

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 2, 2002

The meeting opened at 4:11 p.m.

I. NO REPORT FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

II. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

- President Nelson mentioned the *Lincoln Review*, a paper that highlights the accomplishments of faculty, staff, and graduates of the University. Any information that you feel would be appropriate for the *Lincoln Review* should be sent to Mr. Michael Hill.
- The Department of General Services has listed on the Web the projects that are to be completed through the funds obtained from the State. These projects have gone out to bid.
- It might be necessary to move the graduation this year to the baseball field if work is being done at the usual location. A decision will be made in the next two months.
- Carpeting is being installed in the Library. New flooring will be installed in the library and the dining hall.
- Lincoln made a presentation to the Oxford Foundation the first week in November requesting one million dollars to renovate the Ware Center. If Lincoln receives this money, the first priority is to renovate the theater.
- Barnes Update—President Nelson stated that he felt public opinion leans in favor of Lincoln's position.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Middle States Taskforce reports are due on Thursday, December 5. Please complete the reports and return them to Dr. Kwame or Dr. Stine. Also, the taskforce on governance asked that we fill out the Governance Survey and return it to the History department.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes from the November 5, 2002 Meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 5, 2002 faculty meeting.

The motion to approve the November 5, 2002 minutes carried.

B. December Graduation List

After discussion about the potential graduates, the Registrar moved that we accept the graduation list subject to the successful completion of the requirements with the understanding that the Registrar may add or delete names.

The motion to accept the December graduation list with necessary amendments if needed was carried.

The President raised the issue of permitting students to march without completing graduation requirements. He asked Dr. Nwachuku to comment on the issue. Dr. Nwachuku said that many students who marched years ago have not as yet completed graduation requirements. He cited the increasing number of students who now march without graduating. He said that during the last commencement 70 students participated in the exercise without completing the requirements for graduation. The number was an increase of almost 20 from the previous commencement. The matter was referred to the Educational Policies Committee.

The Educational Policies Committee will look into the situation and make a recommendation at the next Faculty Meeting.

C. Recommendations from the Educational Policies Committee

The Educational Policies Committee recommended that we accept the four-course Pre-Law curriculum. The material was circulated and attached to the minutes.

Discussion

Dr. Prigg asked if it would be noted on students' transcripts that they had completed the Pre-Law curriculum? President Nelson stated there are no majors with the prefix "Pre" listed. President Nelson stated that this curriculum provides an excellent opportunity for Lincoln students who intend to pursue a law career. Taking the Pre-Law curriculum here at Lincoln will open doors to law school, to scholarships, and other forms of financial assistance. President Nelson said that the proposal should not contain names of professors who will be teaching the Pre-Law courses because that would eliminate any other professors from teaching the Pre-Law courses. Dr. Prigg asked if there is a high enough demand to offer these courses. Dr. Thomas stated that every year there are between 18 and 42 students who express interest in pre-law. Dr. Thomas introduced two guests to the Lincoln Faculty, the Honorable Judge Elkin Tolliver, Esq. and Shelia Vance, Esq., Assistant Dean of Admissions, Villanova School of Law. Dr. Nelson publicly thanked these two individuals who were instrumental in bringing the Pre-Law curriculum to Lincoln. In addition, Dr. Nelson thanked Villanova University for making scholarship money available to Lincoln graduates who go on to Villanova University.

President Nelson asked the faculty who were in favor of accepting the Pre-Law curriculum to signify by saying "Awe." No one opposed.

Dr. Nelson said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we now have an official program!"

The faculty agreed to accept the Pre-Law curriculum.

D. Recommendations from the Curriculum Committee

There was discussion about which courses are already on the books. Critical Reasoning and Raising American Law are on the books. Legal Analysis and Legal Rights are not. Dr. Dickey mentioned that in the packets we received there were course submission forms for Religion and Art, but there were no course submission forms for Legal Analysis and Legal Rights. Dr. Henderson said that course submission forms had been sent out, and he did not know why they had not been received. The course submission forms will be made available.

There was discussion about MAT 103, 105, and 110 and why specific math courses do not meet University math requirements in certain majors. In addition, there was a lengthy discussion about the numbering system of the math courses. Dr. DeBoy and Dr. Safford expressed concern about the logic of why MAT 104 and MAT 105 do not meet the University math requirement.

Dr. Nelson asked that the Curriculum Committee take a close look at the numbering system; specifically, for math courses as well as other departments.

Dr. Dickey suggested that the numbering system not be implemented until the Poise system is upgraded.

Dr. Trisner made the motion for the Curriculum Committee to review the numbering system and the sequence of the math courses and where necessary renumber the math courses with the understanding that this will not be implemented until the upgraded Poise system completed.

It was properly seconded to review the numbering system and sequence of the math courses.

The motion to review the numbering system and the sequence carried.

Dr. Prigg questioned the attendance policy for the Legal Problems course, which states that in accordance to University policy, students are allowed two absences. The University policy states three absences are permitted. After a short discussion, it was decided to strike the statement that reads, “. . . in accordance to University policy” and retain the 2-absence limit.

After a short discussion, it was decided to table the submission to approve the Religion course and move to approve the Art course.

The motion was made to approve the Art course.

The motion to approve the Art course carried.

It was moved by the Curriculum Committee that we accept the four-course Pre-Law curriculum with the amendment to strike the names of professors who will be teaching the courses.

The motion to accept the Pre-Law curriculum carried.

E. Recommendations from the PTS Committee

Dr. Flint presented the PTS criteria for promotion and tenure. President Nelson objected to stage four of the criteria. Stage four recommended that the Administration notify the PTS Committee when there is a disagreement between the former and the latter in regard to a candidate. The President argued that he would not negotiate with the PTS Committee over a candidate. After a lengthy discussion, the President said that the administration would only notify the Committee of its decisions. The faculty was also advised to send suggestions on the criteria to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Davis
Faculty Secretary