

University of Nebraska – Lincoln  
Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Approved Minutes  
September 16, 2015

Members Present

Mike Hoffman  
Nancy Busch  
Maria Marron  
Leslie Delserone  
Ronnie Green

Melanie Simpson  
Michael Farrell  
Guy Trainin  
William Nunez

William Wagner  
Patrick Shea  
Thien Chau  
Tyler White

Members Absent

Leilani Arthurs  
Curtis Walker

Gerard Harbison

Prem S. Paul

Delserone called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. She stated a quorum was present.

Approval of September 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the September 2, 2015 general meeting was moved by Trainin and seconded by Wagner.

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

Subcommittee Appointment: Proposal to Establish the Department of Supply Chain Management and Analytics within the College of Business Administration

Delserone reminded membership this proposal was in the packet electronically distributed by Coordinator Green as well as posted on Box. [attached to permanent record] She explained normally two or three faculty members are appointed to a subcommittee. Nunez added a student is also welcome on this subcommittee. Delserone said the charge to the subcommittee was to review the proposal, get answers to any questions they might have, and then bring back to full APC membership for its consideration, with a recommendation, at the next meeting. She then asked for volunteers.

Marron and Trainin volunteered. This was supported by membership.

Discussion on Unsuccessful College Merger and Current Plans

Delserone communicated there was an interest on having a discussion on the recent unsuccessful merger of the College of Architecture with the Hixon-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts and what the current plans were. Shea apprised he was the person that asked that this be placed on the agenda.

Discussion ensued. Shea voiced the APC membership, as well as the subcommittee appointed to review this proposed merger, had spent considerable time reviewing and listening to convincing arguments from administration this was the only viable reasonable path to move forward. He expressed the APC was given the impression the majority of faculty were in support of this proposed merger. He stated the proposed merger was on the Board of Regents agenda but removed the day before the meeting. [Green arrived] Shea briefly informed Green what has been discussed before his arrival. Shea said people had asked him what had happened as they had read that the APC had supported this proposed merger. He expressed he just wanted to know how to respond appropriately with an explanation to these questions. [White arrived] Green explained there was not public support for the merger, and the Board of Regents understood from their constituents that there was not support for the merger. Without the support of the public and the Board of Regents, President Bounds decided to withdraw the proposal from consideration. Shea thanked Green.

#### Creation of an *Ad Hoc* Committee to Explore the “Future Role of APC in Decision-Making at UNL”

Delserone indicated the Long-range Planning subcommittee last year had discussions on further developing the role of the APC in decision making here at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She remarked the hope was other APC members would like to join this discussion and suggested the creation of an *ad hoc* Committee with possibly Shea as the *ad hoc* Committee Chair. She also referenced pending Bylaw changes. Shea conveyed to membership he had asked for this agenda item and would be happy to serve as the Chair if membership agreed. Membership agreed. Shea remarked as revisions of the Bylaws is currently upon us, it would be a good idea for APC membership to view what is being proposed by UNL administration before further discussion.

Delserone asked for volunteers. Chau, Wagner, and Simpson, schedule permitting, volunteered. This was supported by membership.

#### Matters from Vice Chancellors – Academic Affairs, Institute of Agricultural and Natural Resources (IANR), and Research and Economic Development

Delserone asked Yoder if he had any matters to share with membership. Yoder reviewed the creation of the Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center, formerly the ARDC (Agricultural Research and Development Center). He explained the proposed administrative structure of the Center and noted that one of the associate directors would lead the Metro District, which would encompass the Lincoln and Omaha metro area. He remarked to stay tuned during this transition. He added Don Adams had been appointed as the transitional Director of the Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center.

Green stated the ARDC, a research and education facility located about 30 minutes north of Lincoln near Ithaca, had been operating as a campus satellite facility since the 1950's. He said the Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center would be a regional research center focused on eastern Nebraska needs. He said there would be some resident faculty located there, which there aren't currently.

Shea enquired if an outcome report was available. Yoder and Green indicated a report would be available soon for viewing.

Delserone thanked Yoder. She asked Green if he had any comments.

Green mentioned that he had spent the day in the College of Fine and Performing Arts. He reported he had been visiting a college each week and that last week he visited the College of Engineering and before that the College of Education and Human Sciences and the College of Journalism and Mass Communications. He expressed it has been very helpful to spend 3-4 hours in each of the colleges to see what their priorities and challenges are and will continue these visits through early November.

Green remarked a good item to report is that the College of Law was honored this month as the No. 1 best-value law school in the country by the *National Jurist* magazine. He relayed Dean Poser and faculty were very excited to be recognized. He stated there were several criteria in the ranking and that one of the big drivers in the reasoning for this ranking is that enrollment had been maintained steadily compared to other schools in the country. He expressed this is very good news.

Green reminded the membership that the Unicameral reconvenes in January. He approximates that capital construction projects and needs on the campuses moving forward would be discussed sometime in November. He stated those plans are now close to being finalized by Central Administration. He conveyed to membership he would update on these capital construction efforts.

Hoffman asked Green if, during his visit to the College of Engineering, there was mention of facilities on either the Omaha campus or the Lincoln campus. Green replied yes to both. He stated he understood this is to be addressed in the plan, and that there were means of addressing both campuses in that plan.

Shea suggested looking at the College of Law as an example of success in terms of programming and enrollment as a model for other colleges, perhaps the College of Architecture, for similar results. Green agreed.

Farrell remarked President Bounds, in a briefing at a recent Faculty Senate meeting, had mentioned looking in different directions on ways to increase enrollment and noting which colleges have had great success. Green informed membership concerning increasing enrollment that at yesterday's Deans Council meeting the Enrollment Management Team shared the development of very robust models of looking at future enrollment. He explained the models are looking more at the changing demographics rather than how many students can be enrolled. He expressed he was encouraged by this.

Delserone inquired if there were any other questions or comments and there were none. She thanked Green.

#### Other Business

Delserone inquired if there were any items for Other Business and there were none.

There being no other business, Trainin moved and White seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Academic Planning Committee will held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle (Shelly) Green, APC Coordinator