University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Academic Planning Committee

Approved Minutes
Summer Recess, July 15, 2008

Members Present / Participating
Barbara A. Couture  Mary K. Bolin  David Fowler
Jamie Radcliffe  Dwayne Ball  Greg Gifford
Steven S. Waller  Jeffrey F. Keown  Emily Zimmer
William J. Nunez  John Bender

Members Not Present / Participating
John C. Owens  Craig J. Eckhardt  F. Edwin Harvey
David H. Allen  Prem Paul

Others Attending
Paul Steger, Director, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film
Gary Cunningham, Member-Elect, Dean, Agricultural Research Division

Bolin stated a quorum had been established and called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Bolin stated a Project Initiation Request (PIR) to review the Temple Building Addition – Phase II – Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film Academic Facility [handout attached to permanent record] had come before the Academic Planning Committee (APC) for its consideration. Bolin noted this was the only agenda item for this special meeting and that a conference line had also been established for APC membership to phone in to join the discussion. She also welcomed guest Paul Steger, who was present in support of the request and to answer any questions.

Bolin asked Ball to report on this PIR. Ball stated he and the PIR subcommittee members, Radcliffe and Nunez, who were also present, had met to review and discuss this request. He stated the subcommittee did not find or foresee any academic problems. Thus, the PIR was advanced to full APC membership for consideration as a moved and seconded motion.

Bolin asked Steger if he wished to make any general statements on this proposal.

Steger stated the project is a three-story, approximately 8,500 gross square feet addition to the south side of the Temple Building located at 12th and R Streets. The proposed addition will also include a basement archival area and a play script and film collection. He conveyed as stated in the project request “this proposed Phase II project, included in the original program statement and design of the Temple expansion, was cut from the final construction as a result of budgetary constraints stemming from the fiscal requirements of pressing safety needs and construction codes.” Steger stated the need for the Phase II expansion, however, remains and noted the addition will provide critical class/lab and rehearsal space, enhancing student and faculty interaction. He said as stated in the PIR “in addition, it will create a more intimate display
location for students and faculty to showcase their design, directing, film, and animation projects. The Temple Building Phase II addition also involves a more appealing backdrop for the “Torn Notebook” sculpture and a visually cohesive environment for the Visitors Center, Temple Building, and Lied Center. The rooftop, which gives a new perspective to the “Torn Notebook,” is an informal meeting space for students and faculty. For theater patrons, it serves as a reception area providing a view of the downtown, which visually links the campus to the Lincoln community.”

Nunez commented Steger had a rendering of the proposed addition. This rendering was shown to APC members.

Discussion ensued. Membership agreed this request “finishes the area”.

Bolin asked if there were any further questions or comments. There were none.

Bolin reminded this PIR came to the committee moved and seconded and called for a vote. The proposal was unanimously approved by APC membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle (Shelly) Green
APC Coordinator