

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC)
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL ACADEMIC SENATE**

F. Edwin Harvey, Chair

December 2005-November 2006

Presented to the Academic Senate on December 5, 2006

Responsibilities:

- A. Formulate and recommend to the Academic Senate, to the Colleges, and to the Chancellor goals for UNL in the areas of education (resident and extension), research, and service.
- B. Recommend action to achieve the goals of UNL.
- C. Review with the Chancellor or appropriate Vice Chancellors the Comprehensive Facilities Plan, the campus master land-use plan, and facilities needs as they relate to academic and support program goals.
- D. Utilize all relevant information and expertise inside and outside UNL.
- E. Concern itself with goals, needs, and resources for a future period as long as is prudent and reasonable in view of the information and advice available.
- F. Empowered to recommend changes in program, including elimination.
- G. Changes or elimination of existing programs shall include time and opportunity for existing personnel to qualify for a position in another program within the University whenever this requirement will not materially interfere with UNL achieving in full measure the goals of education, research, and service.
- H. Encourage academic planning within the colleges and other units of UNL on continuing basis through joint faculty-administrative-student action.
- I. Assist the Chancellor in seeking remedies for a financial exigency.

Committee Members:

F. Edwin Harvey (Chair), Mary K. Bolin (Vice Chair), M. Susan Hallbeck, Steven Dunbar, Craig J. Eckhardt, David Fowler, Robert Haller, Dwayne Ball, Steven S. Waller, Giacomo M. Oliva, Barbara Couture, John C. Owens, Prem Paul, Curtis Wray, David Solheim, William J. Nunez, Jeffrey F. Keown, Michelle Green (Coordinator).

The Academic Planning Committee met 14 times between December 14, 2005 and November 1, 2006. Three more meetings are scheduled before the end of 2006 and nine are scheduled for Spring 2007. APC's annual meeting with the Chancellor is scheduled for May 2, 2007.

Recommendations for Action by the Senate:

None

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:

Academic Program Reviews

Members have served on eight APRs:

- Political Science (September 11-14, 2005)
- Statistics (September 11-14, 2005)
- School of Music (December 4-7, 2005)

- Educational Administration (February 5-8, 2006)
- Computer Science & Engineering (March 26-29, 2006)
- Biological Systems Engineering (April 10-13, 2006)
- Animal Science (May 14-18, 2006)
- Educational Psychology (December 3-6, 2006)

Five APR reports were submitted to the Academic Program Review Subcommittee in 2006.

- Philosophy (APR December 5-8, 2004, report submitted January 9, 2006)
- Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education (APR February 13-16, 2005, report submitted September 28, 2006)
- School of Music (APR December 4-7, 2005, report submitted September 28, 2006)
- Political Science (APR September 11-14, 2005, report submitted October 3, 2006)
- Educational Administration (APR February 5-8, 2006, report submitted October 24, 2006)

Three APRs are scheduled for the Spring Semester.

- Engineering Mechanics (February 18-21, 2007)
- Mathematics (March 4-7, 2007)
- Food Science & Technology (Spring 2007)

Reports Received

- University Academy proposal from Long-Range Planning Subcommittee
- Committee for Academic Titles
- North Central Association (NCA) accreditation
 - Process review
 - Regular updates
 - Presentation by Jim O’Hanlon prior to site team visit
- Academic Program Review Subcommittee activities
- Academic Program Review guidelines booklet
- J.D. Edwards program and status report
- Institutional Research & Planning information resources review
- From SVCAA – “Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching and/or Service” and a list of approved centers by the Chief Academic Officers of the University. Subsequently approved by the Board of Regents.

Centers Recommended for Approval

- Nebraska Transportation Center
- Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research

New Degree Programs Recommended for Approval

- Undergraduate Certificate Program in Meat Culinology®
- Bachelor of Science in Plant Biology
- Master of Science in Architectural Engineering

Name Changes Recommended

- Change the Center for Materials Research and Analysis to "Nebraska Center for Materials and Nanoscience"
- Change the BS in Environmental Soil Science to BS in "Environmental Restoration Science"
- Change the BS in Rangeland Ecosystems to BS in "Grassland Ecology and Management"
- Change Family and Consumer Sciences to "Child, Youth, and Family Studies"

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) recommended for approval

- Barkley Center addition
- South Stadium Office building renovations for Computer Science and Engineering
- Animal Science Building renovation for the Veterinary Medicine
- Physical Sciences replacement building

Programs of Excellence recommendations

- POE proposals submitted to APC for review and comment and recommendation
- Reviewed and made recommendations for use of residual PoE funds for GP classroom enhancements.

Membership

- F. Edwin Harvey Chair of APC, AY2006-07.
- Mary Bolin, appointed Vice Chair of the Academic Planning Committee on September 6, 2006.
- Academic Senate Representative: Jeffery Keown
- Representing Physical Sciences: Steven Dunbar for Fall 2006 substituting for Craig Eckhardt (term Spring 2007 through July 2009), and M. Susan Hallbeck.
- Representing Arts and Humanities: Robert Haller
- Representing Business and Social Sciences: Dwayne Ball, David Fowler
- Dean Representatives:
 - Giacomo Oliva
 - Steven Waller
- ASUN Representatives:
 - David Solheim (Undergraduate)
 - Curtis Wray (Graduate)

Appointments

APC representatives were appointed to two University-wide committees:

- Aesthetic Review Committee - Member M. Susan Hallbeck
- Curriculum Committee - Member David Fowler

Members were appointed to three APC subcommittees:

- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing)
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing)
- Academic Program Review Subcommittee (standing)

Other Actions

- APC approved the Academic Program Review Guidelines
- APC held an open forum meeting to present the proposal for a *University Academy*
- Current APC members and past chairs met with the visiting accreditation review team from the Higher Learning Commission regarding Special Emphasis, Academic Strategic Planning.

Upcoming Issues

- Continued evolution of *University Academy* and prototype development. Target of Fall 2007 for first course desired.
- Program proposals:
 - Bachelor of Science in Forensic Sciences
 - Bachelor of Science in Food Technology for Companion Animals
- APC review and comment of “The Strategic Plan for Diversity at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Summary of Additional Activities:

None

Recommendations for the Committee for the Next Year:

None