

Lincoln University

Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

8 March 2022

12:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Elected Members Present: Lukas Pelliccio (Vice Chair), Denise Gaither-Hardy (Secretary), Carla Gallagher, Christine Limb, Sophia Sotilleo, William Donohue, Admasu Tucho, Karen Feliciano, Absent – Dr. Karen Baskerville

Ex Officio Member Present: Dafan Zhang, Parliamentarian

Call to Order (12:30)/ Roll Call of Members Present – Quorum present (Chair unable to attend)
Meeting called to order by Vice-President

I. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

II. Chair Report/Announcements – Given by Vice Chair, Dr. Pelliccio

- Noted there was an Executive Council meeting on Friday, March 4, 2022.
 - Dr. Allen discussed the assessment of the University climate, and that Dr. Jordan Shelby West would be conducting interviews with all pertinent stakeholders. The President also noted that an email had been sent out to the Lincoln University community, informing them of Dr. West's visit.
 - It was discussed at the meeting that the Student Health & Wellness committee was one of the first on campus to communicate to the LU community regarding the tragic event that transpired on campus February 16, 2022. The President also discussed her letter that was sent to the Lincoln community and her reason for not cancelling class the day after the tragedy. The Faculty Council determined that the best way for it to be supportive, during that tragic time, was to send out a correspondence to the LU community, letting them know the Faculty Council was there if anyone needed to reach out and be supported.
 - The administration also noted that they are working on a summer boot camp. This would involve approximately 25 STEM students and 75 other students. The focus of the camp would be on writing and quantitative skills.
- There was discussion regarding sending a resolution to the BOT committees. There were questions about the sharing the BOT book with the faculty. Discussion centered around why faculty are even included on BOT committees. It was noted probably for their expertise. Also discussed was the alignment of BOT committees with faculty committees. There was a motion stated and seconded, regarding sending a resolution to the BOT, which was passed.
- In the Chair's report was discussion on the Honors, Awards and Honorary Degrees committee. The thought that at least 1 name from the committee should be forward at the BOT level and accepted. It was noted that Henry Lancaster, a BOT member was open to talk to the faculty committee.
- It was noted that the Student Health & Wellness Day was upcoming, March 31, 2022.

III. Vice Chair (Dr. Lukas Pelliccio) Report

- Dr. Pelliccio reported that he received a great deal of feedback from the standing faculty committees regarding meeting regularly.
- Overall – He has charged every committee with reviewing their charge.

- The distance learning committee has a new chair, Dr. Gloudenis, who is looking forward to working with the committee. SACE has no representation on this committee and the question was raised as to how to rectify it. Discussion followed and it was suggested a quick fix may be to invite someone from SACE to the meetings; investigate getting the By-Laws changed; or ask SACE to they would be interested in piloting representation for a year.

IV. BOT Representative (Dr. Karen Baskerville) Report – Given by Dr. Pelliccio

- In the last meeting it was noted by Trustee Robert Allen that the Faculty representative should be a voting member.

V. Committee Reports/Announcements

• Educational Policies Committee

- Dr. Iherjika reported that the State of Pennsylvania Department of Education approved the PreK-12 Post Baccalaureate program. This will be part of the SACE, Master's in Education program.

• General Education Committee

- Dr. Hull forwarded 4 proposals on February 26m 2022 regarding the General Education curriculum. It included the following:
 - Course Option Expansion
 - Skills focus
 - ILO1 update
 - ILO5 update
- A motion to approve and send the proposals to the entire faculty was made and unanimously approved.

VI. President's Report/Academic Affairs – No report

VII. Questions/Comments

- Discussion centered around the upcoming Mental Health Wellness Day and was it mandatory. The nursing program have a certain number of labs which must be met. It was noted that FC would check with Academic Affairs.
- There was discussion prodding the FC to follow up with the BOT regarding decision on promotion and tenure and the fairness of the process.
- Discussion was given to the climate on campus and Mental Health days and understanding different communities on campus and their specific needs.
- Dr. Hull specifically asked who would be bring the GenEd proposal as an agenda item. She was informed that the FC would forward it to the Chair again as well as to Faculty Affairs to be placed on the April faculty agenda.

Meeting adjourned approximately 1:50 pm