ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC) ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNL
FACULTY SENATE
Ann Tschetter, Chair
December 2021 – December 2022
Presented to the Faculty Senate on February 7, 2023

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:
  - Ann Tschetter, Vice Chair, History, Non-tenure track faculty representative
  - 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
  - Anna Hiatt, School of Biological Sciences
  - Susan Ourada, Glenn Korff School of Music
  - Christine Kelley, Mathematics
  - Jennifer Clarke, Chair, Graduate Council Representative
  - Faculty Senate Representative: Steve Kolbe, Past President, Faculty Senate
  - Dean Representatives:
    o Tiffany Heng-Moss
    o Mark Button
  - ASUN Representatives:
    o Jake Drake (Undergraduate)

- o Andrew Donesky (Graduate)

- Ex Officio Representatives:
  - o Mike Zeleny, Associate to the Chancellor (through 12/31/22)
  - o Josh Davis (beginning 1/1/23)
  - o Katherine Ankerson, 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 four times during the spring semester and once during the fall semester but acted on two program deletions electronically. Chancellor Green gave his annual report to the Committee at the April 20, 2022, meeting.

Recommendations for Action by the Senate:
None

Summary of Regular, Annual Activities:
Academic Program Reviews (APRs)
  Members served on the following APRs:
- Physics & Astronomy (February 7-9, 2022)
- Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication (February 20-23, 2022)
- School of Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences (October 3-7, 2022)
- Mathematics (October 9-11, 2022)
- Plant Pathology (October 24-28, 2022)
- Educational Administration (October 25-27, 2022)
- School of Natural Resources (October 31-November 4, 2022)

  One APR report was submitted, and accepted, to the APC during 2022:
- Statistics (presented January 26, 2022)

Summary of Activities (complete details can be found on the APC Minutes website https://www.unl.edu/apc/minutes):
- Chancellor Green gave his annual report to the APC at the April 20, 2022, meeting where he thanked the APC members for their service and commitment. He noted that the APC was able to return to more of its normal work after having to deal with significant budget reductions the previous year. He pointed out that the APC reviewed and approved the formal creation of the School of Computing and the creation of the Data Science program. Chancellor Green acknowledged the work of Professors Bloom, Clarke, and Theiss-Morse on the Budget Model Advisory Committee. He stated that there will be considerable emphasis and refocus on the N2025 plan as we enter the third year of the five-year plan. He noted that one area of

refocus will be on increasing enrollment. He informed the APC that the campus is in an era of construction management with renovations and the completion of new buildings. He reported that the second phase of the salary competitiveness money for tenure-line faculty members is underway.

- Professor Vuran discussed the implications of the recent cybersecurity decisions (revisions to Executive Memorandum 16) and the impacts the revisions would have on the teaching mission, especially in relation to computing and cybersecurity.
- The APC discussed having backup APC representatives for academic program reviews in the event that the designated APC representative has an emergency and is unable to participate in the APR.
- The APC received a report on the work of the Budget Model Advisory Committee from Professor Theiss-Morse.
- The APC subcommittee working on revising the Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and reductions presented its proposed revisions which the APC approved at the September 14, 2022 meeting.
- Reviewed a draft of the Guidelines for Reviewing Program Proposals.
- Discussed whether the APC should still consider proposals to delete all centers or only ones with budget implications. The Committee decided that it did not need to act on the deletion but should be informed if a center will be deleted.
- GSA President Donesky reported on the topics the GSA was focusing on during the 2022-2023 academic year (graduate student stipends and graduate student health insurance).
- Reports were given at most of the meetings from Executive Vice Chancellor Ankerson (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
- Masters' of Science in Athletics Training

New Undergraduate Programs Recommended for Approval
- Data Science
- Special Education K-6 Bachelor of Science Program

New Graduate Certificate Recommended for Approval
- Urban Design Graduate Certificate
- Strategic Innovation and Entrepreneurship

New Undergraduate Certificate Recommended for Approval
- Animal Science

Change of Name for Programs Recommended for Approval

- B.S. in Mechanized Systems Management
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies

Deletion of B.S., M.S., Ph.D., and Graduate Certificate Programs Recommended for Approval
- B.S. Degree in Agronomy, Horticulture, Turfgrass and Landscape Management
- B.S. in Athletics Training
- BA/BS in Latin American Studies
- College of Arts & Sciences BA/BS in Plant Biology

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) Recommended for Approval
- There were no project initiation requests for 2022

Appointments 2022-2023:
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): Mike Zeleny, Joan Latta Konecky, and Anna Hiatt
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing committee): Ann Tschetter, Can Vuran, Andrew Donesky, Tiffany Heng-Moss, Mike Zeleny, Susan Ourada, Mark Button.
- Subcommittees were created to review program proposals (see above under Summary of Activities for list of proposed programs)

Upcoming Issues:
- Finish developing the guidelines of criteria to consider when the APC 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: