

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

January - December 1999

Presented to the Academic Senate

January 11, 2000

Academic Program Reviews:

APC had representatives on the review teams for eight academic program reviews:

- Art and Art History (March 7-10, 1999)
- Philosophy (March 28-31, 1999)
- Communication Studies (April 11-14, 1999)
- Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences (August 30-September 2, 1999)
- Biometry (September 14-16, 1999)
- Museum Studies (October 31-November 3, 1999)
- Political Science (November 14-17, 1999)
- Computer Science (December 5-8, 1999)

APC received reports on five program reviews:

- Entomology (March 30-April 2, 1998)
- Agronomy (September 1-4, 1998)
- Music (September 21-22, 1998)
- Horticulture (September 22-25, 1998)
- Art and Art History (March 7-10, 1999)

The Music APR was combined with an accreditation review.

Proposals Recommended to the Chancellor for Approval:

Project Initiation Requests:

- Love Library North Addition
- Increased scope of the Chemical Engineering Facility
- Natural Resources and Research Complex

Degrees, Majors and Departments:

- Master of Agriculture degree program
- Interdepartmental certificate program in Medical Family Therapy
- Rename the “Range Science” program “Rangeland Ecosystems” and move its administration from the Department of Agronomy to the School of Natural Resource Sciences
- Change the MA in Communication Studies and Theatre Arts to the MA for Theatre Arts
- Discontinue the BFA in Dance and replace it with the BA in Dance
- Move Dance from Theatre Arts and Dance to Music
- Drop “Dance” from the name of the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance

Centers:

- Establish a UNL Humanities Center

Other Activities and Actions included the following:

- Established ad hoc committees to consider interim Academic Program Reviews and crediting of cross-disciplinary faculty activities
- Approved changes in the review and approval process for proposed graduate programs
- Approved sending APR reports to department heads and deans and inviting them to APC meetings to hear the reports
- Removed a member for non-attendance and failure to carry out assigned duties
- Approved changes in Operating Procedures for conducting business during the summer
- Decided against instituting interim Academic Program Reviews
- Received reports on budget priorities, the status of research at UNL, the six-year Capital Construction priorities list, the R Street Corridor Study, the impact of the 1997-99 budget reallocation, trends in enrollment, and crediting of cross-disciplinary activities
- Recommended inclusion of a teacher education initiative in priorities for the 2001-03 budget
- Discussed procedures for setting campus priorities for budget reallocation and reduction

Activities Pending:

- An ongoing Advisory Committee for reporting of interdisciplinary activities will be appointed.
- Reports on Academic Program Reviews of Philosophy, Biological Sciences, and Communications Studies will be heard in January, 2000.
- A proposal for a joint MS/PhD program in Toxicology with the University of Nebraska Medical Center will be considered on January 12.
- The APC will continue to discuss campus budget issues.