

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

**Approved Minutes  
April 23, 2008**

Members Present

Mary K. Bolin	Barbara A. Couture	David Solheim
Craig J. Eckhardt	F. Edwin Harvey	Jerry Renaud
William J. Nunez	David H. Allen	Greg Gifford
Jeffrey F. Keown	John Bender	
Steven S. Waller	Jamie Radcliffe	

Members Absent

John C. Owens	Prem S. Paul	Dwayne Ball
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Others Attending

Harvey Perlman, Chancellor, University of Nebraska–Lincoln  
Michelle Waite, Assistant to the Chancellor for Community Relations, Office of the Chancellor  
Mark Lagrimini, Department Head, Agronomy and Horticulture  
Shelley Fuller, Member-Elect, Associate Professor, Art and Art History  
Susan Fritz, Associate Vice Chancellor, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, for John Owens

Bolin stated a quorum had been established and called the meeting to order at 3:04 P.M.

Chancellor’s Annual Briefing

Bolin welcomed Chancellor Harvey Perlman. Perlman presented major planning initiatives’ for the City of Lincoln and the University of Nebraska–Lincoln to APC membership. [Attached to permanent record] [Allen arrived] Perlman concluded his presentation informing that the Senior Administrative Team will convene in early June to establish major planning initiatives in the upcoming year. However, he stated that information technology is one fairly significant issue to be discussed next year and conveyed this very important topic, among others, could possibly come before APC for review or action. [Waite arrived]

Bolin inquired if there were any questions or comments and there were none. She thanked Perlman for addressing APC membership and Perlman thanked the group for the opportunity. [Perlman left]

Welcome to New Members

Bolin welcomed two newly elected members of the Academic Planning Committee, Shelley Fuller, representing the Arts and Humanities faculty, who was present as an observer at the meeting and returning member Jeffrey Keown, representing the Biological Sciences faculty. Their terms start on August 1, 2008. Bolin noted two student representatives as well as a dean representative have yet to be elected or selected.

Approval of March 26, 2008 Minutes and Change Degree Name of the Bachelor of Science in Diversified Agricultural Studies

Bolin stated even though both topics were discussed and voted on at the last meeting, a quorum was not established. Thus, the group needed to reconsider and vote on the two outstanding items.

Approval of the Minutes from the March 26, 2008 meeting was moved by Radcliffe and seconded by Eckhardt.

Bolin asked if there were any questions or discussion and there was none. The Minutes were approved without dissent.

Bolin drew attention to the proposal and support documentation in the members' handout packet. Bender moved to accept the degree name change of Diversified Agricultural Studies to Applied Science. The motion was seconded by Radcliffe.

Bolin inquired if there were any further discussions, questions, or comments. There were none. Bolin called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

#### Approval of April 9, 2008 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the April 9, 2008 meeting was moved by Eckhardt and seconded by Waller. The Minutes were approved without dissent.

#### Legislature Issues Follow Up Discussion

Bolin welcomed Michelle Waite and thanked her for returning to update APC membership on legislature. (Waite first spoke to APC membership at its February 13, 2008 meeting) Waite conveyed the 100<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Second Session, adjourned on Thursday, April 17, 2008 and presented to APC membership an overview of the 2008 legislative assembly. [Attached to permanent record] [Radcliffe left] [Renaud arrived] Waite concluded by stating this has been a very positive year for the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Bolin asked if there were any questions or comments for Waite and there were none. Bolin thanked Waite for returning to address APC membership. [Waite left]

#### Name Change for Ph.D. Program in Horticulture and Forestry

Bolin conveyed the name change proposal was included in the member handout packet and welcomed Mark Lagimini, who was present to answer any questions pertaining to the proposal. She asked if he wished to present to APC. Lagimini stated the program is an artifact of a former program. He explained at one time Horticulture was a “stand alone” program that did not have many Ph.D. students so Forestry was added in order so Ph.D. students would be able to get their degrees. Lagimini informed that 9 years ago Horticulture merged with the Agronomy Department to form the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture and noted Agronomy had its own Ph.D. program. Lagimini stated as a result of the need to bring the two programs together, the proposal before APC will essentially eliminate the Ph.D. program in Horticulture and Forestry. Those students interested in a Ph.D. in Horticulture could get their Ph.D. in the Horticulture and Agronomy program.

