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# **Self-Study Report of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication**

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## GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

Some acronyms are used frequently throughout this document. Although we have indicated the entire name or title in conjunction with the acronym the first time it appears, repeated acronyms may not always be clear to readers. Please refer to this list if you are unsure about the correct reference for an acronym.

ALEC	The four-letter code used to designate courses offered by the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication. Used in this document in conjunction with course numbers.
AgLEC	The informal abbreviation for the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication. Used in this document to refer to the department name.
A*DEC	A Distance Education Consortium
ARD	Agricultural Research Division
CASNR	College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
CED	Cooperative Extension Division
CIT	Communications and Information Technology
CLD	Center for Leadership Development
ETV	Educational Television
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
IANR	Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources
NETCHE	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Consortium for Higher Education
NHRI	Nebraska Human Resources Institute
OPOD	Office of Professional and Organizational Development
UNL	University of Nebraska at Lincoln
VAED	Department of Vocational and Adult Education

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# AgLEC Comprehensive Review Schedule September 10-13, 1996

## Tuesday, September 10, 1996

		Location	Leader
7:30 p.m.	Review Team Meeting	Nebraska Center for Continuing Education	N. L. McCaslin

## Wednesday, September 11, 1996

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast with UN-L Administration	East Campus Union	Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Darrell Nelson
9:30 a.m.	Departmental Overview and Review Goals and Objectives	East Campus Union	Earl Russell
10:45 a.m.	Break	East Campus Union	
11:00 a.m.	Tour of AgLEC Facilities	Ag Hall	Earl Russell
Noon	Lunch with Faculty	East Campus Union	Earl Russell

### Distance Education

1:00 p.m.	Overview of Distance Education	East Campus Union	Kay Rockwell
1:30 p.m.	Future Directions in Distance Education	East Campus Union	All faculty discussion with Review Team
2:30 p.m.	Break	East Campus Union	

### Undergraduate Programs

2:45 p.m.	Overview of Undergraduate Programs	East Campus Union	Ozzie Gilbertson
3:15 p.m.	Future Directions in Undergraduate Programs	East Campus Union	All faculty discussion with Review Team
4:15 p.m.	Meeting with Undergraduate Students	East Campus Union	No faculty present
5:15 p.m.	Adjourn		

**Wednesday, September 11, 1996**

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Leader</b>
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Dinner with faculty and IANR administration	To be announced

**Thursday, September 12, 1996****Graduate Programs**

8:00 a.m.	Overview of Graduate Programs	East Campus Union	Leverne Barrett
8:30 a.m.	Future Directions in Graduate Programs	East Campus Union	Graduate faculty discussion with Review Team
9:30 a.m.	Meeting with Graduate Students	East Campus Union	No faculty present
10:00 a.m.	Break		

**Research Programs**

10:15 a.m.	Overview of Research Programs	East Campus Union	Bill Brown
10:45 a.m.	Future Directions in Research Programs	East Campus Union	All faculty discussion with Review Team
Noon	Lunch with IANR Department Heads	East Campus Union	Glenn Hoffman

**Outreach Programs**

1:30 p.m.	Overview of Outreach Programs	East Campus Union	Dick Fleming
2:00 p.m.	Future Directions in Outreach Programs	East Campus Union	All faculty discussion with Review Team
3:00 p.m.	Break		

**Other Input**

3:15 p.m.	Meeting with AgLEC Support Staff	Ag Hall Room 311	Betty James
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<b>Thursday, September 12, 1996</b>		<b>Location</b>	<b>Leader</b>
4:00 p.m.	Opportunity for Small Group/Individual Meetings with Review Team	Ag Hall Room 311	
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn		
Evening	Review Team Writes Preliminary Report	Nebraska Center for Continuing Education	N. L. McCaslin

<b>Friday, September 13, 1996</b>			
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Department Head	East Campus Union	Earl Russell
8:30 a.m.	Exit Report to UNL Administration	East Campus Union	N. L. McCaslin
9:30 a.m.	Exit Report Work Session	East Campus Union	N. L. McCaslin
11:00 a.m.	Exit Report to Faculty, Staff and Students	East Campus Union	N. L. McCaslin
Noon	End of Review		