

## Lincoln University Faculty Regular Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2021 12:30 p.m.

**ZOOM Call (Remote)**

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**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 Distance Learning Committee to Faculty Standing Committee Updates
  - ii. Add Mellon Grant to Announcements

### B. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the minutes from the January 5, 2021 regular Faculty meeting via votes taken via online poll.

### C. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Bylaws Committee.** Dr. Baskerville reported that the Faculty Council met with the Bylaws Committee and made recommendations for the committee's work updating the language/terminology in the bylaws to reflect the new university structure. Dr. Tameze thanked the members of the committee for their hard work and introduced Dr. Ogutcu-Fu to conduct the vote via Qualtrics. Faculty received an email with a link to vote.

Faculty had many questions about the ballot items. President Allen recommended postponing the vote until the March faculty meeting.

- b. **Nominations Committee.** Dr. Limb announced that there are four committees that still have openings and solicited additional nominations. Faculty members on the ballot had the opportunity to speak about their candidacy. Voting will begin 5-10 minutes after the faculty meeting concludes.

### D. FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. **Student Health and Wellness Committee.** Pronoun Resource Announcement. Dr. McConatha announced that the committee will be providing presentations about pronoun use in the classroom and inclusive LGBTQA policy and practice. Mr. Garlic delivered a presentation on preferred pronouns.

- b. **General Education Committee.** Dr. Hull reminded faculty that ILO 2, Technology and Information Literacy will be assessed this semester. Faculty whose courses align with ILO 2 will receive a request to submit assessment data at the end of the semester. Next year the committee will be assessing ILO 3. In the spring, there will be workshops for faculty to work on an assessment rubric and the ILO 3's wording.
  
- c. **Distance Learning Committee.** Dr. Pelliccio reminded faculty to check the Files section of their Canvas courses for old student files, because the files may have been transferred over from Moodle. The solution is to delete the student files.

#### E. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- a. President Allen thanked Mr. Garlic and Dr. McConatha for their presentation on pronouns to help faculty empower and include students.
- b. The transition from Moodle to Canvas has gone smoothly.
- c. This semester there were students who were not fully registered until the second week of classes. President Allen asked faculty to form part of an advising and registration operations group in conjunction with Academic Support, with the goal of having all students fully registered before classes begin each term.
- d. President Allen addressed faculty hiring timelines and the strategic goal of having searches approved a year in advance.
- e. The Stay Safe LU app is a tool to help mitigate COVID-19 risk on campus. It is not mandatory, but is a helpful tool for contact tracing.
- f. The university has the opportunity to partner with Delaware State University and Testing America to provide COVID-19 testing to the university community.

#### F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **NYTimes.** Dean Joseph announced that we now have access to the NYTimes through the library.
- b. **Mellon Grant.** In the chat, Dr. Deas reminded faculty that applications for Mellon and Arthur Vining Davis Foundation grants are open and will be accepted until March 15, 2021.

#### G. DEAN'S REMARKS

- a. Dean Joseph thanked faculty for their shared governance in the discussion regarding language changes for the university by-laws. The committee will be holding a Town Hall meeting for faculty to continue the discussion.
- b. For faculty who will be moving back into Dickey Hall, the goal is to complete the process by March 1.

#### H. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 2:04 P.M.

Juan Martinez-Millan, Secretary