

Lincoln University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Saturday, February 21, 2015

MINUTES

The Lincoln University Board of Trustees met on February 21, 2015 in the Lincoln University's International Cultural Center Board Room. Chair Kimberly Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Eastern. Trustee Kevin E. Vaughan called roll.

Trustees present: Mr. Robert L. Archie, Ms. Theresa Braswell, Mr. Maceo Davis, Mr. Vernon E. Davis, Ms. Terri Dean, Mr. Matthew Dupee, Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Johnson, Mr. John Johnston, Rep. John Lawrence, Dr. Donna M. Laws, Ms. Kimberly A. Lloyd, Mr. Donald C. Notice, Hon. Cherelle Parker (via telephone), Ms. Sheila L. Sawyer, Dr. Guy Sims, Mr. Dwight S. Taylor, Hon. Curtis Thomas, Mr. Kevin E. Vaughan, Ms. Winnie Washington, Dr. Valerie Harrison, Acting President Quorum of 12 satisfied. Faculty Representative: Dr. Emmanuel Babatunde; Emeritus Trustee: Dr. Walter D. Chambers

Trustees excused: Dr. Tammy Evans-Colquitt, Mr. Terence Farrell, Ms. Sharman Lawrence-Wilson, Hon. Nathaniel Nichols, Mr. Richard White; Emeritus Trustees: Dr. William E. Bennett, Dr. Theodore Robb, Mr. William A. Robinson, Dr. Kenneth M. Sadler

Trustees absent: Hon. Harry Lewis

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Chair Lloyd offered the Saturday, November 15, 2014 meeting minutes for Board approval.

The motion was properly moved and seconded

Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Kimberly Lloyd's report was accepted as information.

ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Acting President's report was accepted as information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Charles Gradowski, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs and Treasurer, presented the December 31, 2014 Treasurer's Report.

A motion to receive the Treasurer's Report was properly moved and seconded.

Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE-ACTION

TRUSTEES, DEGREES AND NOMINATIONS

The Honorable Cherelle Parker presented the following resolution for Board approval.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT 2015

RES503_022115

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 11, of the Lincoln University By-laws (Amended February 12, 2011) sets forth the functions of the Committee on Trustees, Degrees, and Nominations; and

WHEREAS, after Faculty input as required by the University By-laws, the Committee on Trustees, Degrees, and Nominations has made its recommendation for the award of honorary degrees to be awarded at the May 2015 Commencement exercises; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the recommendation of the Trustees, Degrees, and Nominations Committee for the award of *Doctor of Laws, honoris causa*, to *The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*.

The motion was properly moved and seconded.

Motion carried.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON BLACK ENRICHMENT

Ms. Sheila Sawyer offered the following resolution for Board approval.

THE FRESHMEN ENHANCEMENT EXPERIENCE: THE LION'S PRIDE

WHEREAS, The Lincoln University is the first educational institution founded for the higher education of youth of African descent; and

WHEREAS, Its 161 year history has produced a myriad of ground breaking

achievements for people of color in the United States, Africa and the Caribbean;
and

WHEREAS, It must be acknowledged that the history of The Lincoln University was impacted and informed by the issues, attitudes and political milieu of the times; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, author of *Mis-Education of the Negro* and much contemporary research hold that African American youth benefit from a firm grounding in their history; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to create policy that ensures the attainment of the University's stated mission; and

WHEREAS, The Ad Hoc Committee on Black Enrichment has conducted research that shows that it is clearly beneficial to imbue our students with a greater understanding of the history of people of African descent through a study of the history of The Lincoln University; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the BOT strongly affirms the necessity to provide all incoming freshmen students with a year long course whose central theme is the history of Lincoln University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the course curriculum and material shall be developed, approved, and implemented according to the established academic policies of The Lincoln University.

Friendly amendments to the resolution were proposed by Board members as follows:

1. change "...the attainment of the University's stated mission" to "...the attainment of Lincoln University's stated mission;"
2. change "...provide all incoming freshmen" to "...require all incoming freshmen...;" and
3. change "... the established academic policies of The Lincoln University..." to "...the established academic policies of The Lincoln University to commence with the 2016-2017 academic year."

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WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, author of *Mis-Education of the Negro* and much contemporary research hold that African American youth benefit from a firm grounding in their history; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to create policy that ensures the attainment of **Lincoln** University's stated mission; and

WHEREAS, The Ad Hoc Committee on Black Enrichment has conducted research that shows that it is clearly beneficial to imbue our students with a greater understanding of the history of people of African descent through a study of the history of The Lincoln University; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the BOT strongly affirms the necessity to **require** all incoming freshmen students to take a year-long course whose central theme is the history of Lincoln University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the course curriculum and material shall be developed, approved, and implemented according to the established academic policies of The Lincoln University to commence with the 2016-2017 academic year.

A motion to approve THE FRESHMEN ENHANCEMENT EXPERIENCE: THE LION'S PRIDE resolution, as amended, was properly moved and seconded.

Motion carried.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Winnie Washington offered the following resolution for Board approval.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

RES505_022115

WHEREAS, Recent federal regulations mandate specific requirements concerning college and university policies regarding sexual misconduct; and

WHEREAS, Adherence to the federal regulations required the review and revision of Lincoln University's policies relating to sexual misconduct; and

WHEREAS, The University's Administration has developed a Sexual Misconduct Policy that complies with all federal laws and regulations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University hereby approves of and adopts the revised Sexual Misconduct Policy, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the revised Sexual Misconduct Policy is to go into effect immediately.

The motion was properly moved.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – COMMITTEE REPORT

Reports were given by the Business Affairs, Educational Policy and Academic Affairs, Information Technology and the Library, Investment and Planning and Development Committees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into Executive Session following which the Public Session was reconvened.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Lloyd announced that a search committee comprised of members of the Board of Trustees has been convened to begin the search for an Interim President.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.