

MINUTES

University of Nebraska – Lincoln Academic Planning Committee

April 13, 2016

Members Present:

Leslie Delserone	William Wagner	William Nunez
Mike Hoffman	Patrick Shea	Maria Marron
Michael Farrell	Guy Trainin	Eva Franke-Schubert
Tyler White	Ron Yoder	Melanie Simpson

Members Absent:

Nancy Busch	Ronnie Green	Prem Paul
Thien Chau	Maria Marron	Gerry Harbison

Others Attending:

Amy Goodburn, replacing VC Green; Ignacio Correas, new Graduate Student Assembly representative

1.0 Call

Delserone called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

2.0 Acknowledgement of Departing and Incoming ASUN and Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) Representatives

Delserone recognized and thanked Walker for his work as the GSA representative on the APC and welcomed Ignacio Correas as the new GSA representative. For the record, Delserone thanked Thien Chau (ASUN) for his service, and welcomed Spencer Hartman as the new ASUN representative.

3.0 Approval of March 9, 2016 Minutes

Trainin moved for approval of the minutes. Motion seconded by Simpson and approved by the Committee.

4.0 Appointment of APC representative to the APR of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications

Delserone noted that Trainin recently suffered an injury that will make his participation in the APR of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications difficult and asked if there were any volunteers who could replace him as the APC representative. All other APC members had conflicts. Trainin stated that he could make some of the meetings but could not do much running around. Nunez pointed out that this situation has not occurred before, but he would be willing to serve as a

backup person if needed. Delserone asked Griffin to contact Harbison and White to see if they could possibly serve as a backup.

5.0 Appointment of Subcommittee to Review World Language Teaching Proposal

Delserone asked for two APC members to review the World Language Teaching Proposal. Hoffman and Franke-Schubert volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Delserone asked that the subcommittee be ready to comment on the proposal at the April 27 meeting.

6.0 Appointment of Subcommittee to Review Department Name Change – Art and Art History to School of Art, Art History, and Design

Delserone asked for two APC members to review the proposed change of department name for the Department of Art and Art History to the School of Art, Art History, and Design. Farrell and Trainin volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Delserone asked that the subcommittee be ready to provide a report on the proposal at the April 27 meeting.

7.0 UNL Bylaws – Proposed Revisions, Section 1

Shea noted that the ad hoc committee is proposing revisions to the UNL Bylaws regarding the APC to clarify, and to some degree, elevate the role of the APC in the university. Delserone noted that some of the APC members privately expressed concerns to her over some of the revisions and asked for open discussions. Nunez asked for clarification on the number of members on the Committee. Simpson pointed out that the revisions state that the number of Committee members will revert to 18 if no non-tenure track faculty member can be found to serve on the APC. Otherwise the total number of members will be 19.

Trainin stated that he did not think it was a wise decision to remove the voting rights from the Associate to the Chancellor. Delserone asked why the subcommittee is proposing this revision. Simpson pointed out that ultimately the Chancellor has a say over the Associate to the Chancellor and the subcommittee felt that in essence the Chancellor's office would have dual voting rights. She said the subcommittee questioned whether there is a historical reason for having the Associate to the Chancellor be a voting member. Nunez pointed out that there is no history and the alteration of the change came about due to his having a joint appointment as Associate to the Chancellor and Director of Institutional Research and Planning (IRP). Previously the Director of IRP served as the Secretary and had voting rights, but IRP no longer exists and the planning component of the University falls under the Chancellor's office. He stated that one of the key reasons to maintain the Associate to the Chancellor as an APC member is to provide continuity on the Committee.

Hoffman stated that there is an advantage of having the Associate to the Chancellor as a voting member. He noted that project initiation is a key committee of the APC and comes directly from the Chancellor's office, and the Associate to the Chancellor would be a good connection. He pointed out that committee members with voting rights are more likely to participate and attend meetings. Correas stated that the Associate to the

Chancellor is in attendance for the majority of the meetings and noted that the APC has had difficulty sometimes with having a quorum.

Nunez asked the subcommittee why it felt that the Associate to the Chancellor would be needed on the APC given the logic they presented. Shea stated that the Associate to the Chancellor would be a member for informational purposes and can provide information from the Chancellor. Nunez asked what the added value is of having the Associate to the Chancellor as a non-voting member.

Trainin pointed out that the APC is a shared governance committee with faculty members, administrators, and students. He stated that he does not have a problem with the Associate to the Chancellor having voting rights, and committee members are more likely to be engaged when they can vote. He noted that Nunez has been very helpful from a historical perspective, as a representative of administration, and has provided stability to the Committee. Hoffman pointed out that the new Chancellor understands the work of the APC and how it operates and it makes sense to keep a close link to the Chancellor. Shea noted that the Associate to the Chancellor is a unique position that provides close service to the Chancellor. He stated that the ad hoc committee thinks that not giving the Associate to the Chancellor voting rights on the APC is a matter of principle and what is most appropriate because some think that to some extent the representative of the Chancellor is unlikely to express a view that doesn't coincide with the Chancellor's. Wagner stated that the ad hoc committee is least interested in taking a stand on this particular revision.

Hoffman asked what the connection is between the APC and the Chancellor if the Associate to the Chancellor is not an active participant. He stated that he does not see the removal of the voting rights from the Associate to the Chancellor as a benefit. Shea stated that active participation by the Associate to the Chancellor could be written into the job description of the position and he would like to think the Associate to the Chancellor would participate in the best interest of the university. Franke-Schubert stated that she does not understand how the revision would make the APC function better. She pointed out that the Chancellor could over rule the APC's decision and it would be good to have someone from the Chancellor's office working in collaboration with the APC. Shea stated that the Associate to the Chancellor would participate whether a voting member or not, but it is the consensus of the APC to decide whether voting rights should be retained.

Hoffman moved that the language of the UNL Bylaws in Section 1 revert to retaining voting rights for the Associate to the Chancellor. Motion seconded by Correas. Simpson pointed out that the language in the Bylaws should read that all committee members will vote on all committee matters. Delserrone called for a vote: motion approved with one opposed, and one abstention.

Correas noted that the Associate to the Chancellor currently serves as Secretary of the APC. Nunez pointed out that the APC now has a support mechanism with the Coordinator of Faculty Governance and suggested that the idea needs to be considered on

whether the APC needs a secretary in the traditional sense. Wagner asked what the role of the Secretary is. Nunez stated that the Secretary reviews the minutes, handles official documents, is a conduit to the chair, and houses the official records of the APC. He pointed out that while the person serving as chair changes every year, the Secretary does not. Delserone asked if the language regarding the Secretary should be retained. Shea, Simpson, and Wagner stated that they were fine with removing language regarding the Secretary's position. Shea suggested that the language as presented should be kept in the Bylaws as the revised language does not preclude continued operations and would allow for flexibility in the future if ever needed. The Committee concurred.

Hoffman moved that the remaining revisions to the UNL Bylaws pertaining to the APC, as proposed by the ad hoc subcommittee, be approved. Motion seconded by White. Motion approved.

Delserone thanked the subcommittee for its work on reviewing and revising the UNL Bylaws.

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

Academic Affairs

Goodburn reported that VC/Interim SVCAA Green is busy working on trying to get the two searches, for the SVCAA and VC in IANR, started and he would like to get this done in the next 30 days. She stated that the candidates for Dean of Architecture will be interviewing on campus next week. There are four candidates and Green is very happy with the pool. She asked that faculty members be engaged with the public presentations.

Goodburn reported that three candidates for the Associate VC of International and Global Engagement will be coming to campus the following week. She noted that the candidates are all strong candidates.

Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Yoder noted that Green is committed to getting the two Vice Chancellor's positions filled by the end of the year.

Yoder reported that Peter McCormick will become the new Executive Director of the Water for Food Institute on September 1.

9.0 Other Business

Delserone noted that Chancellor Perlman is invited to the April 27 APC meeting and members can ask questions of the Chancellor at that time.

Delserone stated that, although the APC typically does not meet during the summer, she wanted to remind outgoing faculty members that their terms do not end until July 31.

Hoffman reported that the subcommittee working on the APR Guidelines plans to bring the proposed revisions to the APC on April 27th. He noted that the proposed revisions will be shared with Associate VC Perez and Associate VC Yoder.

Delserone pointed out that APR reports for this year should be completed and asked if White's report to the APC on the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences APR will be ready by April 27. White reported that it will be ready.

Shea stated that he is not sure if the School of Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences response to the External Team report has been written. He stated that he could give his report to the APC and note in it that the unit has not responded yet. Wagner pointed out that this is an issue he wants to discuss. He noted that he still has not received the department response for the School of Natural Resources and the External Team Review visit was October 25-28, 2015. Yoder stated that there seems to be some disconnect with the timeline of when reports are due. He noted that the APR guidelines state that the report does not need to be given to the APC until 90 days of the program's response, although it is not to say that it can't be shared earlier. He stated that the intent in IANR is to make the response reports happen automatically and in a routine fashion. He stated that he will check on the status of the department responses for this year's APRs. Hoffman pointed out that the Dean's response is due within 30 days after receiving the program's response. Wagner pointed out that the APC representatives should at least receive a copy of the department's response.

Wagner moved for adjournment. Motion seconded by Correas and approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m. The next meeting of the APC will be on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 3:00 in the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center, Ubuntu Room (room 202). The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator.