

# MINUTES

## January 16, 2019 University of Nebraska – Lincoln Academic Planning Committee

**Members Present:** Bender, Bloom, Gay, Hinchman, O'Connor, Purcell, Purdum, Reilly, Smith, Sollars, Traynor, Tschetter, Wilhelm

**Members Absent:** Boehm, Clarke, Hibberd, Plowman, Zeleny

**Others Attending:**

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

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### **1.0 Call**

Bender called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

### **2.0 Approval of December 12, 2018 Minutes**

Gay moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Bloom and approved by the APC.

### **3.0 Delete Hitchcock Center for Graduate Study and Professional Journalism Development**

Bender reported that a proposal has been sent to the APC to delete the Hitchcock Center because the Center has been inactive since 2009. O'Connor moved to approve the proposal, motion seconded by Gay and approved by the APC.

### **4.0 Proposed Revisions to the Procedures to be invoked for Significant Budget Reallocation and Reduction**

Bloom noted that the APC members were given the opportunity to suggest further revisions to the proposed revisions. He reported that Bender and Sollars suggested some changes that were included in the current version of the document. Bloom stated that the Faculty Senate and ASUN will then need to review and approve the revisions. Griffin stated that the Senate Executive Committee would review the proposed revisions to see if they have any suggested changes before putting the document before the Faculty Senate. Traynor stated that the same would occur with ASUN. O'Connor moved to accept the proposed revisions. Motion seconded by Purcell and approved by the APC. O'Connor wanted to thank the subcommittee: Bloom, Boehm, and Purcell, for their work on revising the Procedures.

### **5.0 Reports from the Executive Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for IANR, Vice Chancellor for Research & Economic Development**

Wilhelm reported that the federal government shutdown has significant impacts for the university, particularly for federally funded grants, financial aid, as well as other funding in the state. He pointed out that work on a small number of research grants has had to stop because of the lack of funding. He noted that the university is monitoring the situation carefully. He

reported that the university has several contingency plans that could be put into place if it is necessary to help support those employees affected by the shutdown.

Wilhelm stated that recently the university awarded a center grant to combine the resources of the university to help foster research and economic development. He noted that this will create more infrastructure to help support the economic development activity of the university. He reported that he was recently in Rochester, NY with faculty from Electrical Engineering to see about increasing our research with the Department of Defense. He stated that Microsoft representatives will be meeting with us to discuss new research endeavors in precision education, agriculture, and health. He stated that there are some research efforts occurring in Washington DC with DARPA research.

Wilhelm reported that Dr. Jim Lewis has been hired to run the STEM Education Research Initiative on campus. He noted that Lewis will be working on development of more STEM research on campus.

Wilhelm noted that the Chancellor's N150 speech addressed the different roles the university will pursue in terms of research and his office has begun activity to engage faculty, administrators, and stakeholders in discussions to provide input into ORED's planning effort.

Gay asked for clarification regarding the work stoppage due to the government shutdown. Wilhelm stated that the university receives federal funding for grants, but with the shutdown no funding is coming in for these grants. He pointed out that a grant with NASA has been told by NASA to stop work until the government reopens. He stated that the university is making other arrangements for those employees who are impacted by the work stoppage. He stated that other employees paid through federal funding can be covered for a time by the university. He noted that the university will be submitting a large invoice for the federally funded grants to the government once the shutdown ceases.

Purdum stated that the appointment of Dr. Lewis is not helping to create diversity in administrative positions. She asked how Wilhelm makes a decision on these kinds of appointments. Wilhelm reported that in general he looks for a pool of candidates and uses best practices to help provide a diverse set of candidates. He pointed out that occasionally someone with outstanding credentials, such as Dr. Lewis, is sought to fill a position.

Purcell moved for adjournment. Motion seconded by Gay and approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting of the APC will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 3:00 in the City Campus Union, Colonial Room A. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator.