

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC)  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL FACULTY SENATE  
Mary K. Bolin, Chair  
December 2006 - November 2007  
Presented to the Faculty Senate on December 4, 2007**

**Responsibilities:**

- A. Formulate and recommend to the Faculty 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. Use 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:**

Mary K. Bolin (Chair), Craig J. Eckhardt (Vice Chair), William J. Nunez (Secretary), David Fowler, F. Edwin Harvey, Jeffrey F. Keown, John Bender, Andrew John Radcliffe, Dwayne Ball, Steven S. Waller, David H. Allen, Barbara A. Couture, John C. Owens, Prem S. Paul, Sarah Morris, David Solheim, Michelle Green (Coordinator).

The Academic Planning Committee met ten times between January 1, 2007 and November 14, 2007. Two more meetings are scheduled before the end of 2007 and eight meetings are scheduled for Spring 2008. APC's annual meeting with the Chancellor is scheduled for April 23, 2008.

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**Recommendations for Action by the Senate:**

*None*

**Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:**

Academic Program Reviews

Members have served on six APRs.

- Educational Psychology (December 3-6, 2006)
- Mathematics (March 4-7, 2007)
- Engineering Mechanics (February 18-21, 2007)

- Computer and Electronic Engineering in Omaha (September 16-19, 2007)
- Department of Food Science and Technology (October 2-4, 2007)
- Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences (October 22-24, 2007)

Seven APR reports were submitted to the Academic Program Review Subcommittee in 2006-2007.

- Biological Systems Engineering (APR April 10-13, 2006, report submitted November 29, 2006)
- Statistics (APR September 11-14, 2005, report submitted May 2, 2007)
- Computer Science and Engineering (APR March 26-29, 2006, report submitted March 7, 2007)
- Physics and Astronomy (APR April 2-5, 2006, report submitted May 2, 2007)
- Animal Sciences (APR May 14-18, 2006, report submitted April 18, 2007)
- Educational Psychology (APR December 3-6, 2006, report submitted May 2, 2007)
- Engineering Mechanics (APR February 18-21, 2007, report submitted April 18, 2007)

Three APRs are scheduled for the Spring Semester.

- Sociology (February 17-20, 2008)
- Electrical Engineering (March 2-5, 2008)
- Special Education (March 9-12, 2008)

#### Reports Received

- LB 32: Tax Free Textbooks FAQ.
- University of Nebraska–Lincoln Capital Project Planning Decision Flowchart.
- 2006 Six-Year Capital Plan and Submitted Projects.
- Diversity Plan Committee Report.
- University Academy Update.
- UNL General Education Reform Initiative, known as the Achievement-Centered Education or ACE program, accompanied with FAQs.
- University of Nebraska Comprehensive Listing of Centers.

#### Centers Recommended for Approval

- Plant Science Innovation

#### New Degree Programs Recommended for Approval

- Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science
- Bachelor of Science in Food Technology for Companion Animals
- Bachelor of Science in Ethnic Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Film Studies
- Professional Master of Law in Space and Telecommunications Law
- Master of Arts in Art History
- Bachelor of Science in Turfgrass and Landscape Management
- Undergraduate Certificate Program in Six Sigma Green Belt
- Master of Science in Construction

#### Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) Recommended for Approval

- College of Law Auditorium renovation and classroom addition
- Animal Science Complex renovation
- Kiem Hall, LB605 deferred maintenance renovation project
- Whittier Building renovation
- Nanomaterials Technology Building
- 17<sup>th</sup> & R Streets Residence Hall
- Animal Research Facility renovation project

#### Programs of Excellence (PoE) Recommendations

- PoE Extension Proposal Response Summary FY07/08 submitted to APC for review, comment, and recommendation.

#### Membership

- Mary K. Bolin, Chair of APC, AY2007-08
- Craig J. Eckhardt, appointed Vice Chair of the Academic Planning Committee on September 5, 2007
- Faculty Senate Representative: Jeffrey F. Keown
- Representing Physical Sciences: Craig J. Eckhardt and Andrew John (Jamie)Radcliffe
- Representing Arts and Humanities: John Bender
- Representing Business and Social Sciences: Dwayne Ball, David Fowler
- Dean Representatives:
  - David H. Allen
  - Steven S. Waller
- ASUN Representatives:
  - David Solheim (Undergraduate)
  - Sarah Morris (Graduate)

#### Appointments

APC representatives were appointed to two University-wide committees:

- Aesthetic Review Committee - Member Craig J. Eckhardt
- Curriculum Committee - Member David Fowler

APC representative appointed to Faculty Senate committee to review and respond to UNL's draft Diversity Plan

- Diversity Plan Working Committee - Member Dwayne Ball

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 review and comment of “The Strategic Plan for Diversity at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln” report.
- APC review and comment on Tax Free Textbooks Resolution.
- APC review of APC operating procedures.

#### Upcoming Issues

- Continued evolution of the *University Academy* and prototype development. Target of Fall 2008 for first course desired.
- Review and respond to Achievement-Centered Education (ACE) proposals.
- Discussion on certification programs and the application processes.
- Presentation concerning the future of libraries and the implication and potential of the APC.
- Examine review process of Centers.
- Program proposals:
  - Professional Degree Program: Doctor of Plant Health.

#### **Summary of Additional Activities:**

*None*

#### **Recommendations for the Committee for the Next Year:**

*None*