

Lincoln University Faculty Regular Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 1, 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.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Approved addition of an item by Faculty Council presented by Dr. Poe after Bylaws Committee item and before moving on to the Nominations Committee item.
 - i. Amendment of the agenda was approved via votes taken in the Chat section of Zoom.

B. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the minutes from the March and April 2020 meetings will be done pursuant to the Bylaw Committee's recommendations. (See Action Item below)

C. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Bylaws Committee
 - i. Dr. Tameze will send a link to the Faculty via email to vote to approve the March and April meeting minutes.
 - ii. Dr. Tameze announced that the Bylaws Committee and the Nominations Committee announced that there will be a vote for the annulment of the Faculty Council pursuant to the Faculty Bylaws and Enabling Resolution of the BOT to establish the Faculty Council. The vote was to take place 10 days from the date of the announcement.
 - 1. Dr. Donohue made a motion to postpone the annulment vote to the April 2021 Faculty meeting because the Faculty Council will exist and perform its duties regardless of an annulment vote.
 - a. Dr. Donohue's Motion is voted on in the chat section of Zoom and carried by a count of 42 Yes, 18 No, 4 Abstain, 1 No Vote. The vote count was verified post-meeting.
- b. Faculty Council.
 - i. Dr. Poe presented a proposal from the Faculty Council that Faculty Standing Committees' and Faculty Council's elections will be conducted virtually.
 - 1. This item was voted on in the chat section of Zoom. While this vote received a count of 33 Yes, 6 No, 4 Abstain, there is reasonable question of whether quorum was met during this vote, therefore the vote was certified by the Secretary as a no-vote post-meeting.
- c. Nominations Committee
 - i. In the interest of time, the nominations process for Faculty Standing

Committees was tabled and will be continued during a special Faculty meeting at a later time.

D. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- a. President Allen suggested that the Faculty take time to consider the Faculty Council structure and the annulment vote because the importance of Faculty governance. The Faculty should join collectively to decide whether this is a governance structure that fully serve the Faculty and determine the right structure moving forward.
- b. President Allen provided an update on COVID-19 and the first week of the school year:
 - i. There has not been a drastic reduction in enrollment. SACE enrollment increased slightly.
 - ii. The budget has taken a hit due to remote learning and reduction of on-campus housing, but enrollment number is healthy.
 - iii. Testing for students, faculty and staff have been ongoing and protection protocols are in place. We are fortunate to have a low rate of positive results.
 - iv. Most of students are adjusting to the mask and distancing policies, although students naturally tend to gather.
 - v. There are only a few violations, and appropriate measures were taken – 6 students have been sent home.
 - vi. President is cautiously optimistic.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. PTS Committee announced that the due date for portfolio submissions is now September 15, 2020 and the updated submission guidelines.

F. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM.

Dafan Zhang, Secretary