

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

January - December 2001

Presented to the Academic Senate

January, 2002

Academic Program Reviews:

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

- Mathematics & Statistics (February 4-7, 2001)
- Sociology (February 18-21, 2001)
- Educational Psychology (April 1-4, 2001)
- Food Science & Technology (April 9-12, 2001)
- Educational Administration (April 22-25, 2001)*
- Conservation & Survey Division (October 9-12, 2001)
- Classics & Religious Studies (October 14-17, 2001)
- Geosciences (December 2-5, 2001)

APC received reports on five program reviews:

- Animal Science (May 30-June 2, 2000)
- Special Education & Communication Disorders (December 10-13, 2000)
- Mathematics & Statistics (February 4-7, 2001)
- Sociology (February 18-21, 2001)
- Educational Administration (April 22-25, 2001)*

*The APC member originally assigned to the review team left the University. The internal University team member agreed to serve as the acting APC representative for that review.

Proposals Recommended to the Chancellor for Approval:

Project Initiation Requests:

- 14th and Avery Parking Structure (provisional, depending on an acceptable alternate financing plan)

Degrees, Majors and Departments:

- MS in Telecommunications Engineering
- PhD in Survey Research and Methodology
- Masters in Architectural Engineering

Centers:

- National Center for Information Technology in Education (NCITE)
- Plains Humanities Alliance (preliminary proposal)

Other Activities and Actions included the following:

- Discussed the Academic Prioritization process at several meetings and approved a list of priorities for recommendation to the Chancellor
- Revised the APC Guidelines for Submission of Proposals for Academic Programs to correspond with the revised Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Guidelines for Submitting Proposals
- Recommended an increased honorarium for outside Academic Program Review team members
- Accepted the resignation of the faculty member for Humanities and requested that the Academic Senate select a replacement
- Requested the appointment of a Graduate Council Representative to APC
- Appointed an APC member to the Aesthetic Review Committee
- Appointed a non-APC member as an APC representative to the Curriculum Committee
- Discussed Phase II of the Academic Prioritization Process and selected the top ten Academic Prioritization Pre-proposals for enhancement funding consideration
- Discussed State funding shortfalls and principles governing budget reductions at several meetings between October and December
- Discussed Indicators of Institutional Quality to be presented to the Regents
- Sent a letter to Academic Affairs expressing APC's concern about the composition of Academic Program Review teams
- Accepted two changes by IANR to the Academic Program Review schedule
- Discussed possible unauthorized use of the "Center" title
- Discussed possible changes to the APC Guidelines for the Submission of Proposals relating to Centers
- Accepted a report from Vice Chancellor for Research about proposed changes in the Indirect Cost Rate
- Discussed proposed changes to the APC Operating Procedures to bring them in line with the recently revised UNL Bylaws

Activities Pending:

- Hold public hearings on proposed Budget Reductions
- Evaluate Proposals for Academic Program Enhancement funding (Academic Program Priorities, Phase II)
- Consider alternate funding proposals from the Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance for the 14th and Avery Parking Garage
- Consider the final proposal for the Plains Humanities Alliance and the PIR for its facilities