

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

**Approved Minutes
October 6, 2010**

Members Present

Deborah W. Minter, Vice Chair	Ellen Weissinger	Shelley T. Fuller
Ronnie Green	Rita Kean	David C. Solheim
Jeffrey F. Keown	Miles Taft Bryant	Justin Solomon
John Bender	Dwayne Ball	

Members Absent

Jennifer I. Brand, Chair	Curtis L. Weller	David Manderscheid
Prem S. Paul	William J. Nunez	

Others Attending

Mari Greer, President, UNOPA (University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association)
Nancy Myers, President, UAAD (University Association for Administrative Development)

Minter stated a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 3:08 P.M. She indicated Brand was unable to attend as she was out of town.

Approval of September 1, 2010 General Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the September 1, 2010 general meeting was moved by Ball and seconded by Bryant.

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

Approval of September 3, 2010 Hearing Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the September 3, 2010 Hearing was moved by Bender and seconded by Ball.

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

Approval of September 3, 2010 Deliberation Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the September 3, 2010 deliberation meeting was moved by Keown and seconded by Bender.

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

[Weissinger and Solomon arrived]

Approval of September 15, 2010 General Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the September 15, 2010 general meeting was moved by Bender and seconded by Ball.

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

Proposal on Deletions of Joint Degrees in Mathematics and Statistics [Copy of proposal attached to permanent record]

Minter informed she and Keown were the subcommittee that reviewed this proposal. She said in 2003, the Department of Mathematics and Statistics split into two departments. Since the split, the two departments have offered separate graduate degrees. She stated both she and Keown agree this proposal appears straightforward and noted they corresponded with the chairs of both departments regarding this proposal. She conveyed she and Keown recommend approval of this proposal.

Brief discussion ensued. Bryant inquired if both departments were in agreement. Minter and Keown said both departments were in complete agreement. Minter noted both of the department chairs were invited to this meeting; however, they relayed there was not a need for them to attend.

Minter asked if there were any questions or further discussion and there were none.

Endorsement of the subcommittee served as a motion and second for the proposal. Minter called for a vote. The APC voted unanimously to endorse the proposal.

Subcommittee Appointment – Proposal on Autism Spectrum Disorders and Severe Disabilities
[Copy of full proposal attached to permanent record]

Minter indicated to the APC that subcommittee members were needed to review the Autism Spectrum and Severe Disabilities graduate certificate proposal and asked for two to three volunteers for this subcommittee.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the pending establishment of a standing certificate subcommittee of the APC and expediting the procedural process.

Ball moved to create an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to review this proposed certificate program and then to work on establishing a standing APC Certificate Subcommittee that will address these proposals. Once the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee has reviewed this proposed certificate program, in order to expedite the process, it will convey its recommendations to the APC Coordinator and/or APC Secretary, who will electronically request a full membership vote. Bender seconded.

Minter [subcommittee chair], Fuller, and Kean volunteered to serve on this Ad-Hoc Subcommittee as well as the pending standing Certificate Subcommittee. Their appointments were supported by APC membership.

Minter asked if there was any further discussion and there was none. She called for a vote. The APC voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Business of Revised Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions

Minter stated in each members handout packets, as well as posted on Blackboard, are three documents - the revised *Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions* document, a revised flow chart describing graphic representation of Phase One, Two, and Three, and the current approved *Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions* document. [all documents attached to permanent record] She conveyed the two revised documents come before the APC for discussion and approval.

Discussion ensued. Ball wondered on the status of the *Rationale for Expansion of Academic Planning Committee from Six to Eight Elected Faculty Members* document that was sent to the Faculty Senate after APC's September 15 meeting. Bender replied this document has been reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, subject to revisions by them, in order to present it to the Faculty Senate for approval. He shared the Executive Committee did have some questions and that he and Brand were to meet with them on October 13. He stated this has not yet been approved by the Faculty Senate; however, this could possibly be on the Faculty Senate agenda at its November meeting. He noted this would also have to be approved by ASUN (Association of Students of the University of Nebraska). He said they should have a good indication of the status after he and Brand meet with the Executive Committee and will keep the APC updated on this matter.

Fuller clarified the addition of two additional faculty members to the APC would be enduring, not just during the budget reallocation and reduction process. Ball stated yes that is correct and noted more faculty is needed as the workload of the faculty has increased over time and probably will continue to increase in the foreseeable future. Discussion concluded that it would be best to wait to further review and discuss this agenda item.

Ball moved to table this agenda item until the APC has a better indication on the status of the *Rationale for Expansion of Academic Planning Committee from Six to Eight Elected Faculty Members* document before further reviewing and discussing the revised *Procedures to be Invoked for Significant Budget Reallocations and Reductions* document and the revised flow chart describing graphic representation of Phase One, Two, and Three. The APC should have a better indication by its October 20 meeting. Keown seconded.

Minter asked if there was further discussion and there was none. She called for a vote. The APC voted unanimously to table this agenda item until the next APC meeting on October 20.

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

Minter asked Green if he had any matters to discuss or share. Green indicated he did not have any matters to discuss.

Weissinger mentioned the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP) is moving along and there has been a lot of interest. Weissinger mentioned that she had recently been contacted by Leslie Reed with the Omaha World Herald. She said Reed is writing an article on this program that she believes will be in this Sunday's newspaper. She commented that Reed has a really good angle on tenure, in a positive way, and that she asked a lot of questions about whether there was a need or an interest in re-shaping the composition of the faculty, specifically away from tenure and non-tenure positions.

Weissinger stated she believes that more tenure-track positions are needed now more than ever. She said she also gave Reed some data. She said one portion of the data appears to show a concurrent growth in non-tenured faculty but seemingly not at the expense of the tenured faculty lines. She expressed we need to find some way of growing our tenure track ranks in this economic environment to continue becoming the university we are trying to become.

Weissinger expressed she believes we need to invent a variety of ways in which to honor and/or recognize the folks departing through the VSIP.

Bryant noted the uncertainty is huge for those left behind. Weissinger stated she is confident a way can be figured out to cash flow the instructional costs next year. She said she is guessing that it will take more than one year for us to figure out how to reallocate those lines and replenish the programs that the faculty came out of. This will be challenging for groups of faculty too. She said this is uncharted waters.

Minter asked if there were any further discussion or comments and there were none.

Other Business

Keown stated he was the APC representative that monitored the Academic Program Review of the Department of Agricultural Economics. He noted this department was waiting for the new department head to assume the position before preparing and submitting its response to the Review Teams report. He said a department chair has joined the department and that he is unsure when this response will be completed and submitted so that he can prepare his report and report to the full APC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Minter at 3:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle (Shelly) Green
APC Coordinator