

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Approved Minutes
February 12, 2014

Members Present

Stephen Lahey, Chair
Leslie Delserone
Jacob Friefeld
Gerard Harbison
Mike Hoffman

Libby Jones
Martha McCollough
Jack Morris
William Nunez
Jamie Radcliffe

Patrick Shea
Linda Shipley
Josh Waltjer
Ellen Weissinger

Members Absent

Archie Clutter
Ronnie Green

Prem S. Paul
Donde Plowman

Others Present

Mary Klucas, President, UNOPA (University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association)
Julie Thomsen, President, UAAD (University Association for Administrative Development)
Ron Yoder, Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of Vice President/Vice Chancellor, on behalf of
Ronnie Green

Lahey stated a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. He welcomed Julie and Mary, who were present for the general budget framework discussion and planning discussion. He invited them to ask questions and to share any concerns.

Approval of January 15, 2014 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the January 15, 2014 general meeting was moved by McCollough and seconded by Radcliffe.

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

Subcommittee Appointment: New Bachelor of Science in Integrated Science

Lahey indicated to membership that two subcommittee members were needed to review the proposal from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources for a new bachelor of science in Integrated Science. He said this proposal was in the handout packet distributed via email to each member. [attached to permanent record] He stated the intent is for this subcommittee to review and bring back a recommendation at the next APC meeting for full membership consideration.

Shea and Morris volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

Subcommittee Appointment: Create Executive Certificates in Space Law, Cyber and Cyber Security Law, and Cyber and Telecommunications Law

Lahey indicated to membership that two subcommittee members were needed to review the proposal for the College of Law to create executive certificates in Space Law, Cyber and Cyber Security Law, and Cyber and Telecommunications Law. He said this proposal was also in each handout packet distributed electronically to each member. [attached to permanent record] He said the desire is for this subcommittee to review and to bring back its recommendation at the next APC meeting for full membership consideration.

Harbison and Jones volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

General Budget Framework Discussion and Planning

Lahey stated the budget reduction process had been initiated. He referenced the meeting on February 3, as specified by UNL's Budget Reduction Process procedures, convened by Chancellor Perlman. This meeting included members of the APC. He remarked the APC will not receive another briefing on budget proposal from Chancellor Perlman until March 17.

Lahey then distributed a handout on Guiding Principles and Procedures for Budget Reductions as well as a disclaimer. [attached to permanent record] He stated this internal document was created by APC's Long-range Planning subcommittee a few years ago to be referenced by APC membership during the budget reduction process.

Nunez affirmed the budget reduction process had been initiated and stated as specified in UNL's Budget Reduction Process procedures the APC now needs to review the "general budget framework" document and accept/make recommendations to Chancellor Perlman. He said Chancellor Perlman will adopt the "final general budget framework" and make specific budget recommendations on March 17.

Discussion ensued on deficits, one-time funding money, revenue streams, and distance education. It was noted Chancellor Perlman had said in his State of the University Address foreshadowing that if there were any budget cuts they would be taken as far away from academics as possible. Discussion concluded to accept the "general budget framework" document.

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

Lahey asked Weissinger if she had any matters to share or discuss.

Weissinger referenced news articles in today's newspapers announcing the plan to unite the programs of the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts. She stated the faculty and staff were informed of the merger last Tuesday. She informed that Kim Wilson, interim dean of the College of Architecture and Chuck O'Connor, dean of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts will lead a faculty and staff process that will create a proposal on the nature and structure on the college that will eventually come before the APC for its consideration, most likely by October. She stated the Board of Regents and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education will need to approve this merger and the hoped for date of college implementation is July 1, 2015. She said a steering committee consisting of faculty and staff will be formed within the next few days and remarked Dean

Marjorie Kostelnik and Interim Dean Jim O'Hanlon, who were the two deans that created the College of Education and Human Sciences, will serve as advisors to the process. She added an outside facilitator may also be hired.

Lahey asked if there were any questions or comments. Shea remarked the plan sounds reasonable and makes sense and commented he wished the APC could have been made aware of this merger sooner. Weissinger replied the timing can be complicated at times. She said she feels the affected faculty should be informed before others are.

Lahey asked if there were further comments or questions and there were none. He thanked Weissinger.

Lahey asked Yoder if he had any matters to share from VC Green. Yoder stated that communication has been sent to faculty and staff in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources informing of a plan to take a thoughtful look at all of the resources owned and managed by UNL IANR. This is essentially a review of IANR land holdings and facilities and whether those are they being effectively used. He said the University has approximately 45,000 acres of land, of which 39,000 are in the IANR; the IANR also has a total of nearly 2,000 employees across the state. He conveyed there is no predetermined agenda nor is this effort related to reductions in the budget. This is simply appropriate for an Institute of this size to periodically determine if it is doing business and managing its resources in an effective and practical way. He stated a review of resources in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources has not been conducted since it was formed in 1972.

Lahey asked if there were any questions or comments for Yoder and there were none. He thanked Yoder.

Other Business

Lahey informed membership the subcommittee reviewing the proposal to merge the Departments of Computer & Electronics Engineering with the Department of Electrical Engineering to form the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering is still reviewing this proposal.

Lahey inquired if there was any other business. There was none.

There being no other business, Harbison moved and Radcliffe seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Academic Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Campus Nebraska Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle (Shelly) Green
APC Coordinator