

Lincoln University Faculty Regular Meeting Minutes
OCTOBER 6, 2020, 12:30 PM
ZOOM Call (Remote)

Patricia A. Joseph, Ph.D.
Dean of the Faculty
Presiding

The meeting was called to order by Dean Joseph at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was held on Zoom. Quorum was achieved at the start of the meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. The agenda was approved via votes taken in the Chat section of Zoom.

B. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the minutes from the September 1, 2020 regular Faculty meetings was approved via votes taken in the Chat section of Zoom.

C. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Nominations Committee conducted the nominations process for the remaining vacancies on various Faculty Standing Committees. Election slate would be forthcoming for Faculty to vote on the positions.

D. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- a. The President encourages faculty to look at the Standing Committees to see how best they can serve the Faculty
- b. The President has met with the new Faculty Council. The Administration will work with the Faculty Council on a budget request. The President has also met with the new Faculty union leadership.
- c. The University is poised to offer students the opportunity to return to Campus in March, but it is unpredictable. An equitable way to offer opportunity to return will be determined by what happens with COVID-19 during the coming winter.
- d. The President will work with departments to plan as if the Spring semester will be offered remotely. Planning for remote allows change of plans if students are allowed to return, but will also allow the University to stay fully remote if no return to Campus is possible.
- e. Moodle contract will expire at the end of year and Canvas LMS contract has already started. CETL will provide Faculty support to move to Canvas prior to the Spring semester.
- f. University has continued to provide technology to students, but there are challenges because the entire world has gone to learning on remote technology.
- g. It is still not safe to hold the Commencement for both 2020 and 2021 classes. Plans will be updated.

E. FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. General Education:
 - i. Dr. Hull announced that ILO2 is being assessed in 2020-21. Assessment workshop is scheduled for 10/15.
- b. Pre-Tenure Review:
 - i. Dr. Donohue announced that portfolio is due to chairs by 11/8, and chair

review due by 12/15.

- c. Honors, Awards, Honorary Degrees
 - i. Dr. Gallagher asked for the Faculty to make nominations for honorary degrees, nominations are due 10/12.
 - ii. Dr. Baskerville announced that Faculty Appreciation Day will take place on 10/8 virtually.
- d. Distance learning:
 - i. Dr. Pelliccio updated the Faculty on the work the Distance Learning committee has been doing on improving remote learning for students for the Spring and beyond.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. ERIP
 - i. Dr. Gallagher, the incoming President of LUC-AAUP, announced that union elections have been completed and new officers installed. Introduced early retirement plan for eligible early Faculty members, the deadline to express intention is 12/15.
- b. 2020-21 Assessment
 - i. Ms. Nancy Smith announced that the 2021 Assessment Plan is due 10/30 as we are moving into a new assessment cycle.
- c. Cengage
 - i. Ms. Nancy Evans announced that Cengage currently provides a student saving option in the form of a yearly subscription.

G. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.

Dafan Zhang, Secretary