

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC)
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL FACULTY SENATE
Craig J. Eckhardt, Chair
December 2007 - November 2008
Presented to the Faculty Senate on December 2, 2008**

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:

Craig J. Eckhardt (Chair), John Bender (Vice Chair), William J. Nunez (Secretary), David Fowler, Jeffrey F. Keown, Shelley T. Fuller, Jennifer I. Brand (temporary stand-in for Andrew John Radcliffe), Dwayne Ball, Rochelle L. Dalla, David H. Allen, Gary L. Cunningham, Barbara A. Couture, John C. Owens, Prem S. Paul, Clarissa Steele, Emily Zimmer, Michelle (Shelly) Green (Coordinator).

The Academic Planning Committee met ten times between January 1, 2008 and November 19, 2008. Two more meetings are scheduled before the end of 2008 and eight meetings are scheduled for Spring 2009. APC's annual meeting with the Chancellor is scheduled for April 22, 2009.

Recommendations for Action by the Senate:

None

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:

Academic Program Reviews

Members have served on five APRs.

- Sociology (February 17-20, 2008)
- Electrical Engineering (March 2-5, 2008)

- Special Education Division (March 9-12, 2008)
- Geosciences (October 26-29, 2008)
- Civil Engineering (November 16-19, 2008)

Three APR reports were submitted to the Academic Program Review Subcommittee in 2007-2008.

- Mathematics (APR March 4-7, 2007; Report submitted February 13, 2008)
- Department of Food Science & Technology and Food Processing Center (APR October 2-4, 2007; Report submitted April 23, 2008)
- Computer and Electronic Engineering in Omaha (APR September 16-19, 2007; Report submitted November 19, 2008)

Three APRs are scheduled for the Spring and Fall Semesters.

- Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (April 2009)
- Agricultural Economics (May 18-20, 2009)
- School of Natural Resources (September 21-24, 2009)

Reports Received

- University Libraries: Strategic Planning and Budget Information.
- Voluntary System of Accountability.
- University Academy Update.
- International Programs Advisory Council (IPAC) Update.
- Legislative Issues: Nebraska Innovation Campus.
- Achievement-Centered Education (ACE), UNL's General Education Program Update.
- Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Cost Distributions.
- Major Planning Initiatives' for City of Lincoln and University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Overview of the 2008 Legislative Assembly.

New Degree Programs Recommended for Approval

- Professional Degree Program in Doctor of Plant Health

New Undergraduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Agriculture and Natural Resources Legal Studies Certificate Program

Name Changes Recommended

- Change the Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Technologist to Bachelor of Science in "Veterinary Technology".
- Change Bachelor of Science in Diversified Agricultural Studies to Bachelor of Science in "Applied Science".
- Change the Doctorate Degree in Horticulture and Forestry to "Horticulture".
- Change the J.D. Edwards Honors Program in Computer Science and Management to the "Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management".
- Change the Master of Agriculture to the "Master of Applied Science".
- Change the Department of Anthropology and Geography to the "Department of Anthropology".

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) Recommended for Approval

- Temple Building Addition Phase II – Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film Academic Facility

Programs of Excellence (PoE) Recommendations

- PoE Extension Proposal Response Summary FY08/09 submitted to APC for review, comment, and recommendation.

Membership

- Craig J. Eckhardt, Chair of APC, AY2008-09
- John Bender, appointed Vice Chair of the Academic Planning Committee on September 3, 2008
- Faculty Senate Representative: Rochelle L. Dalla
- Graduate Council Representative: Dwayne Ball
- Representing Physical Sciences: Craig J. Eckhardt and Jennifer I. Brand (temporary stand-in for Andrew John (Jamie) Radcliffe)
- Representing Arts and Humanities: John Bender and Shelley T. Fuller
- Representing Business and Social Sciences: David Fowler
- Representing Biological Sciences: Jeffrey F. Keown
- Dean Representatives:
 - David H. Allen
 - Gary L. Cunningham
- ASUN Representatives:
 - Emily Zimmer (Undergraduate)
 - Clarissa Steele (Graduate)
- Ex Officio Representatives:
 - William J. Nunez, Secretary of APC
 - Barbara A. Couture
 - John C. Owens
- Non-Voting Representative:
 - Prem S. Paul
- Non-Member Representative:
 - Michelle (Shelly) Green, Coordinator of APC

Appointments

APC representatives were appointed to two University-wide committees:

- Aesthetic Review Committee - Member Craig J. Eckhardt
- University Curriculum Committee - Member Rochelle L. Dalla

Members were appointed to two APC subcommittees:

- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing)
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing)

Other Actions

- APC review and comment of the “Information Technology Campus Stakeholder Group Survey”.

- APC review and adopt “Closing of CoE Research Centers” report.
- APC review of APC operating procedures.

Upcoming Issues

- Benchmarking report on Enrollment and Research.
- Formula for Overhead Funds Shared between Department and Center.
- Departmental Name Change:
 - Department of Plant Pathology to the “Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology”.
- New Undergraduate Certificate Program:
 - CASNR Leadership Program.

Summary of Additional Activities:

None

Recommendations for the Committee for the Next Year:

None