

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 6, 2004

Dickey Hall Auditorium

Dr. Nelson convened the meeting at 4:10 PM

I. REPORT FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION . . . Nosakhere Griffin-El

I would like to welcome everyone back to Lincoln University and say “Happy New.” I wasn’t notified about this meeting but . . . one thing I do have to report on is that the Student Government Association had a lot of big goals that we have set out for the New Year. At next Sunday’s meeting, what we plan to do is kind of condense these goals into two or three primary goals.

II. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT . . . Dr. Ivory Nelson

I would like to welcome everyone back for the New Year. I realize that last semester things were traumatic and we had trying times. However, there are two types of relationships: there are personal relationships and there are business relationships. On a personal note I would like to say to all of you welcome back. I hope that you had a good holiday. Hopefully, as we move forward during this coming year, we can work out and reestablish our business relationships.

Dr. Prigg: Professor Nelson, point of order, could you see if there is quorum? Dr. Nelson: I already indicated that there is not a quorum. Dr. Prigg: Is there a motion to adjourn, then? Dr. Nelson: If you would rather not hear the information that I have to give . . . I have some information that I want to give you. Dr. Prigg: I’m just basing the question on a point of order. Dr. Nelson: If you would like to get the information . . . we do not have a quorum, yet. And I have some information to pass onto you. What’s your question? Dr. Venerable: The motion is out of order because this is a business item . . it is not proper to grant a motion against the by-laws. Dr. Nelson: Thank you for your point, Dr. Prigg.

The first piece of information I would like to share with you concerns the infrastructure project. We are four months behind in the schedule. The project will be complete in June. The graduation will be on campus in the baseball field. We have finished the roof on Ware. We did have a visit from the undersecretary of the Department of General Services. We are going to try to work out a different working strategy. Currently, the

money is appropriated to the Department of General Services. The Department of General Services hires the architects, controls the money, and monitors the project. We are trying work with the Department of General Services to give us some control over the next two projects: the Ware Center and University Hall renovations. The bids for the Ware Center and University Hall are scheduled to go out sometime within the next couple of months. Once the architect is picked, I will establish a building committee for University Hall and a building committee for Ware Center. The committees will consist of faculty who work in the buildings and perhaps an outside person. The committees will have three to five members and will work with the architects to participate in the design. Input from the committees will be constrained by the budgetary limits.

The second information piece concerns Information Technology. Lincoln University received 130,000 pieces of spam. It appears that someone got hold of a secretarial password and shut down the system. Information Technology had to laboriously sort through what was spam and what was legitimate e-mail. In order to prevent such a future occurrence, we would have to spend between \$60,000 and \$100,000 on an improved firewall.

By next week, Lincoln University should be wireless with 11 wireless panels on campus. We will have 23 laptops for faculty with security protection. Faculty can use wireless cards to operate their own laptops; however, only the 23 laptops provided by the university have security protection. In addition, we ordered 101 new PCs for students on December 1st. It is our goal to replace all the computers in the student labs in Dickey Hall, the Library, the Reference Library, and LLC 214. In addition, we intend to do something with the computers in the Psychology Laboratory and do something with the computers in Biology and Physics.

Pennsylvania finally passed an appropriations budget; Lincoln University will receive only \$12.155 million this fiscal year instead of the \$12.9 million that it received two years ago. The legislature did not impose a rule, which would have meant that 75% of any money from the Commonwealth would have to be used for in-state students. Lincoln University has more out-of-state undergraduates than in-state undergraduates. We were able to get this language out of the budget for all four state-related Commonwealth institutions. We have already submitted our appropriations request for next year. We asked for a total of about \$20 million with about \$14 million in E & G and about \$6 million in special appropriations.

Dr. Nelson: I believe if you want to establish a quorum for the meeting, you may want to do that now. Dr. Venerable: We have a quorum and we will proceed. Dr. Millette: I don't think that we have 47 people here. Dr. Nelson: If there is a question about it, all we have to do is count. The faculty then proceed to count by making their presence known numerically. Dr. Nelson: Dr. Millette? Dr. Millette: I am not here. Fifty-five faculty made their presence known by counting themselves out loud. Dr. Nelson: With 55 faculty here and 47 needed for a quorum, we have a quorum. Dr. Venerable: Is there a motion for the approval of the minutes? The motion was made and seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was approved with some "nay" votes. Dr. Venerable: Dr. Siddique? Dr.

Siddique: Until yesterday, I did not receive any notice of this meeting. There were two stories going around, one that the meeting was being held, and the other that the meeting was not being held. So, I don't have anything to add to the agenda. Dr. Venerable: Anything for discussion? Motion to adjourn? The motion to adjourn was seconded and was passed. The meeting ended at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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