

May 9, 2018

Chancellor Ronnie D. Green
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Dear Chancellor Green:

The Academic Planning Committee (APC) has reviewed and considered the set of budget reduction proposals you presented to us on April 18, 2018, amounting to \$2.9M of permanent budget reductions. The proposals were announced to the campus on April 19, and on April 20 the APC made a call for feedback from the campus, announcing a public hearing via Nebraska Today.

The APC received written feedback for one proposal; four faculty members from the Department of Statistics expressed support for moving the portion of their department that is currently in the College of Arts and Sciences into the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. No one provided testimony on the proposals at the public hearing held on May 2.

Your [announcement](#) of the reduction proposals included descriptions of the specific impacts to current programs at the university, which we affirm. The loss of two academic programs along with eighteen faculty and staff positions harms the entire university. Under other circumstances, these eighteen positions could have been used to reinforce areas of need in the University and open up new areas of opportunity in teaching, research and service. Instead, these positions are being eliminated entirely, reducing our ability to serve our students and the people of Nebraska.

Still, the APC believes that these proposals do the least harm possible to current programs, and thus unanimously supports their adoption. Along with our action in January, the APC has now recommended \$6.3M in permanent budget reductions this year. We are very concerned about the long-term implications for the University's budget; these reductions come on top of the more than \$60M that has been eliminated from the budget since 2002. Additional pressures on our budget will make it all the more challenging to keep the University on a path towards continued excellence.

We regret having to make these recommendations, but we look forward to working with you and your administrative team as we seek to strengthen Nebraska's only comprehensive research university.

Best wishes,

Academic Planning Committee:

John Bender, Kenneth Bloom (Chair), Michael Boehm, Jennifer Clarke, Michael Farrell, Steve Goddard, Barbara Homer, Amy Lanham, Deborah Minter, Richard Moberly, Charles O'Connor, Donde Plowman, Sheila Purdum, Julia Reilly, Eva Schubert, Patricia Sollars, Guy Trainin, Hunter Traynor, Ann Tschetter, David Woodman, Michael Zeleny