

Lincoln University of Pennsylvania Faculty Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 7, 2006
Dickey Hall Auditorium

A. Dr. Nelson convened the meeting at 4:10 PM.

Report From The Student Government Association Vice-President of Internal Affairs and Operations Mr. Christopher Davis: Our last event was Africa Day which was a success. Mr. Davis also mentioned upcoming Spring Fling activities.

Report from the President Dr. Ivory V. Nelson: Our basketball team is doing very well on and off the court. This weekend the team will represent Lincoln University at the Division III "Sweet 16" tournament. Dr. Nelson referred to his testimony before Pennsylvania House Appropriations Committee and the Pennsylvania Senate Appropriations Committee. Dr. Nelson noted in his testimony that "between 2000 and 2005, Lincoln awarded degrees in biological, physical, computer, general sciences and mathematics to an average of 25 percent of the graduating class and approximately 10-15 percent of our undergraduates go on graduate school." Moreover, despite Commonwealth funding dropping from 30.3 percent of Lincoln University's operational budget in 2001-02 to 25.3 percent of its budget in 2005-06, "the freshmen retention rate calculated for Fall 2005 was 71.0 percent and the average faculty week contact hours of 12.5 is the highest in the state" said Dr. Nelson in his testimony.

B. Action Items

1. The minutes from the February 9, 2006 meeting were approved.*
2. Recommendation from the Curriculum Committee. Dr. James DeBoy:
 1. HPR 225 First Aid/CPR* is a revision in that the course would go from one credit to two credits. The motion to approved this revision passed the body.
 2. HPR 406 Fitness Management and Assessment* is a revision of HPR 206 to garner the National Council of Strength and Fitness certification which helps students to become certified Personal Trainers. This revision passed the body.

C. Recommendation from the Joint Educational Policies/Curriculum Committee

The body accepted a motion that MAT 106* be accepted as a course.

The body passed the "Core Curriculum Philosophy" statement* and the Core Curriculum Learner Outcomes (Eight Competencies)*

The new Core Curriculum* was passed by body including an amendment that deleted the words "And/or" from the three asterisks that refer to II. of the core curriculum.

D. Discussion Items

1. Report from the Faculty Writing Committee*Dr. Marilyn Button: The centerpiece of Lincoln University's Writing Proficiency Program rests upon each Lincoln University graduates' successful completion of the Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE), successful completion of four Writing Intensive Courses, and successful completion of a Writing Portfolio (WP) in the major department.
2. Report from the Ad-Hoc Reading Committee* Dr. Joanne DeBoy: The committee recommends that there be a prescribed book in each core course which would mean that students would read a minimum of 15 books in the liberal arts and the sciences. The books in each of the 32 possible core course selections would be included in the syllabi of the courses with assignments related to the books.
3. Report from the Faculty Nominations Committee. . .Dr. Susan Safford suggested that faculty begin to think about the positions they would like to fill before the April faculty meeting.
4. Faculty Forum* Dr. Safro Kwame: Dr. Kwame requested that faculty make suggestions regarding topics of and times for faculty forums as well as other comments and suggestions.

E. Announcements

1. Technology Committee Dr. Daryl Poe: Dr. Poe announced a workshop on WebCT on the Monday before the next faculty meeting. Dr. Poe also announced plans for a technology fair during next fall's Faculty Conference.
2. Amos Lecture Series Dr. Alvin Amos: on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 4:00 PM the Amos Scholarly Lecture Series will present Willie L. Hill, Jr., musician, educator, and scholar at the Mary Dod Brown Memorial Chapel.
3. Lectures and Recitals Ms. Susan Pevar: asked for proposal for the Lectures and Recitals Program. The deadline for proposals for the 2006/07 academic year is April 1, 2006.

* Items can be found on the LU Website

Dr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 5:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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