Keown called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Minutes from the January 12 meeting were approved without dissent.

**Appointment of subcommittee for the proposed Veterinary Science joint program with ISU**

Keown appointed Eckhardt, Hansen, Mitchell and Weiss to an ad hoc subcommittee to consider a proposal for UNL to contract with Iowa State University for veterinary science training. Keown distributed to the subcommittee questions that they should investigate in reviewing the proposal. [The list of questions is attached to the permanent record.]

**List of Centers**

Mitchell said she sent all the deans a list of Centers [distributed to APC prior to the January 12 meeting and attached to the January 12 record] and asked them to update the list. About half the deans have responded. She will prepare a new list of centers for APC when she has more information.

**Graduate Stipends**

Keown said he sent the results of his survey on graduate stipends to Graduate Studies. Weissinger and Rosson in Graduate Studies are working with departments to develop a resolution on graduate stipends for APC to consider.
Space Survey
Keown asked Nunez about the space survey that is underway on campus. Nunez said its purpose is to update the official space database and to catalog space usage. For example, present information may show that a space is used for offices. The new survey will specify whether the space is used for faculty, staff, or graduate offices. Better information will make it possible to answer space utilization questions that APC and other entities ask.

Votes on ranking of one-time funding priorities
Keown thanked the members for returning votes by email to set priorities for the use of Programs of Excellence one-time funds. The results of the vote were sent to APC members prior to this meeting [and are attached to the permanent record]. Nunez said APC’s recommendations were sent to the office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Name changes for the B.S. in Agricultural Sciences and the B.S. in Natural Resources
Dean Waller spoke in support of the name changes. Keown distributed a memo from Waller detailing the process by which the proposal was developed. Waller said the faculty started talking about the name changes 18 months ago, then at a retreat in May, 2004 the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) Curriculum Committee approved a process to develop alternative degree designations. Since May, 2004 there were many opportunities for units and faculty to comment on the proposed renaming. No unit or faculty objected to the names proposed. Renaming the B.S. degrees was declared by the Faculty Advisory Council to be an Area of Focus for the 2004-2005 Academic Year in August, 2004.

Problems with the B.S. in Agricultural Sciences came to the attention of the college and the faculty in regard to the Biochemistry major. Students who wanted to use their degree as a credential for admission to medical school found that there was skepticism as to the relevance of an Agricultural Science degree. Eckhardt asked if the B.S. would be given the name of a sub-discipline. Waller said the degree names would be as specific as the major names. There are 22 majors and 12 departments in CASNR. He said the naming of the degrees is similar to the convention adopted by the College of Engineering and Technology. Hallbeck observed that the major and the department have the same name in some cases.

Kettler asked how the degree name would appear on the diploma. He said it seemed in some cases, such as Mechanized Systems Management, that specificity would be lost rather than gained by renaming the degree. Waller said the degree name determines what the students put on their résumés. Mitchell stated that the proposal would give the degree the major’s name rather than the college’s name with the major shown only on the transcript. Her college awards Bachelors of Journalism rather than Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. Kettler said he thought the requirements for the B.S. and the B.A. were college-specific. He asked if all B.S. degrees in CASNR had a core in agricultural sciences in common. Waller said that was less true than ten years ago. Graduates today are more specialized, and are not necessarily competent across the entire agricultural area.

Kettler asked why it was felt necessary to get rid of the tie to Agricultural Sciences. Kostelnik said APC should not let labels get in the way. She said faculty ideas and input were given on
how the faculty want to label their own discipline and the process should be respected. They evidently felt it was important to attract students. Couture said she has concerns about consistency in naming conventions. For example, a major in English earns a B.A., not a B.A. in English or a B.A. in Arts and Sciences. What is implied by the naming of a degree, she asked. There is an issue of certification for graduation. Is certification to be done by the major rather than the department or the college? Oliva said the College of Fine and Performing Arts makes a distinction between a B.A. in Music and a Bachelor of Music. The requirements are different. Couture said the B.S. awarded by Arts and Sciences does not necessarily have the same requirements as the B.S. in Agricultural Sciences. Waller said it is true that CASNR requires math and sciences for a B.S. in any of their majors. Eckhardt said he also worries about consistency in degree names and requirements.

Kostelnik said there is no national standard for degree nomenclature. She said she was more concerned with internal standards. Structure is one concern, and communication is another. Kettler said changing the degree names would not change who is responsible for the degree. Waller said they surveyed the students in Biochemistry and asked if the name was a concern. The students said yes. He emphasized that there will be no change in the curriculum or the structure of the degree, only the name.

Couture said renaming a degree should help people to understand the value of the degree. She asked why the college name needs to be there at all. In many institutions the B.A. and the B.S. are awarded by more than one college.

Eckhardt said in reviewing applicants for graduate school he does not look at the diploma, but at the transcript. He said he was baffled by people who are concerned about the label on their diploma. He said people say on their résumé that they have a Bachelor’s degree in their major regardless of the name of the diploma. Waller said CASNR has many graduates who apply to medical school. The first cut of applicants doesn’t get to the stage where their transcripts are evaluated. Medical schools look at the Agriculture label, and assume that the students chose to focus on agricultural courses to the detriment of other courses more relevant to medical school. Hansen asked if Waller had checked with UNMC and other medical schools to verify that. Waller said yes. He said UNMC is one of the few medical schools that treats CASNR graduates equally with Arts and Sciences graduates. The pre-med advisor confirms that out-of-state schools make an unequal judgment of CASNR students.

Hallbeck said Engineering and Technology has external accreditation as a reason for naming degrees as they are. Keown said CASNR has college-wide accreditation. Baquet said this is an example of a case that has wider implications. It is a case of external communication and does not change who grants the degree. Hallbeck said some departments are consolidating departments and giving their degrees broader names, which is the opposite of this proposal. She asked if the major names would be out of vogue in a few years. Waller said agronomy is a much different area than a major where people work in research labs. The label “Ag College” is no longer true. Oliva said what we call things now may not be the traditional way of looking at the discipline. Over time the lines that have divided disciplines are blurring. We have to be flexible with what we call things. Kostelnik said what is on the diploma is what the students put on their
resumé. As major degrees change you may have to rename degrees. Couture said achieving specificity on a transcript might be better accomplished by removing the name of the college.

Mitchell asked if students in Biochemistry have a choice of matriculating in Arts and Sciences or in CASNR. Waller said Dean Hoffmann offered to move all the students in Biochemistry to CASNR, but the students did not want to move because they did not want a degree in Agricultural Sciences. He said students have passed up good scholarships to avoid having a B.S. in Agricultural Sciences. Faculty in CASNR were offered a choice of changing the degree names to simply “B.S.” or changing them to “B.S. in (major).” The faculty felt that it serves students better to have the B.S. in the major. They felt that the renaming would contribute to increased enrollment. Couture wondered what Arts and Sciences thinks of renaming the Biochemistry degree. Waller said Hoffmann is supportive.

Kettler said dropping the college name would not help with some majors. Waller said Engineering names their degrees in the way CASNR proposes. He emphasized that the faculty and students have expressed their wishes in this proposal. Degrees cannot be named by department because there are multiple majors in departments. Waller said he would leave to allow APC to discuss the issue freely. [Waller left.]

Kostelnik said the former Home Economics college was in the same position as Ag Sciences. The college is losing enrollment and the name has a lot to do with it. She urged that APC consider the amount of thought and effort that had gone into the college’s developing the name change proposal. She said there needs to be some way for the faculty and students to solve the problem. Oliva said a negative vote from APC would discourage the faculty and students. As a university, we are trying to encourage faculty initiative, he said.

Couture said APC should not say no, but should look at the proposal closely. We need to consider how this action will affect other things the university is trying to do. Specifically, consider:

1. What is the precedence at UNL?
2. What is the accreditation issue?
3. What are the implications for future designations of degrees?

These questions have not been answered, she said. The Regents ask pointed questions and we want to have the answers. We want to help the students, but we must look at the larger picture. Eckhardt said changing the degree names may not be the best way to help the college. The trend in Biochemistry is away from the agriculture area. It is necessary to separate Biochemistry from the other degrees. Baquet said there has been a state-wide conversation about the name of the college. Latta said the office of Academic Affairs has been cautious about going to the Regents with degree name changes. Couture said she would like to have her questions answered before APC votes on the proposal.

Keown said that he, Nunez and Baquet or Owens would get together and try to answer the questions within the next month. They should have something to present at the second meeting.
in March. Oliva asked about the discussion that is going on concerning the college name. Kostelnik said there should be some interim steps that CASNR might take before the degree names are voted on.

**Preliminary Proposal for a Bachelor in Landscape Architecture**

Drummond, Sutton and Hoistad were present to answer questions regarding the proposal for a bachelor in Landscape Architecture. Dickey, Waller and Drummond are agreed on the program. They already have a minor in Landscape Architecture.

Eckhardt commented that the proposal seems complete. Mitchell indicated that she likes the collaborative nature of the program. Oliva commented that there would be an impact on visual literacy - as seen on the 3rd and 4th page of proposal.

Drummond stated that there were double the applications this year as there were last year and there is an intake of 20 students expected. There is a possibility of leasing space at the old city hall.

Kettler asked if there was a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, what college would award the degree? Drummond stated the degree would be in the College of Architecture.


**Issues from Vice Chancellors**

Couture thanked the APC for the prompt review and recommendations regarding the proposed classroom renovation projects. Couture distributed the recommended classroom renovation projects list that included: 1) Oldfather second floor, 2) Hamilton 110, and 3) Healthy Lifestyle Lab. The total projected cost for the three projects is $449,563. The Healthy Lifestyle Lab was a substitute project for Ruth Leverton water tank move as suggested by Dean Kostelnik. Kostelnik indicated that this proposal frees up classroom space and will enhance the undergraduate experience.

Mitchell asked why Hamilton 110 and not 112? Latta answered that the amount of available funds allows for renovation of 110. Hamilton 112 is listed as one of the top future funding priorities. The SVCAA will work with Facilities about Oldfather 2nd or 3rd floors.

Baquet said IANR is heavily involved in strategic planning, preparing for the pending strategic planning retreat. Couture indicated that an APC representative at the strategic planning presentation being held on February 25 in the afternoon would be beneficial. Jennifer Lottman will contact the person attending regarding the time.

**Other**

Eckhardt indicated that there are several issues the APC may want to address during future APC meetings. For example, the new federal budget directly impacts the university. To this end there is still an outstanding question as to where tenure resides and how to deal with this particular issue in future budget cuts. Keown announced joint work between APC and the executive
committee and a survey done of peers. He will see Mary Beck tomorrow to discuss. Kettler suggested the development of general guiding principles before a crisis hit would be very beneficial.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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