

30 September 2025

Dear Chancellor Bennet, UNL Executive Leaders, and Members of the UNL Academic Planning Committee (APC),

We, the undersigned DEOs of the units proposed by the Chancellor for elimination or merger, respectfully request that the APC pause the process of conducting public hearings so that the established procedures for this process can be conducted.

Specifically, we ask that the following actions be taken before the APC process continues any further:

1. A public hearing should occur during which the Chancellor (or a designee) presents the justification for the proposed cuts [II.B.4];
2. Ensure that affected programs and the entire UNL community receive information used in the process [II.A.2];
3. True consultation, as defined in the APC procedures, with affected units must take place, even though the public release (and potential reputational damage) has already occurred [II.A.3]; and
4. The APC should schedule hearings of adequate length so that all persons employed in affected units and/or their representatives be able to appear and/or speak at the hearings [II.B.4].

We also request that, following the hearing with the Chancellor, a hearing be held with the DEOs of all affected units before individual unit hearings. This will allow for common rebuttal points to be heard without the need for each unit to do that at multiple hearings.

With all due respect,



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