

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Academic Planning Committee

Approved Minutes
October 3, 2012

Members Present

Miles Taft Bryant	Stephen Lahey	Prem S. Paul
Gerard Harbison, Chair	Martha McCollough	Donde Plowman
Mike Hoffman	Christopher Marks	Linda Shipley
Libby Jones	Jack Morris	Ellen Weissinger
Eric Kamler	William Nunez	

Members Absent

Archie Clutter	Jared Leighton
Ronnie Green	Curtis Weller

Others Attending

Ron Yoder, Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of Vice President/Vice Chancellor, on behalf of Ronnie Green and Archie Clutter

Harbison stated a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Harbison welcomed elected faculty representative Mike Hoffman. He noted an updated membership list was in each member handout packet. [attached to permanent record]

Approval of September 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the September 5, 2012 general meeting was moved by Jones and seconded by Bryant.

Harbison asked if there were any questions or comments. Marks commented there seems to be an ongoing confusion and asked for clarification if the UCC stands for Undergraduate Curriculum Committee or University Curriculum Committee. It was determined the UCC stands for the University Curriculum Committee. The Minutes were approved without dissent. [Yoder arrived]

Approval of September 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the September 19, 2012 general meeting was moved by Jones and seconded by Bryant.

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

Subcommittee Appointment – Proposal on Juridical Sciences Doctor in Space Law [attached to permanent record]

Harbison indicated to membership that two subcommittee members were needed to review the proposal from the College of Law for a new program in Juridical Sciences Doctor in Space Law (JSD-SL). He asked this subcommittee to review and bring a recommendation to the next APC meeting.

Bryant [subcommittee chair] and Lahey volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

Subcommittee Appointment – Proposal on Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior [attached to permanent record]

Harbison said that two subcommittee members were needed to review the proposal from the Office of Research and Economic Development to establish a Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior (CB3) at the University of Nebraska. He asked this subcommittee to review and bring a recommendation to the next APC meeting.

Marks [subcommittee chair] and Hoffman volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

Note: The order of the agenda was changed by the Chair

Discussion and Resolution Letter on University Health Center

Harbison stated as a result of discussion at APC's last meeting, a letter to Vice Chancellor Christine Jackson in Business and Finance regarding the proposed privatization of the University Health Center was drafted. [attached to permanent record] He said the premise of the letter is that the APC does have some role in advising of this move as this committee is charged under UNL Bylaws with reviewing "with the Chancellor or the 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." He informed he received correspondence from several members with comments and amendments concerning this letter and inquired if there were any other edits. [Weissinger arrived]

Brief discussion ensued. [Kamler and McCollough arrived during this discussion] Discussion concluded with the consensus of membership not to write a letter to Vice Chancellor Jackson at this time but to invite her to APC's next meeting.

Update on Aesthetics Review Committee

Harbison asked McCollough for an update. McCollough shared one of the agenda items at the last Aesthetics Review Committee meeting was the proposed sight for the new Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center. She passed around a rendering [attached to permanent record] proposed by RDG Consulting that was shown to this Committee on how the structure and landscape could look. She said location of statues was also discussed. She informed the East Campus gym is one of the agenda items at the next meeting.

Matters from Vice Chancellors - Academic Affairs, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR), and Research and Economic Development

Harbison asked Paul or Weissinger if they had any matters to share. Paul said he had a few items to share for information.

Paul mentioned last week's dedication ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Voelte-Keegan Nanoscience Research Center building. He said David Sellmyer is the center director. He stated this building adjoins Jorgensen Hall and remarked that a shared research area will foster interdisciplinary research.

Paul informed members that a workshop was held for faculty on how to obtain research funding from the Department of Defense. He said 60 faculty members attended this workshop.

Paul said he wanted to inform APC of a faculty task force formed to look at social and behavioral sciences research. The goal of the group will be to understand our strengths and weakness, what infrastructures are needed in the future, and what area(s) we should emphasize. He said there will be speakers from Michigan State University, Penn State University, and the University of Iowa for the Social Behavioral Sciences retreat at the Research Fair in November discussing this. He said there are three co-chairs on this faculty task force – David Hansen, Psychology, John Anderson, Economics, and Kimberly Tyler, Sociology.

Weissinger indicated that the Regents approved plans for a new College of Business Administration (CBA) building at its last meeting and the College is now formally rolling out its campaign. She remarked this is the first building in her career at UNL where the College is expected to come up with 100% of the money for a new building. This is the new model in higher education. She added this new CBA building will be our first Big 10 building and we can say this is what a Big Ten school in Nebraska looks like. [Morris arrived]

Weissinger stated the 124,000 square foot of space that CBA will vacate is viewed as prime space. She commented we will have extraordinary resource in that building. Harbison commented the building is beautiful from the outside but has heard from colleagues that work in this building that the interior could use remodeling. Weissinger expressed it will be fun for us to think on how to program this building – it has a lot of space with a lot of potential.

Yoder said, in keeping with the theme looking back, looking forward, last week was the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act. He said also we recognized four former U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture. He indicated looking forward, in keeping with the strategic planning of the 2025 Vision, last Monday 36 faculty positions addressing areas of strategic need were released.

Other Business

Bryant indicated he was unable to attend last week's Master Plan update Steering Committee meeting; however he is aware that more MyCampus submissions are desired. He encouraged membership to submit their feedback and to also encourage others to do the same. He said for more information; go to the Plan Big website located at <http://planbig.unl.edu/>.

Brief discussion ensued on how to push out a message to the campus encouraging feedback. Marks inquired how long feedback could be submitted. Nunez replied 2 to 3 weeks, before the consultants, Sasaki Associates, return at the end of October with alternative strategic planning

scenarios. Discussion concluded that Nunez will ask Chancellor Perlman to send an all-campus email.

Harbison asked if there was further business and there was none. He mentioned discussion on Digital Measures Activity Insight™ is on the next meeting agenda.

There being no other business, McCollough moved and Bryant seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m. The next meeting of the Academic Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in the City Campus Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle (Shelly) Green
APC Coordinator