

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC)
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL FACULTY SENATE
John R. Bender, Chair
December 2008 - November 2009
Presented to the Faculty Senate on December 8, 2009**

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:

John R. Bender (Chair), Jennifer I. Brand (Vice Chair), William J. Nunez (Secretary), Craig J. Eckhardt, Jeffrey F. Keown, Shelley T. Fuller, Andrew John Radcliffe, Dwayne Ball, Miles Taft Bryant, David H. Allen, David Manderscheid, Barbara A. Couture, John C. Owens, Prem S. Paul, Megan Collins, Jennifer Mostek, Michelle (Shelly) Green (Coordinator).

The Academic Planning Committee met four times in May, June, and July, eight times during the Spring Semester, and five times during the Fall Semester for a total of 17 meetings. Of those meetings, only three meetings did not include discussion of budget issues. Two budget reduction hearings were held, one in July 2009 and the other in September 2009. Two more meetings are scheduled before the end of 2009 and eight meetings are scheduled for Spring 2010. APC's annual meeting with the Chancellor is scheduled for April 21, 2010.

Recommendations for Action by the Senate:

Approve the Operating Procedures of the Academic Planning Committee

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:

Academic Program Reviews

Members have served on five APRs.

- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (March 29-April, 2009)
- School of Natural Resources (September 21-24, 2009)
- English (October 4-7, 2009)
- Classics and Religious Studies, and Judaic Studies (October 25-28, 2009)
- Agricultural Economics (November 2-6, 2009)

Two APR reports were submitted to the Academic Planning Committee in 2009-2010

- Special Education and Communication Disorders (APR March 9-12, 2008; Report submitted September 16, 2009)*
- Geosciences (APR October 26-29, 2008; Report submitted September 16, 2009)

**The APR was only over the Special Education program*

Five APR reports were submitted to the Academic Planning Committee in 2008-2009.

- Civil Engineering (APR November 16-19, 2008; Report submitted April 22, 2009)
- Computer and Electronic Engineering in Omaha (APR September 16-19, 2007; Report submitted November 19, 2008)
- Sociology (APR February 17-20, 2008; Report submitted April 22, 2009)
- Electrical Engineering (APR March 2-5, 2008; Report submitted April 8, 2009)
- Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences (APR October 22-26, 2007; Report submitted April 8, 2009)

Four APRs are scheduled for the Fall and Spring Semesters.

- Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction (October 25-28, 2009) *
- University Libraries (March 21-24, 2010)
- Department of Chemistry (April 18-21, 2010) **
- Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (April 20-23, 2010)

**This review will include a review of the below three units-*

Architectural Engineering – Omaha Campus (PKI)

Construction Engineering – Lincoln City Campus (Nebraska Hall, Omaha Campus (PKI)

Construction Management – Lincoln City Campus (Nebraska Hall, Omaha Campus (PKI)

***The Nebraska Center for Mass Spectrometry will also be part of this review*

Budget Reductions – FY2010

- Approved the Chancellor's Proposed FY2009-10 budget reductions and structural changes.
- Reviewed and considered documents, comments, and testimony.
- Conducted two public hearings on proposed budget reductions and structural changes.
- Discussed with the Chancellor APC's initial recommendations.
- Issued recommendations on budget reductions (copies attached).

Reports Received

- Proposal to adopt Best Practices to Recruit and Retain a Diverse Faculty.
- Reconsidering English Proficiency Requirements and Practices for Undergraduate Admissions.
- Undergraduate Certificate proposal and review process update.
- Policy on Distribution of Facilities & Administrative (F & A) Costs at University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL).

- Approved UNL Centers or Initiatives for Purposes of F & A Cost Distribution.
- University Academy Update.
- University Curriculum Committee activities report.
- Information on the Chancellor's budget reduction decisions.
- Overview of Nebraska Innovation Campus.
- Nebraska Innovation Campus update.
- Chancellor's discussion on Chief Information Officer position.
- Budget Reduction Review Committee of Faculty Senate update.

Centers Recommended for Approval

- The Kit and Dick Schmoker Reading Center

Schools Recommended for Approval

- School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

New Degree Programs Recommended for Approval

- Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program in Music

Name Changes Recommended

- Change the Bachelor of Science in Professional Golf Management to Bachelor of Science in "PGA Golf Management".

Programs of Excellence (PoE) Recommendations

None

Membership

- John R. Bender, Chair of APC, AY2009-10
- Jennifer I. Brand, appointed Vice Chair of the Academic Planning Committee on September 2, 2009
- Faculty Senate Representative: Craig J. Eckhardt
- Graduate Council Representative: Dwayne Ball
- Representing Physical Sciences: Jennifer I. Brand and Andrew John (Jamie) Radcliffe)
- Representing Arts and Humanities: John Bender and Shelley T. Fuller
- Representing Business and Social Sciences: Miles Taft Bryant
- Representing Biological Sciences: Jeffrey F. Keown
- Dean Representatives:
 - David H. Allen
 - David Manderscheid (replaced Gary L. Cunningham)
- ASUN Representatives:
 - Megan Collins (Undergraduate)
 - Jennifer Mostek (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 Miles Taft Bryant

Members were appointed to two APC subcommittees:

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

Other Actions

- Discussion on proactive budget response and involvement.
- Discussion on future appointment to Chancellor's *Pursuing a 2020 Vision* task forces.
- Discussion on clearer definition of a program.
- Discussion on available institutional information and metrics reporting.

Upcoming Issues

- Additional budget reductions.
- Further discussion on clearer definition of a program.
- Further discussion on proactive budget response and future appointment to Chancellor's *Pursuing a 2020 Vision* task forces.
- Revision of Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions document.
- Project Initiation Request (PIR) on Animal Research Facility North & West Wing Renovation.
- Departmental Name Change:
 - Department of Plant Pathology to the "Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology".
- New Undergraduate Certificate Program:
 - Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars.
- New Research Center:
 - The University of Nebraska – Boys Town Center on Child and Family Well Being.

Summary of Additional Activities:

None

Recommendations for the Committee for the Next Year:

None