

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Approved Minutes
January 14, 2015

Members Present

Mike Hoffman, Chair	Martha McCollough	Curtis Walker
Nancy Busch	William Nunez	Tyler White
Archie Clutter	Prem Paul	Ellen Weissinger
Leslie Delserone	Jamie Radcliffe	
Kevin Knudson	Linda Shipley	
Stephen Lahey	Patrick Shea	

Members Absent

Ronnie Green	Libby Jones	William Wagner
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Others Present

Charles O'Connor, Dean, Hixon-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts
Guest

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

Approval of December 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the December 10, 2014 meeting was moved by Lahey and seconded by Delserone.

Hoffman asked if there were any questions or comments. Shea inquired whether the letter from the Dean had been received and distributed to the proper parties concerning the Project Initiation Request on Morrill Hall 4th Floor Renovation, as was discussed in the December 10th meeting. Nunez indicated that he would check on it. There being no further questions or comments the minutes were approved without dissent.

Academic Program Review Monitor Appointment- Department of Agricultural Economics

Hoffman referenced the Academic Program Review spreadsheet [attached to permanent record] and indicated that a member was needed as an APR monitor to the Department of Agricultural Economics from September 27-30, 2015.

Hoffman asked for a volunteer. Shea volunteered to serve as the APR monitor. The appointment was supported by APC membership. [O'Connor arrived]

Academic Program Review Monitor Appointment- Department of Natural Resources

Hoffman indicated that a member was needed as an APR monitor to the Department of Natural Resources from October 25-28, 2015.

Hoffman stated that Wagner had previously volunteered to serve as the APR monitor if there were no objections from membership. There were none. The appointment was supported by APC membership.

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

Action Item: Merger Between the College of Architecture and the Hixon-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts [attached to permanent record]

Hoffman introduced Lahey and Delserone as the subcommittee reviewing the merger and handed over the floor to them. Lahey conveyed the subcommittee had nothing further to add as stated in their official recommendation to the APC that was distributed before this meeting; however, the subcommittee was certainly willing to answer any questions.

Lahey indicated the subcommittee recommends APC approval of the proposed merger of the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts and introduced a motion to do so. As a motion from a subcommittee, no second is needed.

Hoffman remarked before moving forward any further the APC should address the alternative name. He noted this was not mentioned in the subcommittees' official recommendation. He recounted at APC's December 10 meeting Weissinger had distributed a memo from herself and Chancellor Perlman presenting an alternative name for the New College: "Hixson-Lied College of the Arts and Architecture", rather than "Hixson-Lied College of the Arts and Design", as presented in the proposal to the APC.

Discussion ensued. McCollough queried whether it was up to the APC to assign an official name to the merged colleges. Lahey answered that it was necessary for the APC to agree upon a recommended name. Lahey inquired to Dean O'Connor what comments he had heard about the proposed name change. O'Connor replied he had not heard a lot of comments. He relayed that every person he had talked to had been positive and this was not a big issue with the faculty from either college.

Lahey indicated the subcommittee amends its motion for APC approval of the proposed merger of the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts into a New College – the Hixson-Lied College of the Arts and Architecture.

Hoffman inquired if there was further discussion or comments. He remarked Wagner was unable to attend today's meeting but prior to this meeting had shared his views with him. Hoffman then proceeded to share Wagner's statement with APC membership. [Busch arrived]

Lahey mentioned the request for consideration in the APC's deliberation from the Community and Regional Planning Program in regards to a proposed alternative administrative location for the program. Hoffman stated this was not a part of today's deliberations and noted he had encouraged those interested in a relocation of the CRP program to bring this to the APC through the normal channels. Weissinger expressed her appreciation to Shea for his engagement with that group. Shea replied there is a better understanding of the situation now and that he sees no reason to pursue in conjunction with the merger.

Knudson stated that the student representatives he had heard from had a positive outlook on the merger and were largely in favor of it.

Hoffman asked if there were any further questions or comments from membership. There being none, he reminded endorsement of the subcommittee served as a motion and a second and called for a vote on the proposal with the new amendment in mind. The APC voted unanimously to approve the proposed merger of the College of Architecture and the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts into a New College – the Hixson-Lied College of the Arts and Architecture. O'Connor thanked the APC for their time and work and the subcommittee for their time, work, and clarity in asking questions. Hoffman thanked the subcommittee specifically for their commitment and expressed appreciation and an exceptional job done. Membership agreed. [O'Connor and guest left, Clutter arrived]

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

Hoffman asked Weissinger if she had any matters to share.

Weissinger mentioned the appointment of Hank Bounds as the new president for the university system. She expressed everyone she had spoken with who had interacted with Bounds felt that he would be very advantageous in his new position and that he seemed to have the right values and vision needed for the university systems as well as overall great optimism. Knudson agreed and commented he believes Bounds will do very well in his new position, that he is well-liked and that a lot of his experiences will transition well. The student representatives he had met with also felt this way.

Hoffman thanked Weissinger. He asked Clutter if he had any matters to share on behalf of Green.

Clutter stated that he had two topics. He updated membership of a new hire in the Institute and a new title for this position, which is Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Engagement. He said previously the Institute had a position of Director of Global Engagement and Mark Doyle held that position. He shared Josh Davis has accepted this slightly modified new position.

Clutter announced that in October IANR received accreditation from the Association for Assessment and Accreditations of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALACI). He remarked this is the highest international standard for laboratory animal care, including large animals and livestock. [Paul arrived, White arrived]

Paul further expressed the IANR's achievement of their accreditation and expressed he is very proud of the faculty. He also mentioned that their newly received accreditation would allow for improved funding and would represent the program well.

Paul informed conversations were currently happening on the next interdisciplinary faculty retreat. He said a date had not been finalized due to campus conflicts. He shared feedback from faculty show interest in partnership with private sectors on Innovation Campus in the near future. He stated conversations are on-going with Deans to develop a plan and told membership once a date and plans are known he would share with the APC.

Academic Program Review Monitor Appointment- Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

Hoffman indicated that a member was needed as an APR monitor to the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences from November 15-18, 2015.

Hoffman asked White if he would volunteer. White agreed to serve as the APR monitor. The appointment was supported by APC membership

Other Business

Hoffman asked if there was any other business. There was none.

There being no other business, White moved and Nunez seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Academic Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Jones and
Michelle (Shelly) Green
APC Coordinator