

## **Lincoln University of Pennsylvania Faculty Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 5, 2006**

Dr. Ivory Nelson called the meeting to order shortly after 4 PM in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Union Building.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Nelson thanked the faculty for their work in completing another semester.

President George W. Bush has nominated Dr. Ivory Nelso to be on the HBCU Advisory Board.

On Monday December 11, the S.U.B. will be vacated in order to start the \$11 million renovation project, which is expected to last about 15 months, with return to the building expected for June 2008. The Bookstore will relocate to the modulars set up beside the S.U.B., and other offices to the modulars or other venues.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

The Minutes of 11/07/06 were approved, with corrections.

Mr. James Simington, University Registrar presented the December 2006 Graduate List and the faculty approved it.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

Dr. Linda Stine gave a Middle States Update. She reported that the Steering Committee has met and she thanked the faculty on behalf of Dr. Venerable and Dr. Joseph for their work on the Task Forces to produce a report by the end of this semester. The Steering Committee has made the decision to create a "Lincoln's Assessment Day" to have meetings to initiate the new assessment plan. They propose April 23, 2007, which is the student's Reading Day. Activities and discussions would lead up to the day. Dr. Nelson reminded faculty that when they are doing surveys, they should cite facts, not merely give opinions.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Dana Flint urged faculty to pass on to him recommendations of students who might qualify for the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. This is a national scholarship for a college senior or recent graduate with a GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale who will start graduate work in 2007. Students must be nominated by their institution – Lincoln University may nominate up to two students. The scholarships provide up to \$300,000 (\$50,000 per year) and are highly competitive. There is an internal selection procedure by the university for candidates to nominate. Dr. Flint stated that a committee will be formed to assess students who are recommended and make the final choice of up to two. The deadline for application receipts by the foundation is 3/15/07. The foundation is looking for accomplished students who have financial need. In answer to a question raised, Dr. Flint said that the scholarship is open to non-U.S. citizens.

Dr. Nelson announced a solicitation he had received urging the university to educate students about MENSA and encourage their applications to MENSA. Dr. Shabazz offered to tutor students on test-taking, since application to MENSA involves, among other things, an IQ test.

Dr. Nelson invited faculty to attend the President's Reception at Wyncote Country Club, at 5:30 PM, following the faculty meeting.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gunn Pevar, Faculty Secretary