commission went into recess for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

- D. Recommendations and prioritization of Nebraska’s public postsecondary education institutions’ 2007-09 biennial capital construction budget requests.

Mike Wemhoff presented the recommendations and prioritization of Nebraska’s public postsecondary education institutions’ 2007-09 biennial capital construction budget requests.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS to approve the recommendations and prioritization of Nebraska’s public postsecondary education institutions’ 2007-09 biennial capital construction budget requests.**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

Individuals commenting on the matters under Agenda XI are allowed five minutes each.

There was no testimony.

**MOTION: PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED BY GENERAL CONSENT.**

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

A. Existing programs approved by the Executive Director:

Communications: UNL, UNO, WSC  
Academic Transfer: CCC, MCC, MPCC, NECC, SCC  
Electronics Technology: WNCC

B. Follow-up reports on existing instructional programs previously considered.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STRAND to approve the follow-up reports on existing instructional programs previously considered:**

- CSC Library Media
- WNCC Welding
- UNO Bioinformatics
- UNL Textiles, Clothing, and Design

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

C. Follow-up reports – private colleges.

Universal College of Healing Arts

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE to approve the follow-up report from the private college, Universal College of Healing Arts, and to extend authority to operate for another five years.**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

ITT Technical Institute

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS ON BEHALF OF THE**

**COMMITTEE to approve the follow-up report from the private college,  
ITT Technical Institute.**

**RESULT:** A roll-call vote was taken, with all Commissioners present voting yes.

D. Dr. Fimple reported on the name changes, deletions, reasonable and moderate extensions, and other institutional activities relating to existing programs:

**1. Deletions**

- a. UNK BS – Dietetics
- b. WNCC AS – Academic Transfer – Computer Science
- c. NCTA AAS – Agribusiness Management System – Elevator Management
- d. NCTA AAS – Agriculture Production – Cow-Calf
- e. NCTA AAS – Agriculture Production – Crop Management
- f. NCTA AAS – Agriculture Production – Diversified Agriculture
- g. NCTA AAS – Agriculture Production – Feedlot
- h. NCTA AAS – Agriculture Production – Production Health Management
- i. NCTA AAS – Agriculture Production – Swine
- j. NCTA AAS – Horticulture System – Horticulture Production
- k. NCTA AAS – Horticulture System – Horticulture Services
- l. NCTA Certificate – Horticulture System and Greenhouse Work
- m. NCTA Certificate – Horticulture System and Landscape Gardener
- n. NCTA AAS – Veterinary Technology – Veterinary Technician
- o. NCTA Certificate – Ag Production System and Feedlot Technology
- p. SCC AAS – Construction Electrician – IBEW
- q. SCC AAS – Mass Media – Broadcasting
- r. SCC Certificate – Motorcycle, ATV, Personal Watercraft Technology
- s. SCC Diploma – Printing Technology – Desktop Publishing
- t. SCC Diploma – Offset Printing
- u. UNMC MS – Toxicology
- v. CCC AAS – Business Administration and Accounting - Nursing Home Administration
- w. CCC AAS – Business Technology – Agri-Business
- x. CCC Diploma – Business Technology – Legal Office
- y. CCC Diploma – Business Technology – Medical Office
- z. CCC Diploma – Business Technology – Software Integration
- aa. CCC AAS – Electronics Technology – Enterprise Network Design & Support
- bb. CCC Diploma – Health Information Management Services – Ambulatory Care Coding/Billing
- cc. CCC Diploma – Health Information Management Services – Hospital Inpatient Coding/Billing
- dd. CCC Diploma – Health Information Management Services – Professional Fee Coding/Billing

- ee. CCC AAS – Industrial Technology
- ff. CCC Certificate – Information Technology – Web Administration
- gg. CCC AAS – Information Technology
- hh. MPCC AAS, Diploma, Certificate – Building Maintenance Technology
- ii. UNL Panhandle Learning Center in Scottsbluff, NE

## 2. Inactive

- a. NECC Industrial Technology

## 3. Name Changes

- a. NCTA Agriculture Production Systems – Livestock Management to *Agriculture Production Systems – Livestock Industry Management*
- b. NCTA Agriculture Production Systems – Natural Resource to Agriculture Production Systems – Natural Resource Management
- c. NCTA Horticulture Systems – Sports Turf Technology to Horticulture Systems – Sports Turf Management
- d. NCTA Veterinary Technology Systems – Veterinary Technician to Veterinary Technology Systems – Veterinary Technology
- e. SCC Diesel Technology – Truck – Construction Service to Diesel Technology – Truck
- f. SCC Early Childhood Education – In-Home Child Care Professional to Early Childhood Education – In-Home Child Care
- g. SCC Electronic Technology – Navy to Electronic Technology – Military
- h. SCC Office Technology (program) to Business Information Technology (program)
- i. UNMC Center for Human Molecular Genetics to *Center for Molecular Genetics and Genomics*

