

ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

1.10.1 Academic Planning Committee. To facilitate performance of the duties of the Chancellor specified in Sections 2.8 and 2.9 of the Regents Bylaws and Section 1.2 of these UNL Bylaws, and to enable the faculty governing body to act upon matters specified in Section 2.12.1 of the Regents Bylaws, an Academic Planning Committee is hereby created.

1.10.1.1 Membership. The Academic Planning Committee shall consist of sixteen members as follows: (a) six faculty members elected as provided by the Academic Senate to staggered three-year terms. These members shall represent biological sciences, social sciences, physical sciences, and humanities with no more than two from a single college; (b) one faculty member at large selected by the UNL Graduate Council to serve a three-year term; (c) two academic deans selected by the Chancellor to serve three-year terms; (d) the President of the Academic Senate (or designee); (e) one undergraduate student and one graduate/professional student as selected by the President of ASUN; (f) the Director of Institutional Research and Planning for UNL who shall serve as secretary; (g) the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; (h) the Vice Chancellor of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and (i) the Vice Chancellor for Research as an ex officio non-voting member. The Committee shall select its chair from among its faculty members.

1.10.1.2 Responsibilities. The Academic Planning Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

A. The Committee shall formulate and recommend to the Academic Senate, to the Colleges, and to the Chancellor, goals for UNL in the areas of education (resident and extension), research, and service. These goals shall be coordinated with the responsibilities assigned to UNL as part of the structure under the control of the President of the University of Nebraska and the Board of Regents. The Committee shall, from time to time, review the stated goals and recommend modifications when appropriate.

B. The Committee shall recommend action to achieve the goals of UNL. In carrying out this duty the Committee shall recommend procedures whereby new and existing academic programs may be studied and evaluated on a continuing basis. This study and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) the need for, and the goals of, the identified programs in terms of their relationship to the needs and goals of the State of Nebraska, the University of Nebraska, and the people affected by the programs;

(ii) the resources available to meet the needs and goals identified in (i) supra;

(iii) the resources not available, but necessary, to meet the needs and goals identified under (i) supra.

C. The Committee shall review with the Chancellor or the appropriate Vice Chancellors the Comprehensive Facilities Plan, the campus master land-use plan, and facilities needs as they relate to academic and support program goals.

D. In carrying out its duties, the Committee shall utilize all relevant information (including budget data) and expertise inside and outside the University of Nebraska.

E. The Committee shall 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. The Committee is empowered to recommend changes in programs, including elimination. The Committee shall promulgate and follow procedures agreeable to the Academic Senate and ASUN, guaranteeing that, before a change or elimination of a program is recommended, all persons connected to, or affected by, the program shall have access to all relevant information (including detailed budget data) and shall have an opportunity and a reasonable time to present data and opinions for the Committee to consider. In addition, the Committee shall recommend an effective date for implementation of program changes or elimination which will permit a reasonable period of time for persons to prepare for changes in, or elimination of, programs which affect them. In particular, notice of termination shall be in accord with Sections 4.4.2 and 4.12 of the Regents Bylaws. As particular reductions are considered, rights under academic tenure should be protected.

G. 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.

1.10.2 Collegiate Academic Planning. The Academic Planning Committee shall encourage academic planning within the colleges and other units of UNL on a continuing basis through joint faculty-administrative-student action. The Academic Planning Committee shall be represented on all Academic Program Review teams and shall comment on the review process and visiting team report to the appropriate vice chancellor.

1.10.3 Financial Exigency. Financial exigency is a bona fide situation of such serious and widespread proportions, caused by financial circumstances beyond the control of UNL, that normal operations cannot be maintained and UNL programs must therefore be significantly altered.

Financial exigency for UNL shall be declared by the Board of Regents based upon a recommendation by the Chancellor in consultation with President. The Chancellor's

recommendation shall be made only after all relevant information bearing upon the problem has been made available to the Academic Planning Committee following the procedures described in the Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and Budget Reductions (Adopted by the Academic Senate on December 8, 1992 and ASUN on February 10, 1993), and operating as the Financial Exigency Committee described in Regents Policy 4.2.11.

The Academic Planning Committee shall assist the Chancellor in seeking remedies for a financial exigency. Such remedies may include elimination of faculty, staff, and administrative positions. Recommendations by the Academic Planning Committee for such elimination shall be governed by the Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions. Persons affected by a declaration of financial exigency under Section 4.16 of the Regents Bylaws shall have the right to appeal to the appropriate grievance committee, or to the Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee pursuant to Section 4.14 of the Regents Bylaws.

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