

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC)
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL FACULTY SENATE
Leslie Delserone, Chair
December 2014 - November 2015
Presented to the Faculty Senate on December 1, 2015**

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:

Leslie Delserone (Chair), William Wagner (Vice Chair), William J. Nunez (Secretary), Leilani Arthurs (resigned), Nancy Busch, Thien Chau, Michael Farrell, Ronnie Green, Gerard Harbison, Michael Hoffman, Maria Marron, Prem Paul, Patrick Shea, Melanie Simpson, Curtis Walker, Ellen Weissinger (returned to faculty July 1, 2015) Tyler White, and Ronald Yoder (stand-in for Green). Michelle (Shelly) Green (Coordinator).

The Academic Planning Committee met four times during the Spring Semester, and six times during the Fall Semester for a total of 10 meetings. One more meeting is scheduled before the end of 2015 and seven meetings are scheduled for Spring 2016. APC's annual meeting with the Chancellor is scheduled for April 27, 2015.

Recommendations for Action by the Senate:

None

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:

Academic Program Reviews (APRs)

Members have served on four APRs in 2015

- Agricultural Economics (September 27-30, 2015)
- School of Natural Resources (October 25-28, 2015)*
- Special Education and Communication Disorders (November 1-4, 2015)
- Earth and Atmospheric Sciences (November 15-18, 2015)

**This Review included a review of the following Centers: Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technologies (CALMIT), High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC), Water Center, and Great Plains Regional Center for Global Environmental Change (GPRC)*

Five APRs are scheduled for the Spring and Fall Semesters

- School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (January 25-29, 2016)**
- Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (April 17-20, 2016)
- English (Fall 2016)
- Plant Pathology (October 16-19, 2016)
- Entomology (October 30-November 2, 2016)

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

Two APR reports were submitted to the APC in 2014-2015

- Educational Administration (APR February 23-26, 2014; Report submitted November 18, 2014; Accepted by APC membership December 10, 2014)
- Mathematics (APR November 2-5, 2014; Report submitted March 17, 2015; Accepted by APC membership April 8, 2015)

Reports Received

- Proposed merger of College of Architecture and Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts (summary of activities).
- Guidelines for the Strategic Planning Process and Timeline for proposed Hixson-Lied College of the Arts and Design.
- Alternate name for the new college – the Hixson-Lied College of the Arts and Architecture.
- Master of Community and Regional Planning Degree Program information.
- Subcommittee Report to the APC on the proposed merger of the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts.
- Appointment of new President for university system and retirement of UNL Chancellor (informational).
- Taskforce for the Social and Behavioral Sciences Initiative in Office of Research and Economic Development.
- Budget and Legislature outlook.
- Update on Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP).
- Update on Distance Education.

- Disbandment of Enrollment Management Council (informational).
- Creation of Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center.
- Updates on current research funding environment, and faculty research and programs, from the Office of Research and Economic Development.
- Overview of UNL campus construction projects.
- Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources leadership searches and changes.
- Updates on Innovation Campus development.
- Update on search for Director in Academic Services and Enrollment Management.
- Recruitment of associate vice chancellor for Global Engagement and assistant vice chancellor for diversity in Academic Affairs.
- Formation and composition of the Food Initiative Task Force.
- Update on creation of INFEWS (Innovations at the Nexus of Food Energy and Water Systems).
- Update on intercampus bus transportation, Parking and Transit Service.
- Discussion of Academic Program Review Monitor Guidelines (in-house).
- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee activities.
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee activities.
- University Curriculum Committee activities.
- Aesthetics Review Committee activities.
- Enrollment Management Council activities.

New Graduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Sensory Disabilities
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Behavior Specialist
- Construction Engineering and Management

New Bachelor of Science Recommended for Approval

- Software Engineering

New Department Recommended for Approval

- Supply Chain Management and Analytics

PhD Program and Five Areas of Specialization Recommended for Approval

- Complex Biosystems and Specializations in:
 - 1) Systems Analysis
 - 2) Integrative Plant Biology
 - 3) Microbial Interactions
 - 4) Pathobiology and Biomedical Science
 - 5) Computational Organismal Biology, Ecology, and Evolution

Elimination of Major Recommended for Approval

- Eliminate the College of Arts & Sciences major in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, while retaining the College of Education and Human Sciences major in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology

College Merger Recommended for Approval

- Merge the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) Recommended for Approval

- Morrill Hall 4th Floor Renovation

Dissolving of Centers – Informational Only

- Center for Ergonomics and Safety Research
- Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education

Programs of Excellence (PoE) Recommendations

None

Membership

- Leslie Delserone, Chair of the APC, AY2015-16, appointed on September 2, 2015
- William Wagner, appointed Vice Chair of the APC on September 2, 2015
- Faculty Senate Representative: Michael Hoffman
- Graduate Council Representative: Melanie Simpson
- Representing Physical Sciences: Gerard Harbison and TBA (Leilani Arthurs resigned)
- Representing Arts and Humanities: Leslie Delserone and Tyler White
- Representing Business, Education, and Social Sciences: Michael Farrell and Guy Trainin
- Representing Biological Sciences: Patrick Shea and William Wagner
- Dean Representatives:
 - Nancy Busch
 - Maria Marron
- ASUN Representatives:
 - Thien Chau (Undergraduate)
 - Curtis Walker (Graduate)
- Ex Officio Representatives:
 - William J. Nunez, Secretary of APC
 - TBD (Senior Vice Chancellor Weissinger returned to faculty July 1, 2015)
 - Ronnie Green (interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs)
 - Prem S. Paul
 - Ronald Yoder (for IANR Senior Vice Chancellor Ronnie Green)
- Non-Member Representative:
 - Michelle (Shelly) Green, Coordinator of APC

Appointments

APC representatives were appointed to two University-wide committees:

- Aesthetic Review Committee - Member Gerard Harbison
- University Curriculum Committee - Member Leslie Delserone

Members were appointed to seven APC subcommittees:

- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing)
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing)
- To review proposed merger of the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts
- To review proposed establishment of Department of Supply Chain Management and Analytics
- To review proposed graduate certificate in Construction Engineering and Management
- To review proposed PhD program in Complex Biosystems program and proposed five Areas of Specialization
- To review proposed Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering degree

Other Actions

- Discussion concerning proposed merger of the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts into new college – the Hixson-Lied College of the Arts and Design.
- Held assembly for feedback from involved individuals pertaining to the proposed merger of the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts into new college.*
- Discussion and APC acceptance of the addition on non-tenure track faculty member to the APC and corresponding letter sent to Faculty Senate.
- Discussion on the Academic Program Review process and lack of feedback from administration.
- Revision to Outline for Project Initiation Request Form.
- Establish agenda for APC consideration and action during AY2015-2016.
- Discussion of *Academic Program Review Guidelines, Procedure and Process*.
- Review previous recommendations from Long-Range Planning subcommittee for current year.
- Unsuccessful college merger and current plans discussion.
- Creation of *ad hoc* Committee to explore “future role of APC in decision making at UNL”.
- Expectations of APC Academic Program Review Monitor.
- Aesthetics Review Committee process discussion.

**Note the Board of Regents did not consider this proposed merger and this will not go forward*

Upcoming Issues

- Determine definition, for the *Academic Program Review Guidelines*, of an “external UNL faculty member” serving on the Academic Program Review team.
- Continue dialogue with Faculty Senate Executive Committee concerning addition of a seat for a professor of practice and a seat for a non-tenure line research faculty on the APC.
- Amendment of the APC Operating Procedures to update.

- Future APC input on Academic Program Review procedures and guidelines and revision.
- Re-visit the activities and the role of the APC representative on the University Curriculum Committee.
- University Libraries update presentation.
- Discussion of administrative responses to Academic Program Reviews.
- Report on Distance Education revenue model.
- Information Item: Revised Proposal: Executive Certificate in Space Law, Cyber and Cyber Security Law, and Cyber and Telecommunications.

Summary of Additional Activities:

None

Recommendations for the Committee for the Next Year:

- Continue dialogue with Faculty Senate Executive Committee concerning streamlining the Academic Program Review process.
- Work with the Faculty Senate on revisions to the UNL Bylaws.