

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC)
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL FACULTY SENATE
Stephen Lahey, Chair
December 2012 - November 2013
Presented to the Faculty Senate on December 3, 2013**

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:

Stephen Lahey (Chair), Michael Hoffman (Vice Chair), William J. Nunez (Secretary), Archie Clutter, Leslie Delserone, Jacob Friefeld, Ronnie Green, Gerard Harbison, Elizabeth (Libby) Jones, Martha McCollough, T. Jack Morris, Prem Paul, Donde Plowman, Patrick Shea, Linda Shipley, Josh Waltjer, and Ellen Weissinger. Michelle (Shelly) Green (Coordinator).

The Academic Planning Committee met five times during the Spring Semester, and four times during the Fall Semester for a total of nine meetings. Additionally, the Academic Planning Committee met once with the Chancellor regarding general university planning. One more meeting is scheduled before the end of 2013 and seven meetings are scheduled for Spring 2014. APC's annual meeting with the Chancellor is scheduled for April 23, 2014.

Recommendations for Action by the Senate:

- Partnering with Faculty Senate Executive Committee concerning a forum for non-tenure track faculty members for informational purposes on what rights they have.

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:

1) Academic Program Reviews (APRs)

Members have served on three APRs in 2013

- Physics and Astronomy (March 3-6, 2013)
- Computer Science and Engineering (March 24-27, 2013)*
- Statistics (October 27-30, 2013)

**Lincoln and Omaha*

Seven APRs are scheduled for the Spring and Fall Semesters

- Educational Administration (February 23-26, 2014)
- Food Science and Technology (March 31-April 2, 2014)*
- School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (April 8-10, 2014)**
- Mathematics (November 2-5, 2014)
- Agricultural Economics (Dates TBD)
- Educational Psychology (Fall 2014; Dates TBD)
- School of Natural Resources (Dates TBD)***

**This review will include a review of the following Center: Food Processing Center*

***This review will include a review of the following Centers: Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center and Veterinary Diagnostic Center*

****This review will include a review of the following Centers: Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technologies, High Plains Regional Climate Center, National Drought Mitigation Center, Water Center, and Great Plains Regional Center for Global Environmental Change*

Ten APR reports were submitted to the Academic Planning Committee in 2012-2013

- Philosophy (APR November 6-9, 2011; Report submitted January 31, 2012: Accepted by APC membership May 20, 2013)
- Agronomy and Horticulture (APR October 3-7, 2011; Report submitted September 12, 2012; Accepted by APC membership June 3, 2013)
- Political Science (APR October 7-10, 2012; Report submitted December 12, 2012; Accepted by APC membership May 20, 2013)
- Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education (APR March 4-7, 2012; Report submitted January 18, 2013)
- History (APR September 23-26, 2013; Report submitted January 23, 2013)
- School of Biological Sciences (APR March 11-14, 2012; Report submitted February 12, 2013)
- Physics and Astronomy (APR March 3-6, 2013; Report submitted May 30, 2013)
- Computer Science and Engineering (APR March 24-27, 2013; Report submitted June 28, 2013)
- Modern Languages and Literatures (APR October 28-31, 2012; Report submitted July 20, 2013)
- Animal Science (APR May 14-17, 2012; Report submitted September 8, 2013)

2) Reports Received

- Academic Program Review Guidelines.
- General Purpose classrooms improvements and enhancements.
- Brace Hall Project update.
- Love Library North as learning academic commons for campus.
- Tuition freeze recommendation by Governor Heineman.
- Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources faculty hiring initiative update.
- Update on Washington, DC concerning grants and shortfalls.
- Pursuit of new source of funding from University-Affiliated Research Center.
- International recruitment efforts.
- Update on Digital Measures Activity Insight™ Program.
- Inform of hire and changes in Office of University Registrar.
- UNL Campus and Landscape Master Plan update briefings and presentations.
- Classroom Assignment System adjustments.
- Federal budget sequestration.
- Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources leadership searches and changes update.
- Budget and Legislature outlook.
- Innovation Campus development update.
- 2016-2017 accreditation of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln reference.
- Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources transitioning of Academic Program Review timeline process for consistency.
- Academic Program Review Monitor Guidelines (in-house).
- Behlen Laboratory Renovation briefing.
- Faculty hiring initiative in Academic Affairs
- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee activities.
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee activities.
- University Curriculum Committee activities.
- Aesthetics Review Committee activities.
- Enrollment Management Council activities.

