

University of Nebraska – Lincoln  
Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Approved Minutes  
September 18, 2013

Members Present

Stephen Lahey, Chair	Libby Jones	Jamie Radcliffe
Archie Clutter	Martha McCollough	Patrick Shea
Leslie Delserone	Jack Morris	Linda Shipley
Jacob Friefeld	William Nunez	Josh Waltjer
Gerard Harbison	Prem S. Paul	Ellen Weissinger
Mike Hoffman	Donde Plowman	

Members Absent

Ronnie Green

Others Attending

Kurt Preston, Associate Vice Chancellor, Research  
Scott Hunt, Facilities Planner, FM&P Facilities Plan & Construction  
Dwayne Ball, Chairperson, Department of Marketing  
Lance Perez, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

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

Lahey welcomed guests who were present for questions, if needed.

Approval of September 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Lahey informed members that the Minutes had already been revised with a few minor edits. He inquired if there were any other revisions. Shea remarked a statement by Lahey concerning Professors of Practice appeared inaccurate. Lahey stated he would modify his statement.

[Harbison, Shipley and Clutter arrived]

Approval of the Minutes from the September 4, 2013 general meeting as amended was moved by McCollough and seconded by Friefeld.

Lahey asked if there were any questions, comments or further revisions and there were none. The Minutes were approved as amended without dissent.

Action Item: Project Initiation Request for Behlen Laboratory (Floors 1-3) Renovation

Lahey welcomed Kurt Preston and Scott Hunt who were present for questions, if needed and yielded the floor to Nunez. Nunez thanked Lahey and mentioned the Project Initiation Request (PIR) for Behlen Laboratory (Floors 1-3) renovation was in each member packet distributed via email. [attached to permanent record] He stated he was the subcommittee chair and that Jones,

Friefeld and Morris were the other members on this subcommittee. He said Jones would discuss this PIR and that Morris would discuss the following PIR.

Jones informed membership the subcommittee had met with Facilities Planner Scott Hunt and Assistant Vice Chancellor Mike Zeleny in Research last week who gave the subcommittee an overview of the project. She stated the main purpose of the project is to recapitalize floors 1-3 to provide secure research space that will help support research opportunities through UARC (University-Affiliated Research Center). She said renovation will include abatement of all hazardous materials, and repair or replacement of the building's roof and HVAC, plumbing, electrical, telecommunications, and structural systems. She added code-related modifications will also be addressed to correct life-safety and accessibility deficiencies.

Nunez conveyed the subcommittee recommends APC approval of the Project Initiation Request for renovation of Behlen Laboratory Floors 1-3 and introduced a motion to do so. As a motion from a subcommittee, no second is required.

Lahey inquired if there were any questions, comments or discussion from membership and there were none.

With no further discussion, Lahey reminded endorsement of the subcommittee served as a motion and second and called for a vote. The APC voted unanimously to approve the proposal for renovation of Behlen Laboratory Floors 1-3. Lahey thanked the subcommittee for their work and guests for attending the meeting and they thanked the APC. [Morris and Perez arrived]

Action Item: Project Initiation Request for Manter Hall Renovation

Lahey introduced the next proposal and pointed out the Project Initiation Request (PIR) for the Manter Hall renovation was in each member packet distributed via email. [attached to permanent record] He welcomed guests Lance Perez and Scott Hunt who were present, if needed, for questions. He then asked Morris to discuss this item.

Morris informed membership the subcommittee had met with Director and Chair Valery Forbes, School of Biological Sciences, AVC Lance Perez, Academic Affairs and Facilities Planner Scott Hunt last week, who briefed the subcommittee on the project. He remarked this project is long overdue and told membership this facility has not changed significantly since initial construction in the late 1970's. He commented this project will certainly correct some air flow problems associated with fumes that accumulate during lab work with the update of the HVAC equipment directly serving the labs. He stated the largest component of the project is the renovation of the first floor to increase the number and capacity of the undergraduate labs and creation of a student support area. He shared he was quite familiar with the nature of the facility as he was director for 15 years. He said he has heard of no reservations raised with this project.

