

MINUTES

May 9, 2018

University of Nebraska – Lincoln Academic Planning Committee

Members Present: Bender, Bloom, Clarke, Farrell, Franke-Schubert, Minter, Purdum, Trainin, Tschetter, Zeleny

Members Absent: Boehm, Goddard, Moberly, O'Connor, Plowman, Reilly, Sollars, Woodman

Others Attending: Dean Lance Perez; Brooke Hay, Assistant Director, Facilities, Planning & Construction

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 3:04 p.m.

2.0 Approval of May 2, 2018 Minutes

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

3.0 Project Initiation Request - Engineering Complex

Zeleny reported that the PIR subcommittee met to review the proposed renovation project for the Engineering complex on City Campus and invited Perez and Hay to the meeting to address any possible questions from the APC.

Perez pointed out that the project stems from LB 957, a state statute which addressed deferred maintenance issues at the university, and the State provided \$70 million to the College of Engineering to make renovations with the City Campus Engineering complex having the greatest need for renovations. He reported that there has been a steady growth in research, student enrollment, increased number of faculty members, and the facilities needed to be improved to support modern research requirements. Farrell pointed out that the Campus Master Plan's full Engineering renovation project would cost approximately \$250 million. Perez stated that the plan is to address the immediate needs with the \$70 million. Bloom asked if the \$70 million improvements would be able to stand alone if the funds for the remaining part of the complete project could not be raised. Farrell pointed out that this could be determined once the designing phase is in progress, but approval is needed before the designing phase can begin.

Franke-Schubert asked how much of the funding will be used for the planning stage of the project. Hay reported that 20% of the funds will be used for the planning design and the rest of the funds will be for construction costs.

Farrell moved that the APC approve the PIR for the Engineering Complex renovations. Zeleny seconded the motion.

Purdum requested that more information be provided on how the renovations will help to strengthen our core mission and help with graduate student recruiting and faculty retention. Perez stated that in regards to building codes Engineering will make improvements that will benefit everyone. Zeleny pointed out that the \$70 million won't be able to add additional space, but needed improvements in the facilities can be made. Farrell pointed out that the planning phase needs to be done first and efforts need to be made to ensure that the project can be accomplished with the available funds. Trainin stated that he supports approving the project, although he is concerned with the amount of funds that are being used to patch up existing buildings which may eventually be taken down, but he understands the need to make some improvements now. Bloom suggested that Perez come back to the APC in the future to give an updated report regarding the project. Zeleny pointed out that once the planning process is done more detail can be provided about the project.

Purdum stated that she wanted to make an amendment that additional information be provided in sections 1a and 3a of the PIR, particularly addressing the renovations to Nebraska Hall and how these improvements will benefit the entities in that building. Farrell approved the amendment. Motion approved by the APC.

Perez stated that he is very willing to come back to the APC to discuss the project further and pointed out that the renovations will energize the faculty of the Engineering College.

4.0 APC Representative Report on Child, Youth & Family Studies APR

Trainin reported that the APR took place in October and the External Review Team report was very positive. He noted that the Team was very impressed with the department's involvement with numerous projects. He reported that the Team did recommend that the department codify its commitment to diversity by creating and implementing a comprehensive diversity plan. He stated that another recommendation from the Team was the need for a centralized departmental space.

Trainin noted that the self-study was more about representing what was already in place in the department rather than focusing on what the department's goals could be for the future. He felt that CYFS missed the opportunity to use the APR to develop its goals and he hoped that some of the faculty members in the department raised the issue in meetings with the Team. Bloom suggested that the Deans should tell units scheduled for an APR that they need to take the opportunity to use the APR to set the vision for the unit.

Purdum asked if there were any issues in the report regarding space and the quality of space, similar to issues raised in other APRs. Trainin stated that there were some issues, but the department will be housed in the new Mabel Lee Hall. He pointed out that currently members of the department are in five different buildings located on either City or East Campus.

Franke Schubert asked what the purpose of the APC is with the APRs. She pointed out that there is no mechanism in place to act on the recommendations made in the External Review Team

reports. She noted that the APR can be used as a benchmark of where the unit is now and where they want to go in the future and pointed out that Psychology was able to show that some recommendations from the previous APR were implemented.

5.0 Transmittal Letter to Chancellor Green on Proposed Budget Cuts

Bloom noted that he sent the transmittal letter notifying the Chancellor that the APC accepts the Chancellor's proposed budget cuts to the APC members to review last week. He reported that there was a suggestion to include the members' name on the letter which he has done. He asked if there were any further changes to the letter. Hearing none he stated that he would send the letter to Chancellor Green.

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m. The next meeting of the APC will be on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 in the City Campus Union, Georgian Suite. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator.