

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

January - December 2002

Presented to the Academic Senate January, 2003

The Academic Planning Committee met 23 times during the Spring Semester, 5 times in July and August, and 25 times during the Fall Semester for a total of 53 meetings. Of those meetings, only two in the Spring Semester and three in the Fall Semester did not include discussions of budget issues. Four routine second-round budget reduction matters were handled by email vote without formal meetings. Far and away the biggest issue facing APC and the University was the budget—three rounds of cuts totaling \$17.5 million in less than twelve months. A summary of meetings and the matters APC considered this past year follows.

Meetings for Budget Reduction Issues (48)

Briefings	2/05, 2/08, 4/22, 8/19, 8/28, 9/10, 9/18, 10/25, 10/30
Internal discussions	1/23, 2/13, 2/20, 3/01, 3/13, 4/24, 4/29, 5/08, 7/16, 8/14, 9/04, 9/25, 10/04, 10/15, 10/17, 10/23, 10/25, 10/30, 10/31, 11/13
Discussions with Chancellor	3/11, 5/10, 8/27, 9/11, 11/07
Public hearings, open topic	2/25, 5/01, 10/07
Public hearings, focused	
• On campus	2/26, 2/27, 5/03, 5/08, 9/23, 10/17
• Remote by satellite	2/28, 5/06, 10/08, 10/10, 10/11

Meetings with no budget discussions (5) 3/27, 4/10, 11/13, 12/04, 12/11

Academic Program Reviews

Reviews completed in 2002:

- Chemistry, April 14-17
- College of Human Resources & Family Sciences, Sept. 30-Oct. 2
- Department of History, Oct. 27-30

Upcoming reviews to which APC members are assigned:

- Ag Leadership, Education and Communication (Jan. 29-31, 2003)
- Agricultural Economics (May 12-14, 2003)
- Art & Art History (TBA)
- English (April 13-16, 2003)
- Libraries (June 1, 2003)
- Psychology (March 23-26, 2003)

Reports received in 2002:

- Classics & Religious Studies (APR Oct. 14-17, 2001)
- Geosciences (APR Dec. 2-5, 2001)
- Conservation & Survey Division (APR Oct. 9-12, 2001)

Budget Reductions – Three Rounds

Approved the Chancellor's Preliminary Budget Frameworks

Reviewed comments and conducted public hearings on Budget Reduction Proposals

Invited briefings

- Chancellor Perlman and VC Paul presented Graduate Studies and Research merger plan
- Chancellor Perlman and SVC Edwards presented Undergraduate Affairs efficiency plan
- ASUN, UAAD, UNOPA, and the Academic Senate outlined constituents' budget priorities
- SVC Edwards presented Summer Sessions reorganization plan
- Asst VC Main and Assoc VC Bateman presented DCS reorganization plan
- Deans Nelson and Dickey discussed Research & Extension Center issues
- Professor Mary Beck explained AAUP Guidelines on tenured and tenure-track faculty rights

Passed Resolution on Tenured & Tenure-track Faculty and AAUP Guidelines

Discussed with the Chancellor APC's preliminary recommendations  
Issued recommendations on budget reductions (copies attached)

Centers recommended for approval

Plains Humanities Alliance  
Center for At-Risk Children's Studies

Degrees/majors recommended for approval

Family Financial Planning Certificate Program  
PhD in Comparative Biomedical Sciences  
PhD in Information Technology  
Major in Professional Golf Management

Degrees/majors recommended for discontinuance

Masters in Vocational & Adult Education

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) recommended for approval

Addition to Avery Hall  
International Quilt Study Center Facility  
Transportation Services replacement building  
Revised PIR for 14th & Avery Parking Facility  
Revised PIR for Transportation Services replacement building  
Natural Resources & Research Complex

Other business

Appointed members to University-wide committees

- Aesthetic Review Committee – Craig J Eckhardt reappointed
- Curriculum Committee – Daniel R Claes, non-APC member, reappointed

Appointed APC subcommittees

- Subcommittee Structure & Operating Procedures- Rosson, Benson, Schrage
- Avery Hall Addition PIR – Rosson, Prochaska-Cue, Nickerson
- National Quilt Study Center Facility PIR – Milligan, O'Connor, Nielsen
- Natural Resources & Research Complex PIR – Benson, Rosson, Paparozzi
- Professional Golf Management proposal – Martin, Milligan, Prochaska-Cue
- Merger proposal for School of Natural Resource Sciences, Conservation & Survey Division and Water Center – Nickerson, Martin

Revised Operating Procedures to agree with present UNL Bylaws and to create a standing subcommittee structure for APC to enhance its efficiency and to allow it to better address all of the responsibilities in its charge according to the University By-Laws.

Issues to be considered next semester

Report on the Food Science & Technology APR (April, 2001)  
Merger: Department of Biometry and Statistics Division of Mathematics & Statistics  
Merger: School of Natural Resource Sciences/Conservation & Survey Division/Water Center  
Rename Agricultural Economics  
Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) yet to be received  
New center proposals yet to be received  
Anticipated budget reductions, FY2004  
Developing APC's long-term academic planning recommendations