

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

Frauke Hachtmann, Chair

December 2020 – December 2021

Presented to the Faculty Senate on February 1, 2022

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> Section 1.2.7 Academic Planning Committee)

Current Members:

- Frauke Hachtmann, Chair, Advertising
- Ann Tschetter, Vice Chair, History, Non-tenure track faculty representative
- Ken Bloom, Physics & Astronomy
- Eileen Hebets, School of Biological Sciences
- Joan Latta Konecky, University Libraries
- Hideaki Moriyama, School of Biological Sciences
- Beth Doll, Educational Psychology
- Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, Political Science
- Mehmet Can Vuran, School of Computing
- Jennifer Clarke, Chair, Graduate Council Representative
- Faculty Senate Representative: Nicole Buan, President, Faculty Senate
- Dean Representatives:
 - Katherine Ankerson
 - Tiffany Heng-Moss
 - Mark Button (replaced Katherine Ankerson who became EVC January 2022)
- ASUN Representatives:
 - Batool Ibrahim (Undergraduate)

- Eric Rodene (Graduate)
- Ex Officio Representatives:
 - Mike Zeleny, Associate to the Chancellor
 - Elizabeth Spiller, Executive Vice Chancellor (through November 2021)
 - Katherine Ankerson, Executive Vice Chancellor (beginning January 2022)
 - Mike Boehm, Vice Chancellor of IANR
 - Bob Wilhelm, VC of Research and Economic Development
- Non-Member Representative:
 - Karen Griffin, Coordinator of Faculty Governance

The Academic Planning Committee met five times during the spring semester and five times during the fall semester for a total of ten meetings. Chancellor Green gave his annual report to the Committee at the April 21, 2021 meeting.

None

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:

Academic Program Reviews (APRs)

Members served on the following APRs:

- History (February 7-February 2, 2021)
- Statistics (March 28-April 1, 2021)
- Food Science and Technology (October 3-7, 2021)

NOTE: Several APRs were postponed due to the COVID pandemic

Three APR reports were submitted, and accepted, to the APC during 2021:

- School of Biological Sciences (presented March 10, 2021)
- History (presented September 1, 2021)
- Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education (presented September 1, 2021)

Summary of Activities (complete details can be found on the APC Minutes website

<https://www.unl.edu/apc/minutes>

- Met with Chancellor Green to hear his decisions on the budget recommendations made by the APC. The Chancellor agreed with the APC to not eliminate the Department of Textiles, Merchandising, and Fashion Design and to retain the IANR tenured faculty member in Hospitality, Restaurant, Tourism and Management.
- The Long-Range Planning Subcommittee was charged with developing guidelines for reviewing program proposals.
- Chancellor Green gave his annual report to the APC at the April 21, 2021, meeting where he thanked the APC for its investment of time and energy in addressing the monumental budget reduction that the campus faced. He noted that the APC will start seeing an increase in the number of project initiation requests due to the approval of LB 588 which authorized funds for deferred maintenance of state buildings. He

discussed retention and recruitment efforts and whether it would be possible to avoid some of the identified budget cuts if the University's financial situation improves. He discussed whether the University would have a vaccine mandate.

- Reports were given at most of the meetings from Executive Vice Chancellor Spiller (Academic Affairs), Vice Chancellor Boehm (IANR), and Vice Chancellor Wilhelm (Office of Research and Economic Development).

New School Recommended for Approval

- School of Computing

New Graduate Program Recommended for Approval

- Biomedical Engineering Ph.D.

New Graduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Mathematics Education
- Additive Manufacturing
- Chromatography and Analytical Separations
- Bioanalytical Chemistry
- Financial Analytics
- Sales Excellence
- Urban Design
- Strategic Innovation and Entrepreneurship

New Undergraduate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Law and Business B.S.B.A.
- Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Acting
- Environmental Engineering B.S.
- Statistics and Data Analytics B.S.

New Undergraduate Certificate Recommended for Approval

- Animal Science

Change of Name for Programs Recommended for Approval

- Law and Business B.S.B.A.
- Financial and Housing Counseling Graduate Certificate

Deletion of Undergraduate Certificate Recommended for Approval

- Agricultural Legal Studies
- Leadership
- Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars

Deletion of B.S., M.S., Ph.D., and Graduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval

- Survey Research and Methodology M.S., Ph.D., and Graduate Certificate Program
- Grassland Ecology and Management B.S.

- Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication B.S.

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) Recommended for Approval

- Global Education Center
- Glenn Korff School of Music

Appointments 2021-2022:

APC representatives were appointed to two University-wide committees:

- Aesthetic Review Committee – Katherine Ankerson
- University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee - Ann Tschetter

Members were appointed to seven APC subcommittees:

- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing committee): Mike Zeleny, Jennifer Clarke, and Joan Latta Konecky
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing committee): Ann Tschetter, Katherine Ankerson, Michael Boehm, Eileen Hebets, Nicole Buan, Beth Doll, and Batool Ibrahim
- Subcommittees were created to review program proposals (see above under Summary of Activities for list of proposed programs)

Upcoming Issues:

- Develop a guideline of criteria to consider when the Committee reviews program proposals.
- Consider a possible Memorandum of Understanding between colleges that share programs.

Summary of Additional Activities:

None

Recommendations for the Committee for the Next Year: