

ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

January - November 2004
Presented to the Academic Senate December 7, 2004

The Academic Planning Committee met six times during the Spring Semester and three times during the Fall Semester for a total of nine meetings. The final meeting of 2004 is scheduled for December 8. A summary of the matters considered this past year follows.

Academic Program Reviews

Members will have served on eight APRs by the end of 2004.

- Communication Studies (March 7-10, 2004)
- Anthropology and Geography (March 28-31, 2004)
- Biochemistry (April 4-7, 2004)
- Plant Pathology (June 6-9, 2004)
- Entomology (September 21-24, 2004)
- School of Biological Sciences (September 26-29, 2004)
- Modern Languages and Literatures (October 24-27, 2004)
- Philosophy (December 5-8, 2004)

Representatives were appointed to four APRs scheduled for 2005.

- Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education (February 13-16, 2005)
- Political Science (March 6-9, 2005)
- Statistics (T.B.A.)
- Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences (T.B.A.)

Six APR reports were submitted to the Academic Program Review Subcommittee in 2004.

- History (APR October 27-30, 2002)
- English (APR April 13-16, 2003)
- Psychology (APR October 26-29, 2003)
- School of Natural Resources (APR September 8-11, 2003)
- Agronomy and Horticulture (APR November 16-20, 2003)
- Plant Pathology (APR June 6-9, 2004)

An Academic Program Review subcommittee was established by amendment of the *Operating Procedures* on December 11, 2002. The APR subcommittee made its first report to APC on May 12, 2004. In addition to reporting on reviews completed during 2003 and 2004, the subcommittee recommended a template for APR reports. The template was incorporated into the APC *Operating Procedures* by amendment on September 8, 2004.

In 2004 APC received the following reports:

- Briefing on Parking and Traffic Planning
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee report
- Briefing on Dual Credit for High School Courses
- Information on the Campus Recreation artificial turf maintenance project
- Distance Education Strategic Plan
- Report from the Transition to the University Task Force
- Status of the Independent Study High School
- Academic Program Review Subcommittee report
- Annual report from the Chancellor
- Report on the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) meeting
- Report on the Strategic Planning process

- Report on the Master Plan mandate
- Report on Distance Education
- Report on activities of the University Curriculum Committee, 2003-04
- Report on Undergraduate Recruitment activities
- Report on the General Purpose Classroom Advisory Committee
- Report on the revision of the Academic Program Review process
- Report on the status of Programs of Excellence proposals

Recommended Centers for approval

Gallup Leadership Institute
High Plains Regional Climate Center

Recommended New Degree Program for approval

Major in Ethnic Studies

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) recommended for approval

Seaton Hall Second and Third Floors Renovation
Modular Biosafety Level 3 Lab on East Campus
Virology Research Center

Other business

Passed resolution on budget reductions and dismissal of tenured faculty
Initiated the use of Blackboard to share information among APC members

Appointed APC representatives to University-wide committees

- Aesthetic Review Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Committee to Revise the Academic Program Review Guidelines

Appointed APC subcommittees

- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing)
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing)
- Academic Program Review Subcommittee (standing)
- To evaluate the Ethnic Studies Major proposal (ad hoc)
- To evaluate the National Drought Mitigation Center proposal (ad hoc)
- To evaluate the High Plains Regional Climate Center proposal (ad hoc)

Issues upcoming

National Drought Mitigation Center proposal
Proposals for Programs of Excellence funding
Revision of Academic Program Review Guidelines and inclusion of accredited units
Surveys of Graduate Programs
Project Initiation Request for the Temple Building expansion
Project Initiation Request for the South Stadium renovation
Hospitality Management Program proposal
Discussion of Centers
Minor in Library Science