

MINUTES

September 16, 2020 University of Nebraska – Lincoln Academic Planning Committee

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

Members Absent: Gay

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 3:03 p.m.

2.0 Proposal to Delay Academic Program Reviews this Semester or Year

Geisinger reported that he received an email from AVC Walker asking if the APC would approve of postponing academic program reviews this semester, and possibly for the spring semester. He noted that an APR was recently conducted virtually but there were difficulties doing it this way. Spiller pointed out that we want to get the best program reviews as possible and she supports the idea of delaying the APRs.

Clarke stated that previously Walker was supportive of conducting the APRs virtually. She pointed out that it should be the departments' decision whether they want to postpone the APR and noted that some of the departments have worked very hard to prepare for the APR. She noted that the timeline for APRs was set by the Board of Regents and we might not have the flexibility to change the timeline. Wilhelm stated that he appreciates Clarke's comments, but we need to recognize that in different times we may need to be more flexible and he believes we could negotiate the delay with the Board. Hebets pointed out that we want to keep in mind that other APRs will be coming up and we want to be careful not to have them pile up.

Geisinger suggested that the APC could vote to reschedule the APRs for this semester and ask Walker to prepare a proposed schedule when these APRs could be conducted. He noted that accreditation meetings for this year have already been cancelled. Bloom stated that the EVC office schedules the APRs and the APC serves as an advisory. He stated that if Walker thinks it is best to postpone the APRs this year that would be fine with him, but departments that are scheduled for an APR for next semester should be informed quickly. Spiller reported that there are some departments that are far along in

their self-study and Walker is consulting with the departments to see if they want to postpone the APR.

Geisinger pointed out that if APRs are postponed, no department should be considered for elimination based on quality because the APR was delayed. Spiller stated that this is reasonable and noted that the purpose of the APR is to help departments formulate how the program can move forward.

Geisinger asked if the APC agreed to postpone the APRs for this semester. The APC agreed.

3.0 Proposed Budget Cuts

3.1 Response to Questions Raised by the APC

3.2 Timeline for Public Hearings

3.3 Announcement about budget Cuts and Public Hearings

3.4 Rules for the Public Hearings

The APC went into closed session to discuss the proposed budget cuts, the timeline for public hearings, the rules for the public hearings and the announcement about the proposed cuts and the public hearings for them.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m. The next meeting of the APC will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 3:00 by Zoom. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator.