

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Approved Minutes
December 10, 2014

Members Present

Mike Hoffman, Chair	Stephen Lahey	Patrick Shea
Nancy Busch	Martha McCollough	William Wagner
Archie Clutter	William Nunez	Tyler White
Leslie Delserone	Jamie Radcliffe	Ellen Weissinger
Libby Jones	Linda Shipley	
Kevin Knudson		

Members Absent

Ronnie Green	Prem Paul	Curtis Walker
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Others Present

Patricia Grew, Director, University of Nebraska State Museum
Michael Zeleny, Associate Vice Chancellor, Research
Charles O'Connor, Dean, Hixon-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts
Kim Wilson, Interim Dean, College of Architecture
Kathe Andersen Publications Coordinator, Hixon-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts
Peter Pinnell, Chair, Department of Art & Art History
Ashley Finley, Senior Director of Assessment and Research, AAC&U (via conference call)

Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. He stated a quorum was present.

Approval of October 29, 2014 Meeting Notes

Approval of the notes from the October 29, 2014 meeting was moved by McCollough and seconded by Lahey.

Hoffman asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. The Meeting Notes were approved without dissent.

Approval of November 5, 2014 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the November 5, 2014 general meeting was moved by McCollough and seconded by Lahey.

Hoffman asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. The Minutes were approved without dissent.

Approval of November 19, 2014 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the November 19, 2014 general meeting was moved by Lahey and seconded by McCollough.

Hoffman asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none. The Minutes were approved without dissent. [Jones arrived]

Project Initiation Request on Morrill Hall 4th Floor Renovation

Hoffman stated that the Project Initiation Request (PIR) was next on the agenda and was in each member packet that was distributed electronically. [attached to permanent record] Hoffman introduced Dr. Grew and AVC Zeleny and asked Nunez, as the PIR subcommittee chair, to discuss this proposal. Nunez summarized what would be covered on the PIR.

Nunez indicated this subcommittee recommends APC approval of the Project Initiation Request for the redevelopment of Morrill Hall and the renovation of the fourth floor as Museum space and introduced the motion to do so. As a motion from a subcommittee, no second is required.

Nunez then gave the floor to Zeleny, who described how the facility and O&M costs would be summarized, as well as where the funding sources. Zeleny mentioned that the energy savings gained by this renovation would be approximately \$10,000/year. He also stated that the renovation would include the conversion of the current office and laboratory space into new museum spaces as well as one new laboratory space.

Hoffman inquired if there were any questions or comments. McCollough commented on the office space that would be lost through the renovation. Brief discussion then occurred between McCollough and Zeleny. Zeleny confirmed that members of the Arts & Sciences Deans office have been involved in these space discussions.

Shea noted that there seemed to be a lack of clarity as to whether or not this office space would be replaced in new locations or if it was permanently lost. Weissinger pointed out that it was the responsibility of the colleges and of the deans to manage space for departments. The APC agreed that a letter from the Dean to APC providing assurances that the College of Arts and Sciences would work with the displaced departments to replace space lost to the extent possible on the fourth floor Morrill Hall would be beneficial.

Nunez indicated the PIR subcommittee would amend its motion for approval of the PIR for the 4th floor Morrill Hall contingent on a letter from the dean of the college regarding the displaced spaces. [White arrived]

Hoffman asked for any further questions or comments from membership on the topic. There being none, he reminded endorsement of the subcommittee served as a motion and a second and called for a vote on the proposal with the new amendment in mind. The APC voted unanimously to approve the redevelopment of Morrill Hall and the renovation of the fourth floor as Museum space. Hoffman thanked the subcommittee for their time and Zeleny and Grew for attending the meeting. They thanked APC membership. [Zeleny and Grew left]

Conference Call and Discussion: Merger of the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts to Form the Hixson-Lied College of the Arts and Design

Coordinator Green set up the conference call as Hoffman referenced a document that was in each member packet that was distributed electronically. [attached to permanent record]

Hoffman welcomed Dr. Ashley Finley to the meeting. Weissinger informed Finley that Dean O'Connor and Dean Wilson were also present for this conference call. Dean O'Connor introduced Dr. Finley, a senior director of assessment and research at the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), as the consultant/facilitator for the strategic planning process of the merger of the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts and provided to Finley a summary of the context of the conference call meeting.

Hoffman asked Lahey, one of the APC subcommittee members reviewing this proposal, to address the subcommittee's questions to Finley.

Discussion ensued and included various components of the merger including how the Logic Model being used to plan the merger would work, what main obstacles were foreseen for the merger, how discussions between the colleges would be conducted in future meetings, what improvements may be made based on progress so far, and whether there were any concerns regarding higher administration supervision throughout the process.

Hoffman asked if there were further questions for Finley and there were none. Hoffman and APC membership thanked Finley, she thanked the APC, and the conference call was ended.

Weissinger distributed a memo [attached to permanent record] from herself and Chancellor Perlman addressed to the members of the APC and members of the New College Transition Committee providing feedback and their perspective concerning an alternate name for the new college – a new name containing the word “architecture”. She expressed, while listening to conversations among internal and external stakeholders, it became clear that the word “architecture” has considerable meaning to prospective and current students, alumni and related industries and more importantly conveys the professional contexts of the new college. She indicated the intent of this memo was not to disrupt the timeline of the process as it must continue to follow the timeline that was originally set up.

Hoffman asked for any further questions or comments. There were none. [Wagner, O'Connor, Wilson, Bennitt and Kuenning left]

APC Representative Academic Program Review Report for the Department of Educational Administration

Hoffman announced the next agenda item was the APC Representative Academic Program Review Report for the Department of Educational Administration. He stated he was the APC representative for this Academic Program Review and introduced his APR report. [attached to permanent record]

Hoffman stated that the department appears to be functioning quite well and efficiently and that this was recognized by the Review Team. He said in terms of the overall process there was one particular issue that he would recommend be addressed. He said a suggested recommendation would be to officially schedule a meeting between the Review Team and the Department Chair. He said the Review Team and Chair do meet throughout the APR; however it tends to happen in between times and during breaks and this hinders work of the Review Team.

Hoffman asked for questions or comments on the topic. There being none, McCollough moved to accept the report and Lahey seconded.

Matters from Vice Chancellors - Academic Affairs, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR), and Research and Economic Development

Hoffman asked if the Vice Chancellors had any matters to share. Weissinger stated that she had no new information from Academic Affairs to report and that she would be happy to answer any questions. There were none.

Clutter informed the APC that there was no relevant news that hadn't been shared in previous meetings by VC Green; however, he would mention that VC Paul, himself and representatives from Academic Affairs would be at UNMC tomorrow to find new collaboration opportunities. He commented the Chancellor is very keen on working with us to find these opportunities.

Hoffman asked if there were any further questions or comments on the topic, and there were none. He thanked Clutter.

Other Business

Hoffman asked if there was any other business. There was none.

There being no other business, McCollough moved and Lahey seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Academic Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Jones and
Michelle (Shelly) Green
APC Coordinator