

**Lincoln University Faculty
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 1 November 2016, 4:00PM
Ware Center Theater**

**Patricia Pierce Ramsey, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Presiding**

The meeting was called to order by the Provost and Vice President Ramsey at 4:07 p.m.

I. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, Dr. Richard Green

- The homecoming party went to 3:30 in the morning. There was some ruckus but all is well. State police and Lincoln police have investigated. Lincoln has been deemed a safe place.
- The President is encouraged by development on Baltimore Pike and a parking garage in downtown Oxford.
- There are 7 years remaining on a 10-year tax abatement on development projects. Ideas include an incubator on campus for innovation and a venture with Microsoft. The opportunity exists for resources to sustain the University in future years. One area that is a need is housing on campus for students and nearby for faculty and staff. Examining joint ventures between academic endeavors and private companies.
- President Green was in Pittsburgh as keynote speaker for the African American Leadership Association that was founded by Bernadette Turner, a Lincoln Alum. There are plans to start an endowment fund in her name and also attract more students from the Pittsburgh area.
- Vice President of Student Affairs will be filled on an interim basis. Four candidates will be participating in video conference interviews. Two may be invited to campus.
- The offer for the Vice President for Academic Advancement position was turned down after signing the contract. There have been two failed searches for the position, which will be filled on an interim basis.
- A search firm is assisting with the search for a new president to be in place by July 2017.
- DGS: Pres. Green met with the governor and representatives, including a tour of the facilities and a solid promise to release 100 million dollars for facilities upgrades.

II. PROVOST REMARKS, Dr. Ramsey

- On Nov. 7, West Chester Community College will be visiting for a formal signing of an MOU.
- Textbook adoptions response has been poor.
- An advisement task force has been formed and has met. The task force is in process of looking at advisement as a result of one the concerns expressed by the students at a town hall meeting.

- Middle States Review during the 2018-2019 academic year. By the Spring we will have to come up with our self-study design to provide for time to work on the self-study. Committees will be seeking volunteers.
- Annual Science Fair showcased exceptional students.
- The Provost highlighted a short film by a senior Mass Communications major titled “Fight for Culture.”

III. ACTION ITEMS

- **A quorum was established.**
- **Approval of the minutes**
Minutes from the 4 October 2016 meeting were moved, seconded, and approved.
- **By-Laws, Dr. Flint**
The Faculty Council Proposal was defeated. It received 43 votes but needed 49 in order to pass.

A friendly amendment was added to the motion that after 3 years at any faculty meeting any member of the faculty can make a motion to rescind the faculty council with 2/3 vote of the faculty present and of the total voting faculty.

Discussion:

- This is a very powerful committee—what are the ramifications? Standing committees already have tasks. What is this proposal going to do? Will standing committee actions have to go to council first then the faculty? Seems to be a cumbersome process. The response was that it would be powerful committee to create a more powerful faculty and provide stability to the University.
- Faculty would still have to vote on proposals.
- The Chairperson would chair the action portion of faculty meetings. Faculty meetings would occur twice a semester
- The council is not a senate but prepares faculty for the meeting based on a model of the NCAA. The council would take proposals and indicate what is being voting on. The rationale is to expedite directives to push the agenda so things don't lag and to provide a review of existing directives that have been approved and to provide accountability to committees. There is a clear demarcation between the senate and union. The union protects the employability of the faculty members. Whereas, the council looks at the educational and scholarly activities of the units.
- The council seems to be an oversight committee. A reason against is that it is another layer.
- **Curriculum committee, Mr. Chapp**
 - Bio 207 and 207L Course Submission Form and Syllabus, seconded and approved
 - GSC 200L Course Submission Form and Syllabus, seconded and approved
 - MUS2E9 Marching Band, seconded and approved

Point of Order: The Distance Learning Committee has not yet been approved by Board of Trustees. The committee cannot bring any legally binding motions to the faculty until approved by the BOT.

IV. DISCUSSION

- **Assessment and Evaluation Committee Report, William Donohue**
 - Assessment Plans were due Oct. 31.
 - Follow the prompts as a guide for input in each field.
 - Assessment Committee will provide feedback on plans.
 - Course evaluations were emailed to students Nov. 1. Reminders will be sent to students weekly and to professors if the response rate is less than 50%. Results will be available on Wednesday, January 4.

- **By-Laws Committee, Dr. Maazaoui**
 - The Study Abroad Committee proposal was distributed. It was proposed by Dr. Green, and he is willing to invest in study abroad. The committee will be a standing committee with faculty from each college, the graduate program, and the foreign language program.
 - A suggestion was made for international relations faculty to be involved.
 - Another suggestion was to include Fulbright faculty and advance faculty involvement abroad.
 - There was a recommendation for more student involvement.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Curriculum Committee: Numbering changes that do not need a voting approval.
 - Engineering (posted)
 - Biology (posted)
- Faculty Development Committee: The faculty development grant deadline is Nov. 11 at 5 pm for projects and release time.
- Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs: Study abroad proposal deadline has been extended to Nov. 30.
- Nominations Committee: In the last meeting there was a library committee voting oversight. The position had been filled by Dr. Tucho. The Faculty Committee Membership list on the Faculty Portal is current.
- Technology Committee: Discussing issues of the inventory of technology on campus and faculty access to domains for websites. Email ckerns@lincoln.edu with any issues for the committee
- The SPSS software license has expired.
- Nov. 15 is passport day.
- Open House is Nov. 4.
- Nov. 10 is the Honors Convocation requiring academic regalia.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

William Donohue, Secretary