

**ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC) ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL
FACULTY SENATE**

Ken Bloom, Chair

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Presented to the Faculty Senate on January 9, 2018

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 relevant campus physical planning documents as they relate to academic program needs and education research and service goals, and the Committee shall make recommendations.
- D. The Committee is empowered to approve or disapprove proposed new academic programs and changes in existing programs, including elimination.
- 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. 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.
- G. Encourage academic planning within the colleges and other units of UNL on continuing basis through joint faculty-administrative-student action.
- H. Assist the Chancellor in seeking remedies for a financial exigency.
(To see the complete list of responsibilities go to UNL Bylaws
<https://www.unl.edu/chancellor/bylaws/01> Section 1.2.7 Academic Planning Committee)

Current Members:

- Ken Bloom, Chair, Physics & Astronomy
- John Bender, Vice Chair, College of Journalism & Mass Communications
- Faculty Senate Representative: David Woodman, School of Biological Sciences
- Michael Farrell, Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communication
- Eva Franke-Schubert, Computing and Electrical Engineering
- Guy Trainin, Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education
- Mark Hinchman, College of Architecture
- Patricia Sollars, Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences
- Sheila Purdum, Animal Science
- Ann Tschetter, History
- Jennifer Clarke, Graduate Council Representative
- Dean Representatives:
 - Chuck O'Connor
 - Maria Marron
- ASUN Representatives:
 - Janae Aune (Undergraduate)

- Karen F. Da Silva(Graduate)
- Ex Officio Representatives:
 - William J. Nunez, Associate to the Chancellor
 - Donde Plowman, Executive Vice Chancellor
 - Mike Boehm, Vice Chancellor of IANR
 - Steve Goddard, (Interim VC of Research)
- Non-Member Representative:
 - Karen Griffin, Coordinator of Faculty Governance

The Academic Planning Committee met six times during the Spring Semester, and eight times during the Fall Semester for a total of fourteen meetings. The APC's annual meeting (for the 2016-17 academic year) with the Chancellor was held on March 15, 2017.

Recommendations for Action by the Senate:

None

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:

Academic Program Reviews (APRs)

Members have served on the following APRs:

- Classics & Religious Studies (February 29 - March 1, 2017)
- University Libraries (March 5-8, 2017)
- Biochemistry (May 8 - 11, 2017)
- Agronomy/Horticulture (October 2-6, 2017)
- Psychology (October 1 - 4, 2017)
- Child, Youth, & Family Studies (October 22-25, 2017)

Five APR reports were submitted, and accepted, to the APC during 2017:

- Entomology, presented April 19, 2017
- University Libraries, presented September 6, 2017
- Classics and Religious Studies, presented September 29, 2017
- Plant Pathology, presented September 20, 2017
- Biochemistry, presented November 29, 2017

Summary of Activities:

- Updated and revised the Academic Program Review Guidelines.
- Developed a letter to inform faculty members in a program undergoing an APR that individual faculty members have the option of meeting separately with the review team if they wish.
- Reviewed the Procedures to be used for Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions to prepare for upcoming budget cuts.
- Heard reports from the Chancellor's task forces on Student Matriculation Success, Smart Enrollment, the Budget Model, and Achieving Distinction.
- Received an update regarding capital construction plans for the campus.
- Revised the Operating Procedures for the APC.

- Met with the Chancellor when he invoked the procedures for the budget cuts to discuss the campus budget and the amount that will need to be cut from it. The Chancellor presented the general budget framework and timeline for the APC to consider.
- Met with Vice Chancellor Jackson to review UNL's budget shortfall for 2018-2019 biennium and to learn the history of budget reductions to the campus.
- Met with Associate to the President Kostelnik to get an update on President Bounds' budget reduction task forces and the recommendations that were accepted by the Chancellors and President Bounds.
- Met to consider the general budget framework and timeline and decided to accept the framework, but did not accept the proposed timeline stating instead that the Committee would work as expeditiously as possible to consider the budget cuts.
- Met with the Chancellor to hear the first set of proposed budget cuts. Questions were raised which were then put into a document. When the answers to the questions were obtained, they were included in the document which was reviewed by the APC. The Committee approved the public release of the first set of proposed cuts.
- Met with the Chancellor to hear that the second round of proposed budget cuts would not be required at this time. The Committee set the hearing date for the initial proposed budget cuts for January 17.
- Executive Vice Chancellor Plowman provided reports and updates on the hiring freeze, the need for better communication with the faculty, efforts to work with the Greek community to re-establish a positive relationship between the administration and the Greek houses. Heard about the success of the Faculty Club nights at Nebraska Innovation Campus. Received updates on the searches for the Dean of the College of Business and the Vice Chancellor of Research and Economic Development. Was informed that a search will be conducted for a director of Institutional Effectiveness and Analytics. Received an update regarding the restructuring of the Student Affairs Office.
- Vice Chancellor Boehm provided updates on the opening of a new residence hall on East Campus, the opening of the Veterinary & Diagnostic Center, the upcoming renovation of the East Campus Union, and efforts to raise funds to renovate CYT Library. Reported on an effort to create a visual literacy area on East Campus. Discussed the IANR Summit where IANR's strategic visioning process was launched. Talked about the collective reviewing process to determine where there are discrepancies between PeopleSoft and CREQ and how to correct these discrepancies.
- Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development Goddard provided periodic updates on the state of research at UNL, discussed concerns for federal funding of research, reported on a grant writing workshop for faculty, graduate students, and post docs. Announced the Faculty Connector program, gave a report on the Research Fair, and provided updates on Nebraska Innovation Campus, including reporting that NIC was honored with the Emerging Research Park Award from the Association of University Research Parks. The APC was informed that discussions were being held with the Deans about F & A distribution.

New Graduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Graduate Certificate in Education Technology

New Undergraduate Major Recommended for Approval

- Sports Media and Communication

New Master's Program Recommended for Approval

- Master of Science in Business Analytics
- Master of Science in Finance

Change of Name for Program Recommended for Approval

- Speech Language Pathology and Audiology to Communication Sciences and Disorders

Elimination of Undergraduate Major Recommended for Approval

- Great Plains Studies Major

New Center Recommended for Approval

- Nebraska Food for Health Center

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) Recommended for Approval

- Johnny Carson Center for Emerging Media Arts and Dance
- Mabel Lee Hall Renovation

Programs of Excellence (PoE) Recommendations

None

Appointments 2017-18:

APC representatives were appointed to two University-wide committees:

- Aesthetic Review Committee - Mark Hinchman
- University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee - Guy Trainin
- Members were appointed to seven APC subcommittees:
- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing committee): Eva Franke-Schubert, Sheila Purdum, and Bill Nunez
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing committee): John Bender, Mike Farrell, Jennifer Clarke, David Woodman, and Judy Walker
- Subcommittees were created to review program proposals (see above under Summary of Activities for list of proposed programs)

APC representatives were appointed for future Academic Program Reviews:

- Nutrition & Health Sciences - David Woodman
- Animal Science - TBD

Upcoming Issues:

- Review procedures for future campus budget cuts
- Impact of potential new budget models on UNL missions of teaching, research, and service
- Development of 2025 Strategic Plan for University

Summary of Additional Activities:

None

Recommendations for the Committee for the Next Year:

None