

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE  
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

January - December 2000

Presented to the Academic Senate

January 9, 2001

**Academic Program Reviews:**

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

- Modern Languages & Literatures (March 5-8, 2000)
- Biological Systems Engineering (March 26-29, 2000)
- Physics & Astronomy (April 2-5, 2000)
- Animal Science (May 30-June 2, 2000)
- Special Education & Communication Disorders (December 10-13, 2000)

APC received reports on eleven program reviews:

- Biological Sciences (December 6-9, 1998)
- Philosophy (March 28-31, 1999)
- Communication Studies (April 11-14, 1999)
- Veterinary & 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 & Engineering (December 5-8, 1999)
- Modern Languages & Literatures (March 5-8, 2000)
- Biological Systems Engineering (March 26-29, 2000)
- Physics & Astronomy (April 2-5, 2000)

**Proposals Recommended to the Chancellor for Approval:**

Project Initiation Requests:

- Residential Learning Center for Honors Students
- Class I Cleanroom in the Walter Scott Engineering Center
- Revised site location for the Natural Resources and Research Complex
- New Culture Center on city campus
- Addition to the Barkley Memorial Center

Degrees, Majors and Departments:

- Intercampus M.S./Ph.D. program in toxicology
- Ph.D. in Natural Resource Sciences
- Change M.A. in Journalism to M.A. in Journalism & Mass Communications
- Change B.S. in Architectural Science to B.S. in Design

- Change name and administrative unit for the Soil Science major
- Integrate the Horticulture and Agronomy departments
- Merge the Anthropology and Geography departments
- Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science (GIS)

Centers:

- Close the Center for Rural Community Revitalization & Development
- Close the Center for Sustainable Agricultural Systems
- Close the Center for Leadership Development
- Establish the Center for Applied Rural Innovation (CARI)
- Establish the Nebraska Center for Virology

**Other Activities and Actions included the following:**

- Received two reports from the Commission for Evaluation & Prioritization of Academic Programs
- Discussed the academic prioritization process at several meetings
- Established an *ad hoc* Committee to Monitor the Academic Prioritization Process
- Received reports from the *ad hoc* Committee for Crediting Interdisciplinary Activities and the *ad hoc* Committee to Monitor the Academic Prioritization Process
- Revised notification procedures for APR reports to emphasize that department heads' and deans' participation is optional
- Revised the format of minutes to provide more detail and attribution of comments
- Requested and received reports on Extended Education and Life Sciences
- Accepted the resignation of a faculty member who is leaving UNL
- Changed PIR procedure to add subcommittee review of PIRs before the full APC considers them

**Activities Pending:**

- Review the Academic Program Priorities that are recommended for the UNL campus.