ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES
March 9, 2005

Members Present
Barbara Couture
M. Susan Hallbeck
Matthew C. Hansen
Jeffrey F. Keown
Richard M. Kettler
Marjorie J. Kostelnik
Derrel L. Martin
Deborah W. Minter
William J. Nunez
Giacomo M. Oliva
Wendy R. Weiss

Members Absent
Craig J. Eckhardt
Nancy Mitchell
Sarah J. Morris
Prem Paul
John C. Owens

Others Present
Steven S. Waller, Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
Alan R. Moeller, Assistant Vice Chancellor IANR

Keown called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Martin moved and Kostelnik seconded the approval of the February 9 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Renaming of IANR degrees
A proposal to change degree names in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources was introduced at the February 9 meeting and discussed at the February 23 meeting without a quorum present. Accordingly, Hallbeck moved and Hansen seconded to allow the college to re-name their degrees to include the name of the major. Discussion followed.

Couture pointed out that this in fact would not change the name of the degree in that the name of the college would still appear on the degree and transcripts. There will be additional incurred costs to add the names of the majors to the documents. She remarked that Dean Hoffman thought the name was going to be changed to B.S. not B.S. in Biochemistry. With this change Biochemistry students enrolled through Arts and Sciences would receive a B.S. and those enrolled through Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources would receive a B.S. in Biochemistry when, in fact, their training has been the same. Couture commented that Registration & Records is preparing facsimiles of the various documents affected to show what they will look like. Couture observed that she can understand the reasoning as Biochemistry is a degree unto itself and is not typical. There are already inconsistencies in naming of degrees on campus.

Hallbeck wondered what it would take to fix Biochemistry's degree problems. Couture thought that many students may change to CASNR. There are other colleges that share majors such as Communication Studies and Engineering. This sometimes occurs when colleges reorganize. Hallbeck wondered if the APC should hold off making this decision until further information is gathered.
Martin proposed that APC may want to take into account how renaming all of these degrees will affect the graduation ceremonies. For example, a student with a highly specialized degree might walk across the stage as the only graduate in that field. He said it could affect public relations.

Kostelnik commented that students are called by college and not by major any longer.

Kettler asked once the APC passes this where does the proposal go next. Couture said the Chief Academic Officers are next in line to look it over. Kettler wondered if we should slow down on our approval of it and look at more information. Couture agreed that the APC needs to know what all the name changes would entail. Kettler asked if it was APC's responsibility to worry about all the details.

Kostelnik commented that APC should really be looking at the middle ground. She said APC should envision the concept and understand the logistics and the time factor prior to this going forward. However, we are sending varied signals to IANR by seeming to vacillate on our decision. We don't need to work everything out prior to acceptance, but we do need to take into account that there are problems that need working out. She suggested making a list.

Couture affirmed that there are many inconsistencies within the university as far as degree names are concerned. Service offices are directly affected by degree name changes. As a courtesy the problems need to be explored. There is no reason to object to what a college wants, but the change may not be what they expect.

Kostelnik noted that when Teacher's College and the College of Human Resources and Family Science merged there were many of these problems that had to be worked out. APC needs to create some kind of a reasonable template to help with this problem in the future. The template could be a checklist that responds to how the name change is to be communicated to students, what is going to be printed on the degree, etc. That way the requesting college would have to address these issues prior to sending the proposal to APC.

**Motion**

Hallbeck withdrew her motion and reworded it to say that APC approves the degree name changes, but would like to make sure that all the implications are discussed. Hansen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Motion**

Oliva moved and Martin seconded that APC should develop procedures to be followed when a proposals for degree name changes are submitted that evaluate the impact on academics and/or administrative systems. The motion passed without dissent.

**Veterinary Science Contract with Iowa State**

Hansen spoke for the committee as the Chair, Nancy Mitchell, was unable to attend this meeting. He said that the committee could see nothing wrong with the program as offered. There is a significant chance of growth with the contract enabled.
The recommendation of the subcommittee for approval of the contract served as a motion and second contingent upon Iowa State's approval.

