

**School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies**

**Faculty Meeting**

**August 17, 2007**

**1:00-2:15pm**

**139 Dickey Hall**

-The meeting was called to order by Dr. Thomas at 1:00pm.

**Faculty in Attendance:** B & I Technology: Dr. Oswald Richards, Mr. Robert Allen, Mr. Lamine Contech, Dr. William Dadson, Dr. Ganga Ramdas, Mr. Gary Schwartz, Mr. Harry Washington; Education: Dr. Carol Anne George, Dr. Patricia Lewis-West, Dr. Lynnette Mawhinney, Mr. Kenneth Parker, Dr. Emery Petchauer, Dr. Nicole Stephens, Dr. Elizabeth Surplus, Dr. Admasu Tucho, Dr. York Williams; HPER: Dr. James DeBoy, Ms. Yvonne Hilton, Mr. Cyrus Jones, Ms. Jamie Mansell, Dr. Sally Wagner; History and Political Science: Dr. Levi Nwachuku, Dr. Donald Bradt, Dr. Chieke Ihejirika, Dr. Carl Walton; Psychology: Dr. Lennell Dade, Dr. Penelope Kinsey, Ms. Denise Gaither-Hardy; Sociology and Anthropology: Dr. Emmanuel Babatunde, Dr. Anthony DiFilippo, Dr. Patricia Joseph; Dr. Terrance Johnson, Dr. Zoran Milovanovich; Library Liaison: Mr. Albert Brycen.

**Faculty Excused:** Education: Dr. Joanne DeBoy; Psychology: Dr. Kevin Favor, Dr. Delroy Louden.

**Faculty not in Attendance:** HPRE: Ms. Heather N. Leininger-Digan; History & Political Science: Dr. Todd Herring, Dr. Zizwe Poe; Sociology & Anthropology: Dr. Robert Millette.

**Action Items**

1. New Faculty

New faculty members were introduced by their prospective department representatives. The Business and Information Technology department's new faculty members are: Lamine J. Contech, Gary Schwartz, and Deeawn Roundtree. The Education department's new faculty members are: York Williams, Kenneth Parker, and Lynnette Mawhinney.

2. Presentation of Minutes

Dr. Thomas presented the minutes completed by Dr. George for the February 20, 2007 meeting. The minutes were voted on and approved by the faculty.

3. Proposed Requirement

There was a proposed requirement put on the floor by Dr. Thomas that all students exiting the various majors in the School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies will be required to do authentic research, which they will present before their classmates, faculty, and administrators. Dr. Thomas discussed that this issue should be developed at the departmental level, and should be decided if authentic research should be an exit requirement for graduation. Dr. Ramdas noted that research resources are needed in order for students to conduct authentic research. This was followed by Professor Gaither-Hardy mentioning that support staff and updated, licensed software (i.e. SPSS) is needed for the students and staff. After various

opinions, there was a motion for faculty to discuss this on a departmental level, and that the discussion at a school will be tabled until the September meeting.

## **Department Reports**

### 1. Business and Information Technology

Dr. Richards reported on the success of the summer abroad program in Dublin, the development of the Black Executive Exchange Program, and the various professors doing lecture and travel abroad. There is also a push to market programs to implement IT major.

### 2. Education

Dr. Lewis-West reported on occurrences in the undergraduate program. There is a push to focus more on the PRAXIS exam, and Dr. Petchauer and Dr. Williams are putting together a mentoring program for PRAXIS where students who already passed PRAXIS can tutor their peers for some tuition reimbursement. Professor Parker is putting together the math portion of this program.

Dr. Tucho reported on the graduate programs. Currently, there are 50 new students in the program, and it is growing. In May 2007, there were 40 graduates of the program. The development of the graduate school handbook has been completed.

### 3. HPER

Dr. James DeBoy reported there is an upsurge in students applying to graduate school. Three of the faculty members are in doctoral programs. Last fall, the department started a placement test for the freshmen, which identifies obesity. Nineteen to twenty percent of students tested into HPR 103, which is a walking-conditioning intervention class. Eighty tested in, 45 registered, and 100 never tested. Also, Dr. DeBoy reported that Coach Jones is going to be inducted into the NCAA Hall of Fame for coaches.

### 4. History and Political Science

Dr. Nwachuku reported that two students are interning at Duke and Howard. One student went to law school, and one to graduate school. Drs. Poe, Ihejirika, and Walton all published chapters in the book, *Exploring the African-American Experience*.

### 5. Psychology

Professor Gaither-Hardy discussed that a grant entitled, "Primary Care Research Network for Treatment of Adolescent Obesity," for \$284,000 was received to work in part with the Women's Center. The department has 260 surveys completed by freshmen documenting their cultural characteristics with health issues. Some students went on to graduate school, and three received internships.

6. Sociology and Anthropology

Dr. Joseph reported the activities of faculty members. Dr. DiFilippo is going to be publishing his fifth solo book on Japanese history. Dr. Babatunde received a Fulbright in Africa. Forty-four students graduated this school year, and fifteen students received internships.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

1. Curriculum Committee

Dr. Lewis-West urged faculty to submit any new curriculum ideas they have. The goal is to hear the ideas and “iron out” everything before it is submitted to the committee.

2. School of Social Sciences and Behavioral Studies Colloquia Series

Dr. Bradt had explained that the committee is looking for people. Please contact him if you are interested in being part of the committee. There is a goal to do an annual publication of all colloquia. Dr. Penelope Kinsey is the newest member of the Colloquia Series Committee.

3. *Journal of Social and Political Thought*

Dr. Nwachuku explained that the journal is accepting articles for the upcoming fall issue, which is estimated to be published before December.

4. KUDOS Committee

Dr. Nwachuku reported that the committee is going to work on developing set criteria for KUDOS. If you are also interested in serving on the committee, please contact Dr. Nwachuku.

### **Dean's Report**

Dr. Thomas reviewed the series of handouts with the faculty that discussed current statistics on Lincoln University's graduation data, study abroad activity, and Senior Satisfaction Survey. In addition, Dr. Thomas distributed and discussed the departmental goals and faculty KUDOS for 2006-2007. There was a discussion concerning the presentation of the material of the Senior Satisfaction Survey by the Office of Institutional Research, as it was complicated to read. If faculty want more refined data, they are to contact Dr. Brevett, Director of Institutional Research.

### **Sabbatical Report**

Dr. Kinsey reported on the development the Department of Psychology's manual for research. The purpose was to generate a manual that actively reflects the students' realities, while focusing on developing the total student. The manual includes the structure of the research enterprise and information about applying for graduate school. The manual will be tested this semester, and students will create, conduct, and defend their authentic research.

**Faculty Development Projects**

Due to lack of time, the faculty development project reports are being postponed until the September meeting.

**Reminders**

Dr. Thomas reminded faculty to submit their faculty profile piece that was sent to everyone's mailbox.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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