

Lincoln University Faculty Regular Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021 12:30 p.m.

ZOOM Call (Remote)

Patricia A. Joseph, Ph.D.
Dean of the Faculty
Presiding

The meeting was called to order by Dean Joseph at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was held on Zoom. Quorum was achieved at the start of the meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Approval of the agenda via votes taken via online poll, as amended below:
 - i. Add Dr. Deas to the Mellon Grant Announcement

B. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the minutes from the February 2, 2021 regular Faculty Meeting via votes taken via online poll.

C. ACTION ITEMS

- a. By-Laws Committee. Dr. Tameze explained the voting options for the By-Laws changes. The voting will be conducted via online poll. Faculty had a short discussion. Dr. Tameze advised faculty to vote using the poll with two questions and to disregard the poll with four questions that was sent in error.

D. FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Assessment Committee. Dr. Sotilleo reported that the committee has been working on evaluating new student course evaluation platforms, and thanked faculty who provided their feedback. The committee has completed their responses to the Feedback II assessment forms and those are now available in Taskstream under 2019-2020 Plans. The committee is working on Feedback I forms. On March 25, the committee will offer a workshop on Learning Outcomes and Assessment.

E. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- a. President Allen thanked the By-laws Committee and Faculty Council for their leadership in ensuring university-wide faculty representation on committees.
- b. Students are returning to campus for the remainder of the spring semester and are following COVID-19 protocols.
- c. President Allen met with legislators at the state and federal level who are working to provide further support for higher education.
- d. Updates of the February 20, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting were provided. Highlights included the work we are engaged in implementing the university's strategic plan and process.
- e. Dickey Hall renovations have been completed; other upcoming construction

- projects include innovative, sustainable elements such as geothermal.
- f. Commencement planning for the Class of 2020 and Class of 2021 is underway, with three possible options being explored. The plan will depend upon evolving state guidance for outdoor gatherings.
 - g. President Allen congratulated Dr. Brown and Dr. McConatha for being promoted to associate professor with tenure, and Dr. Hull for being promoted to full professor.
 - h. President Allen answered questions relating to COVID-19 protocols on campus. COVID-19 testing will be required for faculty spending a significant amount of time on campus.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Fulbright Info Session - Fulbright US Student Program
 - i. Dr. Ayewoh announced that there will be a special presentation on Fulbright program opportunities for faculty.
 - ii. Dr. Diabate asked faculty to encourage students to attend the upcoming Fulbright information session on Thursday, March 25 at 4:00 pm.
- b. Mellon Grant.
 - i. Dr. Deas announced that applications are open for the Mellon and Arthur Vining Davis grants. Eligible faculty can receive the grant twice.

G. DEAN'S REMARKS

- a. Dean Joseph reported that the Space Committee is engaged in a comprehensive study of spaces on campus. Faculty should refrain from moving into currently unoccupied spaces without having their request approved by the committee.

H. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Juan Martinez-Millan, Secretary