

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC)
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL FACULTY SENATE
Jennifer I. Brand, Chair
December 2009 - November 2010
Presented to the Faculty Senate on December 7, 2010**

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:

Jennifer I. Brand (Chair), Deborah Minter (Vice Chair), William J. Nunez (Secretary), Curtis L. Weller, Jeffrey F. Keown, Shelley T. Fuller, Miles Taft Bryant, Dwayne Ball, John R. Bender, Rita Kean, David Manderscheid, Ellen Weissinger, Ronnie Green, Prem S. Paul, Justin Solomon, David Solheim, Michelle (Shelly) Green (Coordinator).

The Academic Planning Committee met one time in June, eleven times during the Spring Semester, and six times during the Fall Semester for a total of 18 meetings. Of those meetings, only four meetings did not include discussion of budget issues. Additionally, the Academic Planning Committee meet three times with the Chancellor following the procedures to be invoked for significant budget reallocations and reductions and also meet with the deans and/or directors in a series of three meetings to discuss college strategic plans and priorities. Four budget reduction hearings were held, two in April 2010, one in June 2010, and one in September 2010. Two more meetings are scheduled before the end of 2010 and eight meetings are scheduled for Spring 2011. APC's annual meeting with the Chancellor is scheduled for April 13, 2011.

Recommendations for Action by the Senate:

Approve the Expansion of the Academic Planning Committee from Six to Eight Elected Faculty Members

Approve the Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:

Academic Program Reviews (APRs)

Members have served on six APRs.

- University Libraries (March 21-24, 2010)
- Chemistry (April 18-21, 2010)*
- Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (AgLec) (April 20-23, 2010)
- Entomology (September 21-24, 2010)
- Plant Pathology (October 4-7, 2010)
- Psychology (December 5-8, 2010)

**The Nebraska Center for Mass Spectrometry was also part of this APR.*

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

- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (APR March 29-April 1, 2009; Report submitted March 24, 2010)
- English (APR October 4-7, 2009; Report submitted April 21, 2010)

Three APRs are scheduled for the Spring Semester.

- Communication Studies (March 13-16, 2011)
- Anthropology (April 10-13, 2011)
- Biochemistry (April 18-21, 2011)**

***This review will include a review of the below two Centers-
Center for Biological Chemistry
Nebraska Center for Redox Biology*

Budget Reductions – FY2010

- Approved the Chancellor's proposed FY2010-11 budget reductions and structural changes.
- Reviewed and considered documents, comments, and testimony.
- Conducted four 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

- UNL.edu Review and Roadmap.
- Guiding Principles and Procedures for Budget Reductions.
- Information on the Chancellor's budget reduction decisions.
- Strategic Plans, Strategic Priorities, and other background information from each of the Colleges.
- Review and approval process of Graduate Certificates update.
- Faculty Governance and Rights.
- Certificate Program Approval Procedures.
- Current Budget and Projected State Assumptions.
- Agency Efficiency Review Plans, Section 7 of LB 935
- Senior Vice Chancellor search update.

- New facilities and projects funded by stimulus money update.
- Nebraska Innovation Campus and Innovation Campus Development Corporation Board of Director update.
- University Curriculum activities report.
- Budget Reduction Review Committee of Faculty Senate update.
- UNL Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP).
- Overview of UNL Online Directory Services.

Centers Recommended for Approval

- The University of Nebraska-Boys Town Center on Child and Family Well Being

New Undergraduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars Certificate Program

New Graduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Autism Spectrum Disorders and Severe Disabilities Certificate Program

Name Changes Recommended

- Change the name of the Department of Geosciences to the “Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences”.
- Change the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in the former Geosciences graduate degrees to Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Earth and Atmospheric Science degrees.
- Change undergraduate major in Nutritional Science and Dietetics to “Nutrition and Health Sciences.”
- Change undergraduate major in News-Editorial to “Journalism”.
- Change undergraduate major in Advertising to “Advertising and Public Relations”.
- Delete joint Master of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Science in Teaching, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in “Mathematics and Statistics”.

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) Recommended for Approval

- East Stadium Research Fit-Out
- Residence Hall at 18th/19th & R Streets

Programs of Excellence (PoE) Recommendations

None

Membership

- Jennifer I. Brand, Chair of APC, AY2010-11
- Deborah W. Minter, appointed Vice Chair of the Academic Planning Committee on September 1, 2010
- Faculty Senate Representative: John R. Bender
- Graduate Council Representative: Dwayne Ball
- Representing Physical Sciences: Jennifer I. Brand

- Representing Arts and Humanities: Deborah W. Minter and Shelley T. Fuller
- Representing Business and Social Sciences: Miles Taft Bryant
- Representing Biological Sciences: Jeffrey F. Keown and Curtis L. Weller
- Dean Representatives:
 - Rita Kean
 - David Manderscheid
- ASUN Representatives:
 - Justin Solomon (Undergraduate)
 - David C. Solheim (Graduate)
- Ex Officio Representatives:
 - William J. Nunez, Secretary of APC
 - Ellen Weissinger
 - Ronnie Green
- 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 Miles Taft Bryant
- University Curriculum Committee - Member Curtis L. Weller

Members were appointed to three APC subcommittees:

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

Other Actions

- Discussion and resolution letter on Senior Vice Chancellor position.
- Discussion on establishment of an APC standing Certificate Subcommittee.
- APC's Proposed Guidelines for APC Handling of Academic Personnel Cuts.
- Discussion on APC's Guidelines for Providing Information for Unit Mergers.
- APC's participation in the integration plan of the merger of three departments in the College of Engineering.
- APC solicitation and review of suggestions for improving campus efficiency.
- Expansion of the APC from six to eight elected faculty members.
- Options for partnering with Faculty Senate Executive Committee on a faculty driven vision for the future of UNL.
- APC affirmation relative to University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association (UNOPA) and University Association for Administrative Development (UAAD) involvement via recommendations during Phases One, Two, and Three of the Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions Procedures.
- Discussion on future appointment to Chancellor's *Pursuing a 2020 Vision* pre-task forces.

Upcoming Issues

- Additional potential budget reductions.
- Further revision to the Operating Procedures of the Academic Planning Committee.
- Revision of the APC Guidelines for Providing Information for Unit Mergers.
- Further revisions to the Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions document.
- Further discussion on future appointment to Chancellor's *Pursuing a 2020 Vision* pre-task forces.
- Available institutional information and metrics reporting.
- Budget reduction items identified by the College of Engineering.
- Overview on Campus Recreation projects.
- Partnering with Faculty Senate Executive Committee on a faculty driven vision for the future of UNL.
- New Graduate Certificate Program:
 - Earth Science for Educators Program

Summary of Additional Activities:

None

Recommendations for the Committee for the Next Year:

The Academic Planning Committee will continue to increase faculty participation in governance and campus vision.