## 4. Other changes

- a. NCTA (add) AAS in Agriculture Journalism under Agribusiness Management Systems
- b. NCTA (add) AAS in Baccalaureate Transfer under Agribusiness Management Systems
- c. NCTA (add) AS, Certificate in Agribusiness Management Systems
- d. NCTA (add) AAS in Agriculture Equipment Management under Agriculture Production Systems
- e. NCTA (add) AAS in Agronomy Industry Management under Agriculture Production Systems
- f. NCTA (add) AAS in Diversified Management under Agriculture Production Systems
- g. NCTA (add) AAS in Equine Industry Management under Agriculture Production Systems
- h. NCTA (add) AAS in Livestock Industry Management – Feedlot under Agriculture Production Systems

- i. NCTA (add) AAS in Livestock Industry Management – Cow/Calf under Agriculture Production Systems
- j. NCTA (add) AAS in Livestock Industry Management – Small Ruminant Animal under Agriculture Production Systems
- k. NCTA (add) AAS in Baccalaureate Transfer – Agriculture Education/Extension under Agriculture Production Systems
- l. NCTA (add) AAS in Baccalaureate Transfer – Agronomy under Agriculture Production Systems
- m. NCTA (add) AAS in Baccalaureate Transfer – Animal Science under Agriculture Production Systems
- n. NCTA (add) AAS in Baccalaureate Transfer – Grazing Livestock Systems under Agriculture Production Systems
- o. NCTA (add) AS and Certificate in Agriculture Production Systems
- p. NCTA (add) Landscape/Nursery Management under Horticulture Systems
- q. NCTA (add) AAS in Baccalaureate Transfer – Horticulture Transfer under Horticulture Systems
- r. NCTA (add) AAS in Baccalaureate Transfer – Agriculture Education/Extension under Horticulture Systems
- s. NCTA (add) AS and Certificate in Horticulture Systems
- t. NCTA (add) AAS in Veterinary Technology – Business under Veterinary Technology Systems
- u. NCTA (add) AAS in Veterinary Technology – Companion Animals under Veterinary Technology Systems
- v. NCTA (add) AAS in Veterinary Technology – Exotic Animals under Veterinary Technology Systems
- w. NCTA (add) AAS in Veterinary Technology – Horse Care under Veterinary Technology Systems
- x. NCTA (add) AAS in Veterinary Technology – Production Animals under Veterinary Technology Systems
- y. NCTA (add) AAS and AS in Baccalaureate Transfer – Veterinary Technologist Transfer under Veterinary Technology Systems
- z. NCTA (add) AAS in Veterinary Assistant under Veterinary Technology Systems
- aa. NCTA (add) AS and Certificate in Veterinary Technology Systems
- bb. SCC (add) Certificate in Entrepreneurship under Business Administration
- cc. SCC (add) Certificate in In-Home Child Care under Early Childhood Education
- dd. SCC (add) AAS in Criminal Justice
- ee. SCC (add) Construction Electrician – IBEW under Electrical and Electromechanical Technology
- ff. SCC (add) AAS in Business Information Technology
- gg. SCC (add) Certificate in MicroSoft Office under Business Information Technology
- hh. UNMC (add) Post BS Certificate in Cytotechnology
- ii. UNMC (add) MS, PhD in Dental Clinical Science
- jj. UNMC (add) MS in Medical Science – Oral Biology

- kk. UNMC (add) PhD in Vet Science
- ll. UNMC (add) Post-Prof Certificate in Dentistry
- mm. UNMC (change) PGC to Post-MS Certificate in Medical Family Therapy
- nn. UNMC (change) Graduate Certificate to Post-BS Certificate in Medical Nutrition
- oo. UNMC (change) Cert to Post-MS Certificate in Nursing
- pp. CCC (add) AS in Agribusiness
- qq. CCC (add) AAS in Agribusiness Office Services under Business Technology
- rr. CCC (add) Diploma in Medical Transcription under Business Technology
- ss. CCC (add) AAS, Diploma, Certificate in Commercial Art
- tt. CCC (move) AAS in Nebraska Law Enforcement to an option under Criminal Justice
- uu. CCC (add) AAS in Construction Management under Drafting
- vv. CCC (add) AAS in Electronics under Electronics Technology
- ww. CCC (add) AAS in Computer Programming Specialization under Information Technology
- xx. CCC (add) AAS in Database Support Specialization under Information Technology
- yy. CCC (add) AAS in Web Developer Specialization under Information Technology
- zz. CCC (add) AAS in Technical Support Specialization under Information Technology
- aaa. CCC (add) AAS in Security Management Specialization under Information Technology
- bbb. CCC (add) AA in Library Technical Assistant
- ccc. CCC (add) AAS in Broadcasting under Media Arts
- ddd. CCC (add) AAS in Graphic Arts under Media Arts
- eee. CCC (add) AAS in Photography under Media Arts
- fff. CCC (add) AAS in Video Production under Media Arts

## **5. New Department**

- a. UNMC Department of Emergency Medicine

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be December 7, 2006, in Lincoln. It will include a joint luncheon meeting with the state Board of Education.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.