Bolin commented this proposal has been through the Graduate Council, who was unanimous in their approval of this request and now comes before the APC. She asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

Keown moved to accept the degree name change of Horticulture and Forestry to Horticulture. The motion was seconded by Harvey.

Bolin inquired if there were any further discussions, questions, or comments and there were none. Bolin called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Bolin thanked Lagrimini for coming to address APC membership. [Lagrimini left]

APC Representative APR Report for Food Science & Technology and Food Processing Center

Bolin asked Waller to present his report. Waller began by stating he was involved in most of the review and noted as an APC monitor he paid most attention to monitoring the Academic Program Review (APR) process. He conveyed the external review team looked at both the Center and well as the department. Waller shared the vision of the Food Processing Center is to become more involved in the education of undergraduate and graduate students. Waller said the review was positive and faculty has implemented many of the suggestions. He noted the only recommendation for the APR subcommittee was the Review Team would have benefited from the participation of a student, either an undergraduate or a graduate student. However he felt the review was still well covered and the department will make certain a student is involved at the next review. Waller conveyed his recommendation was no formal hearing on review results and process by the APC was needed as the process worked quite well and implementation of recommendations in already in progress. Waller drew laughter from the Committee when he pointed out he should receive a “gold star” on the quickest turn around on an APR monitor report!

Bolin asked if there were any questions or comments for Waller. There were none. She thanked Waller for his report.

Eckhardt inquired if Harvey’s previously stated concern on the APR APC monitor involvement throughout the entire APR process had been addressed. Harvey responded this had been addressed and his concern will be noted in his final report.

Matters from Vice Chancellor(s)

Bolin inquired to Couture if she wished to address APC. Couture stated the academic deans will meet to discuss their strategic planning on May 1. Couture said they would spend that time presenting to one another the issues and projects with which they are currently engaged. The goal is to benefit from collective discussion, to build collaboration, and to move those issues and projects forward in their own colleges. Among these issues of collective interests include: 1) the future of library services at the University and looking forward to new developments and new information technologies as they affect library service, 2) the use of college external advisory boards as that might relate to fundraising and other activities that our colleges engage, 3) the ways in which information services might be structured to better serve academic priorities in the University, and 4) encouraging interdisciplinary work across campus. Couture said she and the deans will also be looking at how liberal arts programs might relate to professional education and vice versa. She noted the deans will be leading these discussions and expressed it will be a very active and productive morning

Couture informed the group that an activity previously mentioned at APC is a workshop May 12 for deans and chairs on *Best Practices to Achieve a Diverse Faculty*. She noted that results from a report that was produced by the Advisory Board, a consulting firm, will be presented.

Bolin asked if there were any questions or comments for Couture and there were none.

Bolin asked Fritz if she wished to address APC. Fritz replied she did not have any items to report on from IANR (Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources). Bolin thanked Couture and Fritz.

### Academic Program Review Update

Bolin drew attention to the 2007-2008 Academic Program Review sheet located in the members' handout packets. She indicated the sheet was just to update membership on the status of the Academic Program Reviews. Bolin informed the group that Harvey would return to present his report on Electrical Engineering.

### Other Business

None

### Announcements and Acknowledgement of Departing Members

Bolin welcomed again the newly elected members and thanked departing committee members for their hard work and time and expressed their excellent service was appreciated. Bolin conveyed the departing members are Steven Waller, academic dean representative, F. Edwin Harvey, representing Biological Sciences faculty, Greg Gifford, graduate student representative, David Solheim, undergraduate student representative, and herself, representing Arts and Humanities faculty. She added Jerry Renaud, representing the Business and Social Sciences faculty, was also a departing member who temporarily stood in for David Fowler who will be rejoining the APC in the fall. Bolin pointed out again an academic dean representative as well as representation from two students (a graduate and an undergraduate) and the President of the Faculty Senate or designee was forthcoming. The APC applauded the departing members.

Nunez reminded APC membership their term does not end until July 31. Bolin mentioned summer availability and such as checking email.

Couture thanked Bolin and expressed appreciation for her leadership. The committee agreed.

### Close of APC Business

Bolin wished incoming APC Chair Craig Eckhardt well and provided the gavel that was presented to the incoming Chair last year by Harvey. Bolin conveyed that the engraved quote on the gavel by Justin Morrill, 1893 was very good and appropriate for the work of APC: "I have aimed only to promote the greatest good for the greatest number."

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle (Shelly) Green  
APC Coordinator