Moeller commented that Iowa State’s approval is contingent upon accreditation which should take place every five years. There are 11 criteria that must be met. The only thing holding this up is the need to improve security. The funds for the hospital are being raised quickly and they expect to break ground in 2005. Keown noted that there is a national animal disease lab practically next door.

Hallbeck wondered why some people seem so upset about the switch to Iowa State. Waller answered that there are many veterinarians in Nebraska who graduated from Kansas State and are loyal to their alma mater. The Kansas State program has been functioning since 1985. Kansas State will not lose money due to the new contract but may lose some standing. Iowa State needs leverage and has been very cooperative. They have already accepted students into their fall 2005 class. Iowa State is willing to share responsibility to keep tuition down. Waller said it will be a great program. Moeller remarked that putting Iowa State with its 25 percent of swine production in the U.S. and Nebraska with its 25 percent of cattle production in the U.S. will create quite a force for grant proposals.

Keown called for a vote and the APC unanimously approved the motion to support the Veterinary Science contract between Iowa State and Nebraska.

February 23 meeting notes
Since there was not a quorum at the February 23, 2005 meeting, it was not an official meeting. However, there was much discussion that should not be lost. Martin moved and Hansen seconded that the notes from the February 23 meeting be put into the APC permanent record and also posted on Blackboard. This was unanimously accepted.

Proposal to establish an Insect Science Major
Keown introduced the proposal for an undergraduate Insect Science major. He wanted to know why an Insect Science major rather than an Entomology major was proposed. Hallbeck commented that even at the doctoral level the breakdown is not this fine. Oliva remarked that the cover letter to the proposal stated that the entomology major is the only one in the state. Waller agreed. Oliva inquired whether only three courses were being created to establish the new major. Waller stated that since there is no undergraduate program at this time, the addition of this program would spread the cost across a larger base. It gives ownership of a program without adding professors. Waller believes that there is a market for the new major. The cost to the college and department is minimal. Distance education also draws students to the program. He gave examples of two exceptional 8th grade students who are taking courses at the college level.

The motion was tabled until the March 23 meeting so that representatives from the Entomology Department can attend and answer questions and concerns regarding this program.
The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (D.R.E.A.M.) Act
Weiss distributed a handout [attached to the permanent record] regarding the D.R.E.A.M. Act, which would allow Nebraska to provide in-state college tuition to undocumented immigrant students who grew up in Nebraska and attended high school here. The Board of Regents voted at their March meeting to affirm the principle behind the Act. Weiss moved and Hanson seconded to endorse the BOR resolution to support affordable access to higher education for all Nebraskans including increased opportunities at residential tuition rates to undocumented immigrants. This includes students who have attended and graduated from a Nebraska high school and have officially initiated action to become permanent residents of the state. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Programs of Excellence (POE) Funding
Couture distributed the list of revised POE proposals that she, Paul and Owens reviewed and support. [“POE Revised Proposals,” March 9, 2006 is attached to the permanent record.] The proposals are placed in order of priority. At this point in time, budget analysis reveals that there is money to support each of them. Couture asked the APC to endorse the funding of all of the programs. If funds are not sufficient to cover them all they will be funded as prioritized.

There was some discussion on the programs that were being suggested for one-time awards. Several questions came up about the J.D. Edwards program. APC decided to ask the director of the J D Edwards program to attend an APC meeting to help clarify some aspects of the program.

Martin moved and Kostelnik seconded to award the POE Revised Proposals as presented by Couture. The motion passed unanimously.

Issues from the Vice Chancellors
Keown asked Couture if the rumors that had been mentioned about possible budget cuts were true. Couture said shortfalls for the current year may be covered but there will be problems if losses continue over the next few years. Income from tuition and from state funds is uncertain.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.