

Lincoln University Faculty Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018, 12:30 p.m.
Ivory V. Nelson Center for the Sciences, 318

Members Present: William Donohue (Secretary, Acting-Chair), Emmanuel Babatunde, Monica Gray, Moses Haimbodi, Chieke Ihejirika, Charles Pettaway, Oswald Richards, Andriy Semychayevskyy, Virginia Smith. Ex Officio: Sophia Sotilleo (Faculty Representative to the BOT), Dana Flint (Parliamentarian).

The meeting was called to order by William Donohue, the acting-chair for the meeting, at 12:30 p.m.

I. Guest Presentations, Invitees of Dr. Gray

1. David B. Arscott, Ph.D., Executive Director, Vice President, Research Scientist at Stroud Water Research Center, 970 Avondale Road, Avondale, PA 19311
 - a. The presentation focused on information regarding Stroud and paid internships during the summer or winter break
 - b. One issue is that interns need their own housing
 - c. www.stroudcenter.org
2. Josh Roberts, Senior Pastor, Christian Life Center Family Church, 125 Saginaw Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352
 - a. The presentation focused on rebuilding the relationship between the CLC Family Church and Lincoln University, as the two entities share a common history.
 - b. One potential avenue includes possible housing for students, such as those with local internship opportunities or international students needing housing over Thanksgiving break.
 - c. The next step is opening lines of communication to continue to rebuild the relationship.
 - d. <https://www.clcfamily.church/>

II. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

1. A motion by Dr. Richards was seconded and approved to discuss an email sent to Faculty Council members by Dr. Babatunde.
 - a. The extended discussion revolved around the notion of the hierarchical structure of academia and the officers of the Faculty Council reflecting that culture, specifically the position of Faculty Council Chair as a senior faculty member in part due to historical memory and the additional demands on junior faculty to rise through the ranks.
 - b. A point was made that the by-law stipulating that chairs cannot serve as officers limits the number of eligible senior faculty for officer positions.

- c. A point of clarification was made that there is one untenured, assistant professor on Faculty Council.
2. A non-binding nomination ballot for chair was collected.
 - a. Results:
 1. Dana Flint: 3
 2. Monica Gray 2
 3. Charles Pettaway 2
 4. William Donohue 1
 5. Virginia Smith 1

3. Election ballots for Chair were collected.
 - a. Results:
 1. Dana Flint: 6
 2. Monica Gray: 2
 3. Charles Pettaway: 1

An extended discussion ensued regarding the ability of an ex-officio member, who is a non-voting member of the Faculty Council, to hold an officer position. A potential “constitutional crisis” involved the chair-elect who also held the position of parliamentarian. If the parliamentarian accepted the chair position and resigned as parliamentarian, the ex-officio position would be negated resulting in the chair-elect’s dismissal from Faculty Council.

4. Election ballots for Vice Chair were collected.
 - a. Results:
 1. Moses Haimbodi: 5
 2. Monica Gray: 2
 3. Charles Pettaway: 1
5. Dr. Flint, citing the potential constitutional crisis and general unrest, declined the Chair position.
6. A second ballot for the chair position was collected:
 - a. Results:
 1. Moses Haimbodi: 7
 2. Monica Gray: 1
 3. Sophia Sotilleo: 1
7. Moses Haimbodi, having been elected to two positions, selected the Chair position.
8. A second ballot for Vice Chair was collected:
 - a. Results:
 1. Monica Gray: 4
 2. Charles Pettaway: 4

There was one abstention.

9. Before a third ballot was collected, a motion by the acting chair that was seconded and approved called for each of the two leading Vice Chair candidates to address the assembly.
 - a. Dr. Pettaway said that he would serve if that was the will of the Faculty Council, but he had reservations since he is new to the council. He was willing to defer to Dr. Gray.
 - b. Dr. Gray presented on her qualifications including her experience as an academic and service on the Faculty Council the previous year as secretary.

Due to time, the meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. to a special date for continuation.

William Donohue, Secretary