

**MINUTES**  
**October 18, 2023**

**University of Nebraska – Lincoln**  
**Academic Planning Committee**

**Members Present:** Ankerson, Bloom, Boehm, Button, Clarke, Cressler, Davis, Doll, Heng-Moss, Hiatt, Hole, Latta Konecky, Mowat, Ourada, Theiss-Morse, Tschetter, Vuran, Wilhelm, Haake, Gonzales

**Members Absent:** Minter

**Note:** These are not verbatim minutes. This is a summary of the discussions at the Academic Planning Committee meeting as corrected by those participating.

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**1.0 Call**

Vuran called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**2.0 Approval of October 4, 2023 Minutes**

Vuran asked if there were any revisions or comments on the minutes. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Tschetter moved for approval, motion seconded by Ourada, and approved by the APC.

**3.0 Budget Reduction Process**

Chancellor Bennett met with the APC to discuss a revised budget framework. He noted that President Carter spoke publicly at the October 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Regents meeting and spoke about the system's approach to dealing with the budget reductions. He stated that on October 11<sup>th</sup> a President's Council meeting was called where there was more detailed discussion regarding the budget deficit and as a result, he felt that it would be wise for him to adjust his approach to UNL's deficit. He decided that it would be best for the APC to work on the \$12 million budget deficit that we are carrying over from previous years and to begin preliminary work to prepare for further budget reductions in the spring. He noted that the \$12 million proposed reductions do not eliminate any academic programs. However, he pointed out that the APC should be prepared to address additional budget reductions in the spring which could include academic programs.

Chancellor Bennett stated that he wants to provide the APC with the opportunity to help shape the approach for dealing with the budget reductions as we move forward but he does not want an approach that makes any of the APC members feel uncomfortable. He noted that any form of input the APC wants to provide will be appreciated but the committee needs to inform him by December what kind of approach it wants to take in providing feedback. He pointed out that things continue to change at the system level due to the impending departure of President Carter, but we will have some deficit shortfalls that will need to be dealt with in the spring and he would like us to do as much preliminary work as possible before we receive definitive notification of what exactly will be UNL's portion of the system deficit.

Bloom noted that if we are serious about improving the quality of UNL and being readmitted into the AAU, we will need financial support from the university. Chancellor Bennett reported

that he has been raising these points to the Regents, the President, and any other people whenever he gets the opportunity to.

The APC then went into closed discussion to discuss the proposed budget framework.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. The next meeting of the APC will be on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator.