

MINUTES

October 5, 2020

University of Nebraska – Lincoln Academic Planning Committee

Members Present: Ankerson, Bloom, Boehm, Buan, Clarke, Everhart, Gay, Geisinger, Hebets, Latta Konecky, Maltas, Miller, Moberly, Rodene, Smith, Spiller, Tschetter, Wilhelm, Zeleny

Members Absent: Hachtmann

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.

1.0 Call

Geisinger called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2.0 Proposed Budget Cuts

The APC met with Chancellor Green and went into a closed discussion about the proposed budget cuts.

3.0 PIR Proposal for Law Library Renovation

Zeleny reported that the PIR subcommittee met to review the proposal for renovating the Law Library. He stated that 35,000 square feet of the library will be renovated and the budget for this project is \$6 million. He noted that \$4.5 million has already been raised and the rest of the funding will be raised through private donors. Geisinger moved to approve the PIR. Spiller seconded the motion.

Latta Konecky asked if the renovations plans are flexible enough that the collections can be moved to provide more space for student use if needed. Moberly stated that it was difficult to decide what should be retained in the collections, although he pointed out that most of the materials are now in digital format. Wilhelm stated that the subcommittee looked at the proposal in a variety of ways and found it was a great project. He pointed out that only about half of the shelf space will now be required for books and journals because so many publications are doing digital. Everhart asked if it was part of the plan is to still incorporate books and the libraries' collection and to get students more actively engaged with books. Moberly reported that the whole top floor of the library will remain with books and there will be a reading room and ranking room.

Bloom asked where the additional funding will come from. Moberly stated that there are two foundations, one which has supported the library for decades and the other is a gift to the library. He stated that the college has been assured that the funds from these foundations will be disbursed for the project. He stated that if approved by the Board of Regents the project would begin in the summer of 2021.

Zeleny reported that he will upload the actual PIR proposal into the APC Box folder for the committee to review so it can be voted on at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. The next meeting of the APC will be on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 for the budget cut public hearings at 3:00 by Zoom. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator.