

ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

2009-2010 MEMBERS

NAME	TERM EXPIRATION
Faculty Representatives	
John Bender, College of Journalism & Mass Communications, CHAIR	Summer 2010
Jamie Radcliffe, Mathematics	Summer 2010
Jeffrey Keown, Animal Science	Summer 2011
Shelley Fuller, Art & Art History	Summer 2011
Miles Bryant, Educational Administration	Summer 2012
Jennifer Brand, Engineering Research Center	Summer 2012
Graduate Council Representative	
Dwayne Ball, Marketing	Summer 2009
Academic Dean Representatives	
Gary Cunningham, Agricultural Research Div.	Summer 2011
David Allen, College of Engineering	Summer 2010
Vice Chancellors	
Barbara Couture, Academic Affairs	cont.
John Owens, IANR	cont.
Prem Paul, Research	cont.
ASUN Representatives	
Greg Gifford, ASUN Graduate	ex officio
Emily Zimmer , ASUN Undergraduate	ex officio
Institutional Research and Planning Director	
William Nunez	ex officio
Faculty Senate Designee	
Craig Eckhardt, Chemistry	ex officio
APC Coordinator	
Michelle (Shelly) Green	cont.

STRUCTURE

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) one undergraduate student and one graduate/professional student as selected by the President of ASUN;
- (e) the President of the Academic Senate, or designee;
- (f) the Director of Institutional Research and Planning for UNL who shall serve as secretary;
- (g) the Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs; and
- (h) the Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The Committee shall select its chairperson from among its faculty members.

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:

- 1) 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;
- 2) the resources available to meet the needs and goals identified in 1) supra;
- 3) the resources not available, but necessary, to meet the needs and goals identified under 1) supra.

C. The Committee shall review with the Chancellor or 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 program, 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.

H. The Committee shall encourage academic planning within the colleges and other units of UNL on continuing basis through joint faculty-administrative-student action. The Committee shall comment on the review process and visiting team report to the appropriate Vice Chancellor.

I. The 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 Committee for such elimination shall be governed by the "Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions" adopted by the UNL Academic Senate on February 10, 1993. Persons affected by a declaration of financial exigency shall have the right to appeal to the appropriate grievance committee or to the Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee pursuant to Sections 4.14 and 4.16 of the Regents Bylaws.

Financial exigency is a bonafide situation of such serious and wide-spread proportions, caused by financial circumstances beyond the control of UNL, that normal operations cannot be maintained and UNL programs must therefore be significantly altered.

Source: UNL Bylaws, Section 10.1.2

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