

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Approved Minutes
February 26, 2014

Members Present

Stephen Lahey, Chair
Archie Clutter
Leslie Delserone
Jacob Friefeld
Ronnie Green

Gerard Harbison
Mike Hoffman
Libby Jones
Martha McCollough
Jack Morris

Jamie Radcliffe
Patrick Shea
Linda Shipley
Josh Waltjer
Ellen Weissinger

Members Absent

William Nunez
Prem S. Paul

Donde Plowman

Other Attending

Susan Poser, Dean, College of Law

Matthew Schaefer, Director, Space and Telecommunications Program, College of Law

Lahey stated a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. He welcomed Dean Susan Poser and Professor Matthew Schaefer. He noted the minutes from the last meeting will be on the next meeting agenda.

Action Item: Create Executive Certificates in Space Law, Cyber and Cyber Security Law, and Cyber and Telecommunications Law

Lahey introduced the proposal and pointed out the proposal was in each member handout packet that was distributed electronically. [attached to permanent record] Lahey asked subcommittee members Harbison and Jones to discuss this item.

Harbison informed the subcommittee had met to discuss this proposal. He wondered if one of the general requirements, which is eight credit hours required, with a minimum GPA of 5.0 was a typo. Poser replied the College of Law has a different grading scale, a 9 point scale. She said this would be equivalent to a C.

Harbison said a friendly comment/suggestion on reflection of this proposal would be to add a CSCE (Computer Science and Computer Engineering) survey course on data storage and how the internet works. He said he looked in the CSCE catalog and a course like this does not exist.

Poser replied this was a good suggestion and noted the faculty member who teaches Cyber Law and Telecomm is a computer scientist. She commented she believes this faculty member does cover a great deal on the Internet and some of these issues in the Cyber Law class. Schaefer said this faculty member is always weaving the technology and the operating procedures with the law. Poser added the faculty member is well connected and involved in a lot of interdisciplinary work with engineers as well.

Harbison indicated this subcommittee recommends APC approval of the request from the College of Law to create executive certificates in Space Law, Cyber and Cyber Security Law, and Cyber and Telecommunications Law 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 proposal. Lahey thanked Poser and Schaefer for attending and they thanked the APC for its consideration. [Poser and Schaefer left]

Subcommittee Appointment: Proposal from College of Engineering for Name Change for Master of Science in Construction [attached to permanent record]

Lahey indicated to membership that two subcommittee members were needed to review the proposal from the College of Engineering proposing a name change for the Master of Science in Construction to the Master of Science in Construction Engineering and Management.

Lahey volunteered to serve on this subcommittee. Membership wondered if two subcommittees were needed as this and the following proposal as both were from the College of Engineering. Membership determined only one subcommittee was needed to review both proposals.

Harbison volunteered to serve on this subcommittee as well.

Subcommittee Appointment: Proposal from College of Engineering for Name Change for the Master of Engineering [attached to permanent record]

As earlier determined, Lahey and Harbison will serve on the subcommittee to review this proposal to change the name for the Master of Engineering to the Master of Engineering Management and well as the above-mentioned proposal.

APR Representative Academic Program Review Report for Three Human Sciences Departments in the College of Education and Human Sciences: 1) the Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies; 2) the Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences; and, 3) the Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design [attached to permanent record]

Lahey stated the next item of business was the APC representative/monitor Academic Program Review report for the Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies; 2) the Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences; and, 3) the Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design in the College of Education and Human Sciences submitted by former APC member Jennifer Brand. He said this report was in each member packet that was distributed via email.

Lahey asked 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 inquired to Green if he had any matters to report. Green remarked he had not been able to attend the last few meetings and indicated he did have a few matters to report.

Green mentioned APC's involvement in the budget reduction process and that in the near term Chancellor Perlman will meet with the APC and other participants for a briefing on the budget proposals. He informed membership he has been in contact with Chancellor Perlman. He remarked he is aware there is a fair amount of concern regarding upcoming budget reductions and how that will play out. He stated Chancellor Perlman is being genuine when he says he intends to protect the academic enterprise during this budget adjustment. He said his understanding the plan brought forward will reflect that. He expressed this will make the work of the APC in this process considerably easier than in past times.

Green stated the Institute hiring plan process, which has taken place over the last year and a half ago, is almost completed. He indicated a total of just over 40 new hires. He stated most of the hires are already on campus and the remaining will be on campus over the next 3-4 months. He expressed this has been exciting for the Institute. He said planning will begin for the next phrase of what is projected to be 20 hires in the next fiscal year. He said planning for the prioritization of those hires will begin in July 2014 into the fall with a hiring time frame in the calendar year 2015.

Green indicated there are a number of big construction projects underway. He said the primary project that would influence numerous people on campus to a degree is the Innovation Campus construction. He said this was in the press this last weekend as the Board of Regents approved the UNL lease arrangement for that first phase and the space that will be occupied as well as space that will need to be subleased. He said the exciting part of that is that it is centered on food innovation, food engineering and food manufacturing in partnership with Con Agra Foods and other private partners that will anchor that phase. He added it is also exciting that Food Sciences and Technology Department will be moving to Innovation Campus.

Green asked if there were any questions. Hoffman inquired if students will have classes at Innovation Campus. Green replied yes, there will be classrooms at Innovation Campus. He said all of the Food Sciences and Technology classrooms will be relocated in that footprint of Innovation Campus. He added the classrooms will actually be expanded.

Hoffman asked about expansion of the bus service. Green said this was part of what the Board of Regents approved last Friday. He stated this was one of the requirements to link the bus services to both East and City Campus when this move occurs. He said it would be a year and a half before this happens. He shared financial discussions on who will pay for this is occurring right now. He added the College of Engineering will be tied into pieces of this as well on the manufacturing side.

Green stated an item of interest regarding the original design was the plan to put a complex of greenhouses on the top floor of the former Industrial Arts Building as it was constructed. He mentioned the walls of this building had been retained for historical significance. Green told this plan has now been changed due to cost and ability to best use the space. The greenhouses will now be located to the east of the Life Sciences Collaboration Center.

Green stated we take ownership of the renovated 4H FFA Arena and the Conference Center in June of this year. He noted a conference is already scheduled in the Conference Center in June.

Lahey asked membership if there were any questions or comments for Green and there were none. He thanked Green. [Weissinger arrived]

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Lahey then asked Weissinger if she had any matters to share or report on.

Weissinger indicated that four finalists have been announced for the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She said one of the candidates will be on campus tomorrow to give public presentations and that there would be an open forum.

Lahey asked membership is there were any questions or comments for Weissinger and there were none. He thanked Weissinger.

Other Business

Lahey indicated the proposed merger of the Departments of Computer and Electronics Engineering with the Department of Electrical Engineering to form the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering had been tabled by SVC Weissinger since the APC last met. He informed membership he and the APC subcommittee reviewing this proposal met with Dean Timothy Wei earlier today and that Dean Wei and the Lincoln Departments will be working together in the foreseeable future.

Weissinger stated it was obvious to her that more conversation was needed. She commented she still intends to bring the proposal for a new department forward this spring because the College of Engineering has real opportunities for enrollment and research growth in Lincoln and Omaha.

Lahey asked if there was any further discussion or comments on this matter. There were none.

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

There being no other business, Harbison moved and Lahey seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. [Paul arrived] The next meeting of the Academic Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Campus Nebraska Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle (Shelly) Green
APC Coordinator