3) New Graduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Supply Chain Management Systems
- Business Analytics

4) Rename Bachelor of Science Recommended for Approval

- Rename Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism to Bachelor of Arts degree in Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management

5) Change of Degree Name Recommended for Approval

- Rename Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Journalism to Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication

6) Elimination of Major Recommended for Approval

- Eliminate the major in the European Studies

- 7) Amend Administrative Scope of Guidelines Recommendation
 - Amend administrative scope of the Operational Guidelines for the Department of Biochemistry and the Center for Biological Chemistry
- 8) Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) Recommended for Approval
 - Behlen Laboratory Renovation, Floors 1-3
 - Manter Hall Renovation
 - C.Y. Thompson Library Renovation
 - Love Library North Learning Commons Development
- 9) Programs of Excellence (PoE) Recommendations

None

Membership

- Stephen Lahey, Chair of the Academic Planning Committee, AY2013-14, appointed on September 5, 2012
- Michael Hoffman, appointed Vice Chair of the Academic Planning Committee on September 4, 2013
- Faculty Senate Representative: Gerard Harbison
- Graduate Council Representative: Elizabeth (Libby) Jones
- Representing Physical Sciences: Michael Hoffman and Jamie Radcliffe
- Representing Arts and Humanities: Stephen Lahey and Leslie Delserone
- Representing Business, Education, and Social Sciences: Martha McCollough and Linda Shipley
- Representing Biological Sciences: T. Jack Morris and Patrick Shea
- Dean Representatives:
 - Archie Clutter
 - Donde Plowman
- ASUN Representatives:
 - Josh Waltjer (Undergraduate)
 - Jacob Friefeld (Graduate)
- Ex Officio Representatives:
 - William J. Nunez, Secretary of APC
 - Ellen Weissinger
 - Ronnie Green
 - Prem S. Paul
- Non-Member Representative:
 - Michelle (Shelly) Green, Coordinator of APC

Appointments

APC representatives were appointed to four University-wide committees:

- Aesthetic Review Committee - Member Martha McCollough
- University Curriculum Committee - Member Gerard Harbison
- Enrollment Management Council - Member Linda Shipley
- Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) Task Force – Member T. Jack Morris

Members were appointed to six APC subcommittees:

- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing)
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing)
- To review proposed rename current Bachelor of Science in Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management
- To review proposed graduate certificate in Supply Chain Management Systems
- To review proposed graduate certificate in Business Analytics

A.) Other Actions

- 1) Discussion on Academic Program Review Guidelines, Procedure and Process.
- 1a) Approval to change timeline of Academic Program Review process regarding APC monitor report.
- 1b) Continue dialogue with Faculty Senate Executive Committee concerning streamlining the Promotion and Tenure review process as well as the Academic Program Review process.
- 2) Dialogue on integration of strategic plan at the college level.
- 3) Discussion on Achievement-Centered Education (ACE).
- 3a) Discussion on student outcome assessments.
- 4) Discussion on Chancellor Perlman's future long-range goals.
- 4a) Recommendations made on UNL's Campus and Landscape Master Plan Update.
- 4b) Continuing discussion to include APC involvement in general university planning.
- 5) Appointment of APC member to Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) Task Force.
- 6) Conversation on needed adjustments to Classroom Assignment System.
- 7) Discussion regarding Professor of Practice representation on APC membership.
- 7a) Dialogue with Faculty Senate Executive Committee concerning the APC considering adding a seat for a professor of practice and a seat for a non-tenure line research faculty.

B.) Upcoming Issues

- Revision of the APC Template for Report of Academic Program Review. (See A.1 and A.1a above)
- Possible future APC input on Academic Program Review procedures and guidelines and revision.
- Further discussion on simplifying and streamlining of Achievement-Centered Education (ACE) certification and ACE transfers. (See A.3 and A.3a above)
- Further conversation on needed adjustments to Classroom Assignment System. (See A.6 above)
- Re-visit the activities and the role of the APC representative on the University Curriculum Committee as this Committee is in the process of revising how it functions.
- Re-visit the topic of inviting Deans' to a future APC meeting once strategic and hiring priorities have been formulated.
- Additional discussion and subsequent conversation with the Chancellor focusing on strategic questions impacting the institution. (See A.4 and A.4a above)

- Merger of the Department of Computer and Electronics Engineering and the Department of Electrical Engineering into new department – Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Possible amendment of APC Bylaws to include Professor of Practice and research faculty representation on APC. (See A.7 and A.7a above)
- Partnering with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on a forum for non-tenure track faculty members informing of their rights on campus. (See A.7 and A.7a above)

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.