



Nebraska State College System

CHADRON | PERU | WAYNE

August 14, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Gary Bieganski

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Bieganski	Chairman	Present	
John Chaney	Trustee	Present	
Bob Engles	Trustee	Present	
Carter Peterson	Trustee	Present	
Matt Blomstedt	Trustee	Present	
Jess Zeiss	Vice Chairman	Present	
Marjean Terrell	Trustee	Present	

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Zeiss and seconded by Trustee Engles to approve the Meeting Agenda. Voting **AYES:** Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Peterson, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

Public Comments

No public comment.

Items for Discussion and Action

1. Fiscal, Facilities and Audit

1.1 Approve Revised Distribution of Funds

The Original Distribution of Funds was approved at the April 23, 2020 meeting of the Board. This proposed revised distribution makes a change to the General Fund appropriation for the current fiscal year to reflect the increase provided in the deficit bill LB1008 (2020). The increase included for the NSCS in LB1008 (2020) is for the Career Scholarship Program in the amount of \$1,000,000. The changes to the Distribution of Funds are highlighted in red. While not included in the Distribution of Funds for the NSCS, LB1008 (2020) also included funding for the Peru State partnership with Tecumseh State Correction institution (TSCI) as described below.

CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS

In the attached distribution of funds, a portion of the Career Scholarship funds are distributed evenly to each College and the balance is based upon a three (3) year average of Bachelor's degree production at each of the Colleges. These new funds must be used in accordance with language contained in LB1008 (2020) and cannot be used for any other purpose. The NSCS has developed Career Scholarship guidelines that include the requirements contained in the bill and additional guidance developed in partnership with all three Colleges.

While not specified with LB1008 (2020), the Governor noted the intent to phase the program to \$4,000,000 over four (4) years. This was included in the "Mid-Biennium Adjustments 2019-2021" book published in conjunction with his proposed budget.

PSC PARTNERSHIP WITH TSCI

In addition to the funds appropriated for the Career Scholarship program, LB1008 (2020) also included funds appropriated to the Department of Corrections for the proposed partnership between Peru State College and TSCI. Although not directly appropriated to the NSCS, these funds will flow to PSC in support of the program in line with the budget developed in partnership with the Department of Corrections. LB1008 (2020) includes the appropriation of \$523,465 for the current fiscal year (FY2020-21). The bill also expresses the intent to increase that appropriation to the following amounts for the upcoming biennium:

FY2021-22 \$748,465

FY2022-23 \$973,465

These increases reflect the addition of \$225,000 additional for each year of the biennium toward scholarships to students accepted into the program each year. While the budget bill only looks to the coming biennium with the intent language, the budget is anticipated to move to \$1,198,465 for FY2023-24 to provide for a total of a four (4) year cycle of students being accepted into the program.

A motion to approve the Revised Distribution of Funds was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Bieganski, Chaney, Engles, Peterson, Blomstedt, Zeiss, and Terrell.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 AM

Paul Turman, Chancellor

The meeting notice and agenda have been distributed via email to members of the Board of Trustees, the presidents of the State Colleges, the Associated Press and selected Nebraska newspapers.