Morris indicated the subcommittee recommends APC approval of the Project Initiation Request for renovation of Manter Hall and introduced a motion to do so. As a motion from a subcommittee, no second is required.

Lahey inquired if there were any questions, comments or discussion from membership and there were none.

With no further discussion, Lahey reminded endorsement of the subcommittee served as a motion and second and called for a vote. The APC voted unanimously to approve the proposal for renovation of Manter Hall. Lahey thanked the subcommittee for their work and guests for attending the meeting and they thanked the APC. [Paul, Preston, Hunt, and Perez left]

Action Item: Proposal on Supply Chain Management Systems Graduate Certificate

Lahey indicated to membership that the next agenda item was the proposal from the College of Business Administration for a new graduate certificate, Supply Chain Management Systems. He said this proposal was in each member packet that was distributed via email. [attached to permanent record] He welcomed guest Dwayne Ball who was present for questions on both proposals. Lahey said he and Radcliffe were the subcommittee reviewing this proposal as well as the following proposal and asked Radcliffe to discuss these two items.

Radcliffe stated the subcommittee had no significant issues. He indicated this certificate is contained within an existing major proposal and was clearly using existing resources to provide added benefit to students.

Action Item: Proposal on Business Analytics Graduate Certificate

Radcliffe stated the subcommittee had asked for clarification on the proposal from the College of Business Administration for a new graduate certificate, Business Analytics that was in each member packet that was distributed via email. [attached to permanent record] He said it appeared among the advantages obvious to this subcommittee was the possibly of students of other Business Colleges in the Big 10 being able to take these courses and receive the certificate from where they are, without having to attend UNL and if this was a possibility to indicate a possible venue in the proposal rationale. In addition, if possible, it should be indicated whether the student may include courses similar to the four necessary for the certificate as substitutions for one or more of them, and the procedure for assessing transferability of these courses should be made clear. He stated the subcommittee received clarification on this proposal and an addition was added to the proposal rationale. Ball commented for this Business Analytics certificate there are some entrance requirements. Brief discussion ensued regarding online certificates and concluded with the mention this topic could possibly be a future APC agenda discussion item.

Lahey indicated this subcommittee recommends APC approval of the two requests from the College of Business Administration for the following graduate certificates: 1) Supply Chain Management Systems and, 2) Business Analytics and introduced a motion to do so. As a motion from a subcommittee, no second is required.

Lahey inquired if there were any further questions, comments or discussion and there was none. Lahey called for a vote. The APC voted unanimously to endorse the proposals. Lahey thanked Ball for attending and he thanked the APC for its consideration. [Ball left]

APC Representative Academic Program Review Report for the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Lahey said the next item of business was the APC representative/monitor Academic Program Review report for the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures submitted by former APC member Curtis Weller. He said this report was in each member packet that was distributed via email. [attached to permanent record]

Lahey asked if there were any comments or questions and there were none. He added if there were any questions the former APC representative could be invited to APC's next meeting. This report was accepted by APC membership.

APC Representative Academic Program Review Report for the Department of Animal Science

Lahey stated the APC representative/monitor report on the Academic Program Review on the Department of Animal Science submitted by former APC member Patricia Sollars was the next agenda item. He said this report was in each member packet that was distributed via email. [attached to permanent record]

Lahey inquired if there were any comments or questions and there were none. This report was accepted by APC membership.

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

Lahey asked SVC Weissinger if she had any matters to share.

Weissinger remarked APC membership may have heard or read Chancellor Perlman's State of the University Address yesterday. She expressed the slide show he presented showing buildings that advance our programs as well as renderings showing building for our future was amazing and was nice to see all compiled in one presentation. She said he also foreshadowed the growth that the proposed new Master Plan predicts. She stated Chancellor Perlman also touched on budget reductions and commented she thought this was good news for this group in saying that while budget issues are real, Chancellor Perlman is committed to working with the vice chancellors to, as he stated "to identify permanent reductions as far from the academic enterprise as possible that will allow us to eliminate some of this structural deficit." She added Chancellor Perlman also announced a faculty hiring initiative in Academic Affairs.

Weissinger mentioned the move of the Office of Career Services to Academic Affairs. She stated UNL will be judged on the career success of our students in the "no college student left behind" era. To this end, we need to have the ability to influence the quality and effectiveness and priorities of the office. She expressed her confidence in Bill Watts, who recently was named Director for Career Services, to run and to create a highly effective, highly responsive Career Services center. [Hoffman and Waltjer arrived]

Lahey noted Chancellor Perlman said in his address a need for departmental metrics for assessing career success and wondered on where guidance from that will be. Weissinger briefly discussed outcome assessment. She believes that the think tanks, national organizations, the state and

federal governments and the Boards of Regent will become less interested in proof that a student learned something beyond their grades and will judge on what she believes the following three aspects: 1) 6 year graduation rate, 2) career placement, and 3) debt burden upon graduation. She indicated that universities will need a method to respond to these points.

Hoffman commented he thinks, to put in a different context, some issues need to be addressed such as careers, whether it is attending graduate school or attending professional school. We as an institution need to respond to say these are the things we feel are important

McCullough questioned how values will be measured. Weissinger replied the preference is in a way that makes sense to us.

Hoffman wondered where UNL gets the information about graduates as an institution. He remarked his department attempts to track this. Weissinger replied the Office of Career Services is very successful at receiving feedback from graduates. She said this office sends surveys to students at graduation and there is an extraordinary response rate. She added the deans and chairs also have a variety of methods.

Weissinger shared the State Department of Economic Development and the State Department of Labor have proposed a database that begins in high school and goes through the career into the job market. The controversial part of this is that a social security number is used as an indicator. She indicated UNL and UNO intend to participate in this database. She commented there are privacy concerns; however this is a fantastic and automated way of getting accurate information on where our students go, what they are doing, how much money they are making. She remarked more of those effects will happen if President Obama's proposals gain traction.

Shipleigh commented for quite some time her department has contacted graduates a year after graduation, in 5 years and then in 10 years so they have several sets of 5 year intervals. She said this year our department will begin every three years in response to what is happening in the college and in the industry. She remarked they have found the 5 year intervals very helpful and added the rate of return is fairly good.

Lahey asked if there were any other comments, questions or discussion and there were none. He thanked Weissinger.

[For reference the State of the University Address 2013 by Chancellor Harvey Perlman is located at the following URL: <http://www.unl.edu/ucomm/chancellor/sua2013/>]

Lahey asked Clutter if he had any matters to share on behalf of IANR. Clutter said he had a couple of matters - a brief update of the hiring initiative and collaboration with the Office of Academic Affairs.

Clutter stated regarding IANR's hiring initiative they released 36 positions at the beginning of the year. He shared IANR has signed offer letters from 21 of the 36 positions. He expressed all 21 that accepted are excellent candidates so the quality is very high reflecting not only strong

engagement by our faculty but other significant representation from Academic Affairs on these search committees. He said efforts are continuing and indicated that interviews are in the process of being scheduled or already scheduled for all but one of the remaining positions.

Clutter stated as for the collaboration with Academic Affairs, 3 of those positions are in Computational Sciences. He said 2 positions have been filled and that is an area where they are coordinating and joining forces across campus to recruit for those positions. He said they are coordinating with Mathematics and with Electrical Engineering to recruit for remaining positions. He expressed this is an area of momentum across campus.

Clutter then indicated he would be happy to answer any questions. Weissinger expressed that is a huge success to have 21 hires.

Clutter added IANR now have a new program in place where new faculty has access to new faculty success networks and that we are looking to extend from just orientation to a more extended on-board process. He informed they are looking at ways to improve with mentoring across the institute. He said there are certainly mentoring efforts and some mentoring programs within units; however there is not a formalized mentoring program for faculty success.

Lahey asked if there were any other comments, questions or discussion and there were none. He thanked Clutter.

#### Other Business

Lahey asked if there was other business and there was none.

There being no other business, Nunez moved and McCollough seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m. The next meeting of the Academic Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Campus Nebraska Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle (Shelly) Green  
APC Coordinator