NCAC1 Annual Report – Jan 7 2020
Department of Agronomy and Horticulture – University of Nebraska- Lincoln

NU System Level
New president, Ted Carter Jr, approved by the Board, began Jan 1 2020.

UNL Level
- Elizabeth Spiller hired as Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs- joining spring 2020
- New and expanded athletic complex approved for construction
- Additional Engineering building approved for construction
- Service Delivery within UNL being streamlined for consistency across
- The N150 25 year vision completed in early 2019; the N2025 strategic planning was completed in Nov 2019
- Budget
    - No cuts, projections are good
    - RCM budget model implementation July 2020.

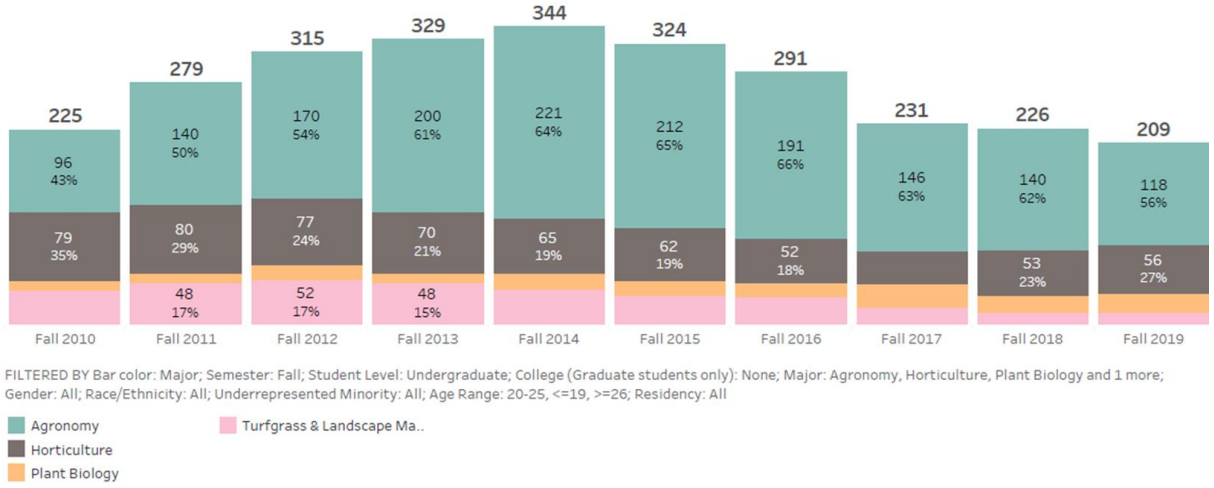
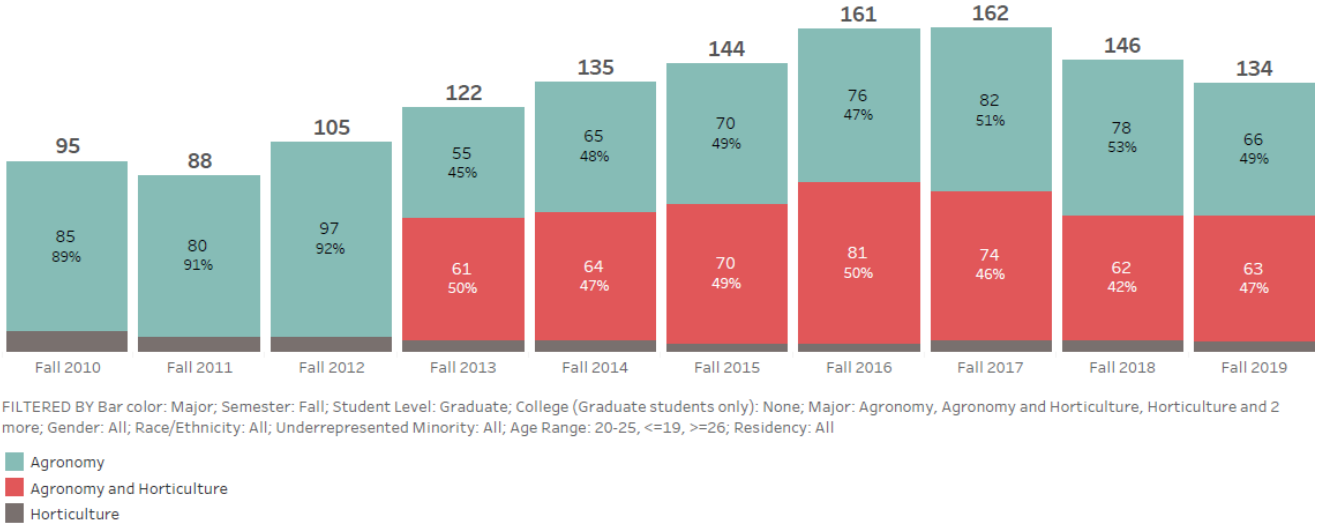
IANR Level
- New CASNR Dean – Tiffany Heng-Moss appointed after national search
- John Rubeson, previously department head at KSU, hired as department of Entomology
- Nebraska Beef Systems Initiative – integrated multiple IANR units.
- Extension Re-organization into 11 extension zones- with a coordinator for each zone. Zone coordinators begin Jan 2020.
- Resilience Science Center established

Department Level
- 68 Faculty (58 TT, 10 term)
    - New faculty:
        - Javed Iqbal – Assistant Professor, Nutrient Management-Water Quality Specialist
        - Laila Puntel – Assistant Professor, Soil Fertility-Precision Agriculture Scientist
- 107 Staff (support staff, business office, postdocs, technicians, temps)
- 13-member active A&H Alumni Advisory Council
- FY19, $11M in research expenditure ($86M 2011-2020)
- 400+ peer journal publications (2018-2019)
- Co-curricular programs (soils/crops/weed judging, R Club, Agro & Hort Clubs)
- Retirement
    - Robert Graybosch (USDA) – December 31, 2018
    - Steve Waller (Center for Grassland Studies) – December 31, 2019
    - Roger Elmore – February 29, 2020
    - Walt Schacht – Dec 2019
- Promotion, Professorships, and other awards
    - James Schnable– Promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure
    - Humberto Blanco – Promoted to Full Professor
    - The Charles O. Gardner Endowed Professorship – James Schnable
    - The Heuermann Endowed Professorship – Harkamal Walia
    - 20 faculty awards
    - 70+ student awards
- Alumni Advisory Council awarded eight Lifetime Achievement Awards. The recipients were George W. Beadle, William W. Burr, Franklin D. Keim, Robert Olson, Steve Eberhart, Bruce Maunder, Kimberly Erusha, and Monica Norby
- New Position Proposals

Phase 4 Targeted Positions through the six IANR Communities (Computational Sciences, Drivers of Economic Vitality for Nebraska, Healthy Humans, Healthy Systems for Agricultural Production and Natural Resources, Science Literacy, Stress Biology)- 30 position proposals across 6 communities with 9 of the positions likely to be in A&H if and when approved.

- Priorities
  - Strengthen undergraduate student education and experiences with a bold, forward thinking, and flexible curriculum that prepares students to be knowledgeable problem solvers, skilled and respected practitioners, and adaptive professionals
  - Improve focus and rigor of graduate education, including a core assessment of key attributes we expect of our graduate students and the curriculum available for their education
  - Support organizational development in Extension to leverage faculty expertise and engage with stakeholders across Nebraska, the region, and beyond
  - Build capacity in (digital) agriculture research, education, and extension, in collaboration with other IANR units

- Enrollment
  - Undergraduate



  - Graduate