ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC) ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL FACULTY SENATE
Jennifer Clarke, Chair
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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 quality 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 Section 1.2.7 Academic Planning Committee)

Current Members:
  - Jennifer Clarke, Chair, Graduate Council Representative
  - Kurt Geisinger, Vice Chair, Educational Psychology
  - Ken Bloom, Physics & Astronomy
  - Faculty Senate Representative: Sarah Purcell, Southeast Research & Extension
  - Frauke Hachtmann, Advertising
  - Eileen Hebets, School of Biological Sciences
  - Sheila Purdum, Animal Science
  - Ann Tschetter, History
  - Timothy Gay, Physics & Astronomy
  - Kevin Smith, Political Science
  - Dean Representatives:
    - Chuck O'Connor
    - Chuck Hibberd
  - ASUN Representatives:
    - Emily Johnson (Undergraduate)

- o   Shawn Ratcliff (Graduate)
- Ex Officio Representatives:
  - o   Mike Zeleny, Associate to the Chancellor
  - o   Richard Moberly, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor
  - o   Mike Boehm, Vice Chancellor of IANR
  - o   Bob Wilhelm, VC of Research and Economic Development
- Non-Member Representative:
  - o   Karen Griffin, Coordinator of Faculty Governance

The Academic Planning Committee met five times during the spring semester, once during the summer, and six times during the fall semester for a total of twelve meetings. Chancellor Green gave his annual report to the Committee at the April 24, 2019 meeting.

Recommendations for Action by the Senate:
None

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:
Academic Program Reviews (APRs)
>   Members have served on the following APRs:
- Communication Studies (March 3-6, 2019)
- Modern Languages & Literature (February 24-27, 2019)
- Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer & Science (October 27-29, 2019)
- School of Biological Sciences (October 6-9, 2019)
- Biological Systems Engineering (September 9-12, 2019)

>   Six APR reports were submitted, and accepted, to the APC during 2019:
- Textiles, Merchandising, and Fashion Design presented April 10, 2019
- Philosophy presented April 10, 2019
- Communications Studies presented October 9, 2019

Summary of Activities (complete details can be found on the APC Minutes website https://www.unl.edu/apc/minutes):
- The APC worked on revising the Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocation and Reduction. Bloom met with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to discuss the proposed changes during which time further revisions were proposed. The APC approved the additional revisions and the Procedures were presented to the Faculty Senate for approval.
- Chancellor Green met with the APC on April 24th and discussed enrollment figures, research efforts, faculty awards, the incentive-based budget model, the hiring of Deans Button, Jones, Heng-Moss, and Stewart and the hiring of VC Barker. He provided the APC with an update on the Legislature in regards to the University budget. Chancellor Green spoke of the upcoming constructions projects that would be taking place on campus for the next few years.
- Vice Chancellor Boehm reported on the creation of a N150 strategy team and the formation of the RCM budget model committee. He provided updates on the transformation of East Campus with renovations to the East Campus Union, CYT Library, the Gnotobiotic Mouse Facility and the Dairy Store. VC Boehm reported

on the efforts to revise the promotion and tenure process in IANR. He reported on the Northeast Educational Compact in Northeastern Nebraska of which the University is involved in.

- Vice Chancellor Wilhelm provided periodic updates on the state of research at UNL and efforts to help foster research and economic development. He discussed concerns of the federal shutdown and the impacts it could have on the university. He reported on meeting Microsoft representatives to discuss new research endeavors in precision education, agriculture, and health. He announced to the APC that Professor Jim Lewis was hired to run the STEM Education Research Initiative on campus. VC Wilhelm discussed ORED's strategic planning process in coordination with the N150. He informed the APC of efforts to improve the common security information that is required for some external research. He reported on the spring research fair and the connector night at Innovation Campus. He discussed the need for researchers to adhere to the many federal regulations that are required for international collaboration in research.

- Interim EVC Moberly reported on the hiring of Dr. Monk to be the director for the Center for Transformative Teaching, and the Staff Leadership Academy which was very successful last year and would be held again. He stated that the APC will consider a proposal to create a School of Computing. He reported on the creation of a committee in the College of Arts & Sciences that will be looking at Lecturer salaries and working conditions. He noted that the EVC Office is reviewing remission and tuition waiver programs, and noted that the VSIP program was once again being offered.

- Former EVC Plowman stated that the EVC Office was focusing on leadership development this year. She provided an update on the RCM budget committee, and reported on the creation of the Husker Hub which provides a number of services to students.

- The APC received numerous updates on the RCM budget model process from Bloom and Clarke, as well as several presentations made by VC Nunez and Executive Director Berlie. Discussion topics included the need for quality data, defining the metrics that will be used, how the tuition funds will be allocated, how State subsidies will affect the RCM budget model, how F & A funds will be distributed, and the timeline for the budget model to go into effect.

- Met with Associate VC LaGrange to discuss the Services Delivery Initiative and discussed the potential impacts it could have for faculty in the colleges and departments.

- The APC discussed and proposed revisions to the Guidelines for Academic Program Reviews.

- The APC reviewed the draft N2025 Plan with N2025 Co-chairs Professor Sheridan and Pannier.

New Graduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval
- Forensic Anthropology
- Museum Studies
- Social Justice and Diversity in Education
- World Language Teaching: Spanish Graduate Certificate Program
- Quantitative Measurement and Modeling

New School for Approval
- School of Global Integrative Studies

New M.S. and Ph.D. Graduate Programs Recommended for Approval
- M.S. and Ph.D. graduate degree in Plant Pathology

New Undergraduate Major Recommended for Approval
- Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Major in Emerging Media Arts
- Bachelor of Science in Regional and Community Forestry

Change of Degree Name Recommended for Approval
- Psychological Studies in Education to Educational Psychology
- Civil Engineering to Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Restoration Science to Environmental Sciences
- Grazing Livestock Systems to Grassland Systems

Establishment of New Center
- NU Governance and Technology Center

Elimination of Undergraduate Major Recommended for Approval
- Classical Languages

Elimination of Academic and Research Centers:
- Hitchcock Center for Graduate Study and Professional Journalism Development

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) Recommended for Approval
- Engineering Complex Phase II
- Barkley Center Project
- Architecture Library/Studies + Link Project

Appointments 2019-2020:
APC representatives were appointed to two University-wide committees:
- Aesthetic Review Committee - Bob Wilhelm
- University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee - Ann Tschetter

Members were appointed to seven APC subcommittees:
- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing committee): Sheila Purdum, Shawn Ratcliff, and Mike Zeleny
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing committee): Kurt Geisinger, Frauke Hachtmann, Chuck O'Connor, Kevin Smith, Eileen Hebets, Emily Johnson, and Mike Boehm
- 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:
- Communication Studies - Patty Sollars (March 3-6, 2019)
- Modern Languages and Literature - Ann Tschetter (February 24-27, 2019)

Upcoming Issues:
- Work on revising the Procedures to be invoked for Significant Budget Reallocation and Reduction.
- Review the 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: