

MINUTES

April 4, 2018

University of Nebraska – Lincoln Academic Planning Committee

Members Present: Bender, Bloom, Boehm, Clarke, Farrell, Franke-Schubert, Minter, Moberly, Plowman, Reilly, Sollars, Traynor, Tschetter, Woodman, Zeleny

Members Absent: O'Connor, Purdum, Trainin

Others Attending: Mark Robison and Robert Filback, Academic Leadership Associates; Professor Will Thomas, History; Interim Dean Tiffany Heng-Moss, Professor Larry Van Tassel, Agricultural Economics

Note: These are not verbatim minutes. They are a summary of the discussions at the Academic Planning Committee meeting as corrected by those participating.

1.0 Call

Bloom called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2.0 Introduction of New GSA Representative Julia Reilly and ASUN Representative Hunter Traynor

Bloom welcomed Julia Reilly, GSA representative and Hunter Traynor, ASUN representative to the APC. He noted that Reilly is the new GSA President and is replacing former GSA President Karen DaSilva on the APC and Traynor is the new ASUN President who is replacing former ASUN President Joe Zach on the Committee.

3.0 N150 Strategic Planning

Plowman noted she and Thomas are co-chairing the N150 Commission Steering Committee and introduced Mark Robison and Robert Filback of Academic Leadership Associates, who will be working with the campus to help guide our strategic planning process. Thomas pointed out that we have the unusual opportunity to envision where UNL should be in twenty-five years and this strategic planning effort is much deeper and broader than a traditional three or four year plan.

Robison reported that he and Filback have been meeting with various groups on campus and running people through various activities which will help identify some recurring themes about what the university could look like in twenty-five years. He stated that he and Filback hope to be able to speak to people over the summer and in the fall a preliminary draft of the strategic plan will be shared with the campus. He noted that there will be another round of discussion in the fall where additional ideas can be added. He stated that the dates of these sessions will be announced well in advance.

Boehm noted that many units are in the process, or have already, developed strategic plans and asked how these can be incorporated into the campus plan. Robison stated that colleges and departments need to determine their own goals, and the question will be how these goals can

then be added to the overall campus plan. He noted that some adaptations may need to be made, but believes these can be made.

Woodman asked who made the decisions on the membership of the subcommittees. Plowman stated that she, along with Zeleny, and the Chancellor reviewed the names of approximately 500 volunteers. She noted that the nominations were from the deans and the Faculty Senate and they tried to get a representative group for each subcommittee. She reported that each subcommittee is about 20-22 people, and each subcommittee will ask for help from additional people as the work progresses. She pointed out that assistant professors were not included because of the time involved, but there will be meetings just for assistant and junior faculty members so they can provide input.

Bloom stated that he would have liked to have APC members more strongly represented on the subcommittee, and he is disappointed with the number of faculty who are involved with the internal operations and infrastructure subcommittee. Plowman stated that she is trying to get more faculty members involved with this subcommittee.

The APC then participated in an activity to identify possible goals for the university in the next twenty-five years.

4.0 Approval of March 14, 2018 Minutes

Bender moved for approval of the minutes. Motion seconded by Farrell and approved by the APC.

5.0 Subcommittee Report on Proposal for a New Graduate Certificate in Rural Economic and Community Vitality (Moberly)

Moberly reported that he and Trainin reviewed the proposal and although Trainin had some questions, they felt confident with the certificate program. Heng-Moss noted that Trainin had questions regarding the one-credit courses being offered and how they were going to be covered. Van Tassell pointed out that these courses would be covered by existing faculty members and Extension Educators who will offer these courses through Extension programming.

Bloom asked when the program would be ready. Van Tassell stated that it would be ready for the fall semester. He reported that the online courses are ready and some of the courses will come online next spring and summer.

Farrell noted that the Rural Futures Initiative is going through some changes due to the budget cuts and asked if this program draws on the expertise of the Initiative. Van Tassell stated that no resources from the RFI will be used, but the program will be done in conjunction with the Initiative. He noted that the RFI wants to extend community development throughout the state and RFI wants some assistance with this effort.

Moberly moved to recommend approval of the graduate certificate in Rural Economic and Community Vitality. Motion seconded by Bender and approved by the APC.

6.0 Proposal to Eliminate Fire Protection Technology Program

Bloom reported that the Fire Protection Technology program was actually transferred to UNO's College of Public Affairs and Community Service several years ago, but the proper paperwork was not processed and the current proposal corrects this error. Bender moved to approve the elimination of the program. Motion seconded by Clarke and approved by the APC.

7.0 Proposed Revisions to APR Guidelines

Bloom noted that the APC was presented with the proposed revisions at the March 14 meeting and they now needed to be acted on. Sollars moved for approval of the revised Guidelines. Motion seconded by Bender and approved by the APC.

8.0 Budget Update

Boehm reported that he just received word from President Bounds that the Governor signed the budget with no changes. He pointed out that this means we will have a 2% cash rescission for this year and a 1% reduction in our permanent budget which will begin on July 1. Bloom pointed out that this budget update frames what the APC needs to do to have the cuts implemented by July 1. Zeleny stated that the Chancellor wants to address the APC at its next meeting on April 11. Bloom pointed out that the APC will need to pay attention to the budget framework and timeline. Zeleny stated that it might be possible to move through Phase I And into Phase II at the same meeting. Boehm noted that if the APC could approve the budget framework and timeline the Chancellor could present his proposed cuts at the same meeting.

Woodman asked what the process will be for notifying those departments that were identified as possibly being cut due to the budget reductions. Zeleny stated that the Chancellor will probably address this issue when he speaks to the APC.

9.0 Reports from the Vice Chancellor for IANR, Executive Vice Chancellor, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development

Boehm reported that UNL, UNMC, Iowa State, University of Iowa Medical Center, and the Mayo Clinic have partnered together to submit a proposal for research funding on antimicrobial resistance which is important to plants, animals, and humans. He stated that an RFP was released to land grant universities and our proposal is one of only nine proposals submitted. He noted that the combined funding for this research effort could be approximately \$70 million.

Bloom noted that the new Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development has been named. Boehm stated that Robert Wilhelm, presently the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, will be our new VC and begins on May 15.

10.0 Other Business

Sollars reported that she is scheduled for jury duty during the Animal Science APR May 13-16 and stated that she would like to have a back-up APC representative identified should she be asked to serve on a case. Clarke agreed to serve as the APC representative.

Bloom stated that there are reports that the department of Computer Science & Engineering has had some discussion with the EVC regarding multiple possibilities that the department may want

to consider as it envisions its future. He questioned whether APC will need to review any proposed changes to the department. Farrell pointed out that any changes that would impact an academic program will need to come to the APC for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next meeting of the APC will be on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 3:00 in the City Campus Union, Colonial Room B. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator.