

# MINUTES

## February 10, 2021 University of Nebraska – Lincoln Academic Planning Committee

**Members Present:** Ankerson, Bloom, Boehm, Buan, Clarke, Gay, Geisinger, Hebets, Latta Konecky, Miller, Rodene, Spiller, Tschetter, Wilhelm, Zeleny

**Members Absent:** Everhart, Hachtmann, Moberly, Smith

**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.

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### **1.0 Call**

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

### **2.0 Approval of January 27, 2021 Minutes**

Ankerson moved for approval of the minutes. Gay seconded the motion and the APC approved it.

### **3.0 APC Representative Needed for Statistics Academic Program Review (March 28-April 1)**

Geisinger asked if there were any volunteers to serve on the Statistics APR. Bloom stated that he would be happy to do it but the review is taking place March 28-April 1 which is Passover so he will be unable to do it. He pointed out that he has raised the issue of scheduling APR's on religious holidays before, but it seems to no avail. Boehm stated that he will take ownership for this error and he will let Associate Vice Chancellor Bischoff, who schedules the APRs for IANR, know that APRs should not be scheduled on religious holidays.

Zeleny suggested Hachtmann for serving on the APR and should be contacted to see if she would be willing. (Hachtmann confirmed after the meeting that she would serve on the APR).

### **4.0 APC Representative Needed for Food Science and Technology APR (October 3-7, 2021)**

Tschetter stated that she would volunteer but if others are interested in doing it she would step aside. The APC members pointed out that it was too early to know what their schedule will be like in October for them to be able to make a commitment.

### **5.0 Review of Mathematics Education Graduate Certificate Proposal (Gay and Geisinger)**

Gay reported that the proposal from the College of Education and Human Sciences is to establish a certificate of math education pedagogy for in service math teachers who want to beef up their credentials. He stated that the proposal was well written and both he and Geisinger support it,

although they would have liked to have more clarification on a few things. He noted that there could have been a clearer explanation of how this certificate fits into teacher certification. He stated that there also seems to be some misaimed emphases with the program and a student can earn a Master of Arts degree without having to take any Mathematics pedagogy courses. He reported that all participants must maintain a minimum GPA which seems to be a stiff requirement. He pointed out that all three faculty members involved with the program are from CEHS and none from Mathematics. Spiller stated that the proposal was initially sent back when it was received because there did not seem like there was any cross-consultation with Mathematics. Geisinger reported that there are no marginal costs with the program.

Gay moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Geisinger. The APC approved the proposal.

#### **6.0 Proposal to Delete the Agricultural Legal Studies Undergraduate Certificate**

Boehm reported that Dean Heng-Moss is working with the departments to clean up programs and certificates that have been on the books but have not been heavily enrolled for some time. He moved for approval of the proposal to delete the program. Motioned seconded by Geisinger and approved by the APC.

#### **7.0 Proposal to Delete the Leadership Undergraduate Certificate**

Geisinger asked Boehm if there are students enrolled in this program. Boehm stated that there are no students enrolled and moved to delete the program. Motion seconded by Ankerson and approved by the APC.

#### **8.0 Proposal to Delete the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars Undergraduate Certificate**

Boehm reported that there is a Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars minor that students are enrolled in but there is no enrollment for the certificate program. Spiller moved for approval of the deletion of the program. Motion seconded by Geisinger and approved by the APC.

#### **9.0 Reports from EVC Spiller, VC Boehm, and VC Wilhelm**

Spiller stated that things are going well, and she had no updates at this time.

Boehm wanted to give a shout out to the students and staff who are wellness attendants participating in the collection of saliva samples, testing in the Veterinary Diagnostic Center, contact tracing, and wellness attendants for the great job they are all doing.

Boehm reported that the Dinsdale Learning Commons that houses the CYT collection is now open and he encouraged people to visit it. He stated that it is a fantastic space but not getting full use yet because of COVID-19, but there are some students on campus that are using the learning commons.

Boehm stated that Professor Wu-Smart from the Entomology department has been heavily quoted in the press lately about the situation with an ethanol plant near Mead. He noted that the plant was recently purchased by new owners who have been using old chemically treated seed to use as their carbon source and Professor Wu-Smart has noticed a chronic killing of honeybees due to the insecticide and fungicide that was in the old seed. He stated that there is a bill in the Legislature to prohibit the use of chemically treated seed.

Wilhelm reported that things are going well, and faculty, students, and staff are carrying on well with the research enterprise.

### **10.0 Other Business**

Zeleny reported that the Chancellor really appreciates the transmittal letter confirming the APC's recommendations on the alternative proposed budget cuts. He noted that an announcement was made in Nebraska Today about the Committee's recommendations of the budget cuts that were proposed in January.

Latta Konecky reported that she was contacted by a faculty member who went to the budget reduction website and tried to find what the alternative cuts are since the proposal to eliminate Textiles, Merchandising, and Fashion Design was removed from the proposed cuts. She noted the faculty member was unable to find this information. Zeleny stated that the CEHS proposal was vague, but the information is being summarized and will be put on the website. Spiller noted that the CEHS alternative cuts are not fundamentally different from the proposed cuts made by other colleges.

Geisinger asked Miller and Rodene for updates on ASUN and GSA. Miller stated that ASUN is still meeting weekly and she will be attending the Board of Regents meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. She noted that the ASUN Government Liaison has many resolutions supporting bills in the Legislature. She reported that elections for new officers will occur in late March and her term will be ending in mid-April. Rodene stated that the GSA had a recent meeting and is working on a couple of events that are coming up. He noted that the GSA is keeping an eye on the Faculty Senate's proposed revisions to the Regents Bylaws as the changes would have implications for graduate teaching and research assistants.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The next meeting of the APC will be on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 3:00 by Zoom. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator.