

## Faculty Report on Board of Trustees' Meeting

September 15, 2007

- I. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Valerie Green, University Chaplain who also informed the Board that this past weekend marked the loss of one sophomore student and family members of other students. Reverend Green requested that all students be kept in prayer.
- II. Chairman's Remarks by Dr. Calvin Morris celebrated the progress made at Lincoln these past years but cautioned the Trustees and those assembled that there remains many challenges ahead
- III. President's Report highlighted the Student Enhancement Program (introduction of a Marching Band, rebirth of football, planned move to Division II NCAA, and Athletics in general). VP William Bynum introduced the football coaching staff: Head Coach O.J. Abanische, Offensive Coordinator Leonard Kyner, and Coach Elliott Lightfoot. The Board was assured by Dr. Nelson that the Athletics Program will emphasize the *student* in student-athletes, a pledge made earlier by Coach Abanische in his introductory remarks. President Nelson reviewed the demographic data of the Class of 2011, the fact that new student admittance was completed July 31, 2007, and responded "Yes" to the query from Trustee Wooley-Roy that the University will assess the impact of the Student Enhancement Program upon the caliber of entering classes
- IV. Treasurer's Report VP Howard Merlin noted that the endowment fund is approximately \$ 24.5 million and that the University is judiciously managing its funds as attested by an A3 investment grade bond rating (Moody's).
- V. Standing Committee Reports:
  1. Trustees, Degrees, & Nominations: Hon. L. Gordon ' 58 (alumni rep) was reappointed to the Board; Ms. Tehma Smith' 00 (alumni rep) was appointed to the Board; and Ms. Adonita Ahmetaj (student rep) was appointed to the Board
  2. Planning & Development: 11% of alumni have contributed to LU and virtually 100% of the Trustees have contributed in 2007
  3. Buildings & Property: Trustees were referred to p. 8 of the August 2007 *Faculty-Directors' Retreat booklet* that documented capital projects

4. Educational Policy & Academic Affairs: Trustees were directed to the University's (first draft) *Self Study Report – Middle States*; Trustees are expected to familiarize themselves with the Report and requested by President Nelson to send comments to the three chairs of the document
  
- V. After Adjournment, Trustees were escorted on a walking tour of Ware Center, University Hall, and the Mary Dodd Memorial Chapel for purposes of seeing the recent renovations

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