

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

**Approved Minutes  
January 27, 2010**

Members Present

John Bender	Jeffrey F. Keown	David Fowler
Ellen Weissinger	Dwayne Ball	Megan Collins
David Manderscheid	Craig J. Eckhardt	Andrew John (Jamie) Radcliffe
Jennifer Brand	Jennifer Mostek	

Members Absent

John Owens	Prem Paul	William J. Nunez
David H. Allen	Shelley Fuller	

Others Attending

Gregory R. Snow, Associate Dean for Research, College of Arts and Sciences  
David K. Watkins, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Geosciences

Bender stated a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 3:26 P.M.

Note: The order of the agenda was changed by Bender.

Proposal – Department of Geosciences Name Change to Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

Bender welcomed guests Gregory Snow and David Watkins who were present in support of the proposal and to answer any questions if needed. Bender asked Brand, chair of the ad hoc subcommittee, to report on this proposal. Brand stated the ad hoc subcommittee had reviewed this proposal and recommend approval.

Bender stated the ad-hoc subcommittee's recommendation in favor of the proposal served as a motion and second. He inquired if there were any discussion or questions or discussion and there were none. Bender called for a vote. The APC voted unanimously to endorse the proposal.

Approval of December 2, 2009 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the December 2, 2009 meeting was moved by Ball and seconded by Radcliffe.

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

Approval of December 16, 2009 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the December 16, 2009 meeting was moved by Ball and seconded by Radcliffe.

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

#### Closed Session

The APC moved into a closed session for the purpose of holding a discussion on the following subject: general budget.

The APC went into closed session at 3:35 P.M. and reconvened the open meeting at 5:30 P.M. [Eckhardt arrived and Weissinger left and returned during that time frame]

#### Matters from Vice Chancellor(s) of Academic Affairs, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Research and Economic Development

Weissinger commented she was encouraged that this committee was looking at upcoming budget reductions not merely as a process but as a way of looking into the future. She said she encourages and believes this kind of thinking is necessary and will be a fruitful process and noted she has encouraged the deans to also think this way.

Weissinger informed the committee there was an upcoming Deans Retreat on February 2.

Bender inquired on the status of both the Task Force on Academic Efficiency and the Task Force on Academic Entrepreneurship. Weissinger stated she has decided to combine these Task Forces into "Pre-Task Forces" that would consist of one or two deans and two or three faculty members. She noted a list of names is in the process of being prepared that will then come to Academic Affairs for further implementation. She said that the hope is to have these task forces up and running by Fall 2010.

#### Other Business

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle (Shelly) Green  
APC Coordinator