

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

January - December 2003

Presented to the Academic Senate January, 2004

The Academic Planning Committee met 24 times during the Spring Semester, 5 times in June and July, and 10 times during the Fall Semester for a total of 39 meetings. All of the meetings in the Spring Semester, all of the meetings during the summer, and the first six meetings in the Fall Semester included discussions of budget reductions. A summary of meetings and the matters considered this past year follows.

Meetings concerning Budget Reduction issues (35)

Internal discussions	1/22, 2/19, 2/26, 3/10, 3/14, 3/17, 3/24, 3/28, 4/2, 4/11, 4/14, 4/18, 4/25, 4/30, 5/7, 5/9, 6/3, 6/23, 6/27, 7/17, 7/22, 9/3, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8
Discussions with Chancellor	2/12, 4/2
Public hearings	
• Lincoln	3/12 – Budget Reduction Framework 3/26 – Museum Research Divisions, Museum Studies, Nebr. Statewide Arboretum, Landscape Services, tuition increases, Veterinary Education contract, Honors Student textbook scholarship, termination of tenured faculty, elimination of recycling 3/31 – Bureau of Business Research / Open Session
• Video link between Clay Center, Chadron, Lincoln, Manhattan KS, Norfolk, North Platte, Scottsbluff	4/7 – Veterinary Student Education contract, Nebr. Forest Service, Nebr. Statewide Arboretum
• Lincoln	4/9 – Museum Studies program, Museum Research Divisions 4/11 – Business & Finance and Student Affairs
• Omaha	9/10 – Industrial Systems Technology, Human Resources & Family Sciences
• Lincoln	9/17 – Health & Human Performance / Open Session

Meetings for non-budget issues (4) 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/10

Academic Program Reviews

Members served on eight APRs in 2003

- Ag Leadership, Education and Communication (January 29-31, 2003)
- Art & Art History (March 3-6, 2003)
- English (April 13-16, 2003)
- Agricultural Economics (May 12-14, 2003)
- Libraries (June 1, 2003)
- School of Natural Resources (September 8-11, 2003)
- Psychology (October 26-29, 2003)
- Agronomy and Horticulture (November 16-20, 2003)

Appointed representatives to seven APRs scheduled for 2004

- Biological Sciences (February 15-18, 2004)
- Communication Studies (March 7-10, 2004)
- Anthropology & Geography (March 28-31, 2004)

- Biochemistry (April 4-7, 2004)
- Plant Pathology (June 6-9, 2004)
- Entomology (September, 2004)
- Modern Languages & Literatures (October, 2004)

Received one APR direct report in 2003

- Food Science and Technology (APR April 9-12, 2001)

APR reports submitted to the Academic Program Review Subcommittee in 2003

- Chemistry (APR April 14-17, 2002)
- Human Resources & Family Sciences (APR Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2002)
- Ag Leadership, Education and Communication (APR January 29-31, 2003)
- Art & Art History (APR March 3-6, 2003)
- Agricultural Economics (APR May 12-14, 2003)
- Libraries (APR June 1, 2003)

The APR report for History (Oct. 27-30, 2002) is past due. The APC representative has been on medical leave and will submit his report as soon as he is able. The APR report for English (April 13-16, 2003) is due in January.

An Academic Program Review subcommittee was established by amendment of the *Operating Procedures* on December 11, 2002. The APR subcommittee is to report semiannually to APC on reviews that have been completed since the previous report. No report has been made yet.

Budget Reductions – Two Rounds

Approved the Chancellor's Preliminary Budget Framework 2003-05

Reviewed comments and conducted public hearings on budget reduction proposals

Passed budget-related resolutions recommending:

- Redirection of Programs of Excellence funding to programs targeted for cuts
- Protection of Museum's research functions and the tenure of Museum faculty
- Equitable and expeditious placement of faculty affected by budget cuts
- Restoration of Professor Margaret Bolick's tenured position

Proposed alternatives to budget reductions

- Forwarded plan to Chancellor for downsized Bureau of Business Research
- Suggested student fees for retaking courses
- Recommended supplemental fees on tickets to University events

Discussed APC's budget recommendations and final decisions with the Chancellor

Issued recommendations on budget reductions (copies attached)

Received the following reports:

- Chancellor's 2004 budget reduction proposals
- Administrative, instructional and service cost calculations
- Alternative plan for reductions to the Bureau of Business Research
- Data on UNL non-teaching personnel
- Details of University Communications and other public relations functions on campus
- Transfer of Biosafety funding to Research from Business & Finance
- New state funding for the Nebraska State Forestry Service
- Alternative campus recycling plan
- Status of Professors Ensley and Stack, displaced by 2002 budget cuts
- Regents-approved funding for capital projects
- Academic Senate Executive Committee Administrative Cost Report

- Employee Assistance Program services related to budget cuts
- Programs of Excellence first-year funding
- Activities of Curriculum Committee from January 2002 to September 2003
- Research Division activities, Fall 2003
- Proposed research facilities

Recommended Departmental/College Mergers for approval

College of Education and Human Sciences (merged Teachers College and College of Human Resources & Family Sciences)
 School of Natural Resources (merged Conservation & Survey Division, School of Natural Resource Sciences and the Water Center)
 Department of Statistics (merged Department of Biometry and Program in Statistics)
 Department of Mathematics (removed Program in Statistics from the Department)
 School of Architectural Engineering and Construction (merged Department of Construction Management, Department of Construction Systems and Architectural Engineering Program)

Recommended Center for approval

Nebraska Center on Research for Children, Youth, Families and Schools

Recommended New Degree Program for approval

Doctorate in Audiology

Recommended Name Changes for approval

Major in Plant Protection Sciences (was Crop Protection Sciences)
 Department of Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education (was Center for Curriculum & Instruction)
 Doctor of Educational Studies (was Doctor of Education: Administration, Curriculum & Instruction)
 Doctor of Psychological Studies in Education (was Doctor of Education: Psychology & Cultural Studies)
 Doctor of Human Sciences (was Doctor of Education: Community & Human Resources)
 Master of Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education (was M.Ed., MA, MST of Curriculum & Instruction)
 Educational Specialist of Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education (was Educational Specialist of Curriculum & Instruction)
 MS in Nutrition & Health Sciences (was MS in Nutritional Science & Dietetics)

Recommended for Elimination

Branch Libraries in Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) recommended for approval

Apartment-style housing at 16th & Y Streets
 Library Depository/Retrieval Center

Other business

Appointed APC representatives to University-wide committees

- Aesthetic Review Committee – Nancy Mitchell
- Curriculum Committee – Deborah Minter, non-APC member

Appointed APC subcommittees

- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing)
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing)
- Academic Program Review Subcommittee (standing)
- To revise *Guidelines for Submission of Proposals for Academic Programs*

- To review Biometry and Statistics merger proposal
- To evaluate Branch Library Elimination proposal
- To review College of Education and Human Sciences proposal

Requested replacements for three APC members who resigned (Paparozzi, O'Connor, Nickerson)

Reviewed 19 pre-proposals and 6 proposals for Programs of Excellence funding

Discussed possible changes in APC membership

Expanded *Guidelines for Submission of Proposals for Academic Programs* for mergers

Amended *Operating Procedures* to include requirements for confidentiality and recording Minutes

Issues to be considered next semester

Developing long-term academic planning recommendations

Project Initiation Requests for remodeling Abel-Sandoz and Athletic Facilities, and building a new

Virology Research Center on East Campus

College credit for high school students

Additional budget reductions