

MINUTES

November 18, 2020
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Academic Planning Committee

Members Present: Ankerson, Bloom, Boehm, Buan, Clarke, Everhart, Gay, Geisinger, Hachtmann, Hebets, Miller, Moberly, Rodene, Smith, Spiller, Tschetter, Wilhelm, Zeleny

Members Absent: Latta Konecky

Others Attending:

Note: These are not verbatim minutes. They are a summary of the discussions at the Academic Planning Committee meeting as corrected by those participating.

1.0 Call

Geisinger called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2.0 Subcommittee Needed to Review the Proposal for the Educational Neuroscience Graduate Certificate

Hebets and Moberly volunteered to review the proposal.

3.0 Subcommittee Needed to Review the Proposal for Law and Business BSBA

Boehm and Geisinger volunteered to review the proposal.

4.0 Subcommittee Needed to Review the Proposal to Change the Supply Chain Management Systems Graduate Certificate Name

Hachtmann and Ankerson volunteered to review the proposal.

5.0 Subcommittee Needed to Review the Proposal for the Biomedical Engineering Ph.D.

Buan and Bloom volunteered to review the proposal.

6.0 Reports from EVC Spiller, VC Boehm, and VC Wilhelm

Spiller reported that the proposal to create a School of Computing will be coming from her office to the APC. She noted that this proposal has been in development for a long period of time. She stated that her office is waiting to receive some letters of support for the proposal and then it will be sent to the APC.

Boehm stated that this is a very busy time for the University with federal engagement and he is working with Wilhelm to try to secure federal grants for IANR. He noted that agriculture, food and water security have been elevated with the National Strategic Research Institute at UNL and project proposals are now being accepted.

Wilhelm reported that ORED will be working on a variety of things through the end of the year one of which is to look at providing support for full operation of research efforts and to ensure that the safety mechanisms that were put in place have been working effectively. He stated that ORED will be looking more closely at research with human subjects to see if greater safety protocols need to be in place to make sure we are being as safe as possible during this pandemic. He stated that tomorrow the Faculty Research Development Program will start and noted that faculty from the different colleges will be engaged.

Wilhelm reported that there has been a team working on next generation wireless for a long time now and a final site visit has been scheduled for UNL. He noted that Bloom has a very large proposal for research funding for a particle detector for the CERN project and he is confident that Bloom will have a successful bid.

Geisinger asked if the University will try to get some of the COVID vaccines. Zeleny stated that the University will try, but it is unclear where we stand in terms of when it would be available to us.

7.0 Other Business

Geisinger reported that the Chancellor received the APC's letter regarding its recommendations on the proposed budget cuts last Friday. Zeleny pointed out that the Chancellor is reflecting on the recommendations and the Chancellor will comment on his decision after the Thanksgiving break.

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m. The next meeting of the APC will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 3:00 by Zoom. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator.