

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Approved Minutes
April 9, 2014

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Linda Shipley

Other Attending

Harvey Perlman, Chancellor, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

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

Chancellor's Annual Briefing

Lahey welcomed Chancellor Perlman. Perlman mentioned the recommendation the APC had received on the reallocations on the budget reductions. He indicated he would answer and engage on those issues after he briefs membership on what is going on and what to look forward to on what might happen.

Perlman remarked there is a lot going on. He stated over the course of this year the focus of the administration relative to academic planning and master planning has been to focus on our growth goals of enrollment and research primarily and increasing the number of tenure and tenure track faculty. [Clutter arrived] He expressed he believes good progress is being made.

Perlman said the UNL Master Plan is in place. He stated the Master Plan, except for the space between the Stadium and the new Business College, was approved by the Board of Regents. [Hoffman and Harbison arrived]

Perlman stated Innovation Campus is moving forward. He informed membership two buildings, the former 4H building and the NIC Building, will be completed this spring or summer with occupants to include a couple of private sector companies. He informed there will be a soft opening this May in the Conference Center that was built in the old 4H building and expressed this is a spectacular space. [Weissinger and Paul arrived]

Perlman conveyed, on the capital construction side, we continue to move forward on the Learning Commons in Love Library. He added a similar project on East Campus with C.Y. Thompson Library also continues to move forward. He said there is not any funding available on

either project; however there is hope funding will be identified. He shared private philanthropy money has been received for the Love Library.

Perlman informed initial remodeling and renovation on the first floor of Manter Hall to accommodate growth in Life Sciences teaching. He said resources have not yet been identified. He informed construction at Brace is ongoing. He said there soon will be construction at Behlen, which will be a major renovation.

Perlman then inquired if there were any questions or comments on what he just spoke on and there were none. He said he would be happy to respond to budget proposals questions. Discussion ensued.

Lahey inquired if there were further questions or comments for Chancellor Perlman. There were none. [Weissinger left] Lahey thanked Perlman and he thanked the APC. [Perlman left]

Approval of February 26, 2014 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the February 26, 2014 general meeting was moved by Harbison and seconded by Jones.

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

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

Lahey commented Weissinger had just left for another meeting. He asked Green if he had any matters to share. Green replied he had nothing to report. Lahey asked Paul if he had any matters to share. Paul said he had one matter that he believed he had mentioned in a previous meeting.

Paul mentioned the upcoming Faculty Retreat on May 15 and 16 at the Nebraska Innovation Campus. He remarked this a major faculty activity and expressed it is very exciting. He stated this is an interdisciplinary retreat with three areas that the Research and Advisory Board has chosen. He stated those are: 1) complex data, 2) the intersection between life sciences and engineering/physical sciences, and 3) social and behavior of sciences. He said the lining up of key note speakers was in the progress. He stated more information would be forthcoming.

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

Green indicated he did have an item relating to the President search. He stated it related to a specific question he was asked to address at a Faculty Senate meeting relative to the way the structure has been put around the search with two committees rather than one committee and that he thought the APC may wish to know about as well. He said the question was that it seemed like UNL, as one of the four campuses in the system, did not seem to be very heavily represented in the committees – either in the Screening and Selection Committee or in the Outreach and Advisory Committee. He stated the point that he had made to the Faculty Senate was that it may not appear that UNL is well represented by counting number of employees but there are a

number of outside representatives on both committees whose might what you say, allegiance, is to UNL.

McCollough commented on the candidate search. Green remarked this is a very different process than used in the past. He said all eight of the Regents are a member on one or the other committee.

Lahey asked membership if there were any questions or comments for Green. Shea indicated he would like to discuss the budget reduction plan. He stated he had solicited some comments and concerns from faculty on East Campus. He said one of the areas where there is quite a concern is the plan for a significant reduction in Educational Media. He commented he believed faculty, especially those in Extension, would appreciate a summary or an explanation of that plan and why they should not be concerned about a large negative impact. Green replied this was discussed at a previous APC meeting. He remarked Extension is centrally in the middle of these discussions. He said Extension is the primary user of Ed Media, probably 80%, and that Ed Media is centrally involved in the planning around what the new model would look like, including what outsourcing might be done. Brief discussion ensued and concluded with Green to relay this conversation to Extension.

Lahey asked membership if there were any other questions or comments for Green and there were none. He thanked Green.

Other Business

Lahey asked if there was any other business. Nunez remarked that it might be helpful to briefly discuss upcoming APC meetings.

Lahey indicated the APC would hold a Budget Hearing on the FY2015 proposed budget reductions on Wednesday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m. Nunez informed membership the announcement would go out tomorrow or the following day.

Lahey continued that APC would hold its last scheduled general meeting of the spring semester on Wednesday, April 23 and that the agenda for this meeting was already extensive. He then briefly explained the process of the Hearing. He stated, depending on participation, APC deliberation and voting could occur after the conclusion of the Hearing or possibly at APC's meeting on April 23. Membership concluded its deliberation and vote on the proposed budget reductions would be an agenda item at the April 23 meeting and this would be in closed session. Lahey conveyed one of the agenda items on April 23 would be the proposed merger of the Departments of Computer & Electronics Engineering and Electrical Engineering. He informed membership a survey to faculty from the APC subcommittee reviewing this proposal had been sent out with results next week. Nunez added a Project Initiation Request from the College of Law for a Law Clinics Addition had been received and would be another agenda item.

Lahey said, with regard to the merger of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts and the College of Architecture, he would be willing to serve on the APC subcommittee to review this merger. Membership agreed.

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 3:58 p.m. The next meeting of the Academic Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Campus Nebraska Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle (Shelly) Green
APC Coordinator