ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES
January - December 2000
Presented to the Academic Senate
January 9, 2001

Academic Program Reviews:

APC had representatives on the review teams for five academic program reviews:
- Modern Languages & Literatures (March 5-8, 2000)
- Biological Systems Engineering (March 26-29, 2000)
- Physics & Astronomy (April 2-5, 2000)
- Animal Science (May 30-June 2, 2000)
- Special Education & Communication Disorders (December 10-13, 2000)

APC received reports on eleven program reviews:
- Biological Sciences (December 6-9, 1998)
- Philosophy (March 28-31, 1999)
- Communication Studies (April 11-14, 1999)
- Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences (August 30-September 2, 1999)
- Biometry (September 14-16, 1999)
- Museum Studies (October 31-November 3, 1999)
- Political Science (November 14-17, 1999)
- Computer Science & Engineering (December 5-8, 1999)
- Modern Languages & Literatures (March 5-8, 2000)
- Biological Systems Engineering (March 26-29, 2000)
- Physics & Astronomy (April 2-5, 2000)

Proposals Recommended to the Chancellor for Approval:

Project Initiation Requests:
- Residential Learning Center for Honors Students
- Class I Cleanroom in the Walter Scott Engineering Center
- Revised site location for the Natural Resources and Research Complex
- New Culture Center on city campus
- Addition to the Barkley Memorial Center

Degrees, Majors and Departments:
- Intercampus M.S./Ph.D. program in toxicology
- Ph.D. in Natural Resource Sciences
- Change M.A. in Journalism to M.A. in Journalism & Mass Communications
- Change B.S. in Architectural Science to B.S. in Design
• Change name and administrative unit for the Soil Science major
• Integrate the Horticulture and Agronomy departments
• Merge the Anthropology and Geography departments
• Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science (GIS)

Centers:
• Close the Center for Rural Community Revitalization & Development
• Close the Center for Sustainable Agricultural Systems
• Close the Center for Leadership Development
• Establish the Center for Applied Rural Innovation (CARI)
• Establish the Nebraska Center for Virology

Other Activities and Actions included the following:

• Received two reports from the Commission for Evaluation & Prioritization of Academic Programs
• Discussed the academic prioritization process at several meetings
• Established an ad hoc Committee to Monitor the Academic Prioritization Process
• Received reports from the ad hoc Committee for Crediting Interdisciplinary Activities and the ad hoc Committee to Monitor the Academic Prioritization Process
• Revised notification procedures for APR reports to emphasize that department heads’ and deans’ participation is optional
• Revised the format of minutes to provide more detail and attribution of comments
• Requested and received reports on Extended Education and Life Sciences
• Accepted the resignation of a faculty member who is leaving UNL
• Changed PIR procedure to add subcommittee review of PIRs before the full APC considers them

Activities Pending:

• Review the Academic Program Priorities that are recommended for the UNL campus.