

Lincoln University

Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

8 February 2022

12:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Elected Members Present: Karen Baskerville (Chair), Lukas Pelliccio (Vice Chair), Denise Gaither-Hardy (Secretary), Carla Gallagher, Christine Limb, Sophia Sotilleo, William Donohue, Admasu Tucho, Karen Feliciano

Ex Officio Member Present: Dafan Zhang, Parliamentarian

Call to Order (12:30)/ Roll Call of Members Present – Quorum present

I. Approval of Agenda with correction below

- a. Agenda Approved with following changes
 - i. Addition of Library and Information Technology committee
 - ii. Addition of Assessment Committee
 - iii. The agenda should have read General Education Reform presentation instead of ILO3
 - iv. Dr. Babatunde requested to be placed on the agenda

II. Chair (Dr. Karen Baskerville) Report/Announcements

- The faculty Council met with Dr. Allen on February 4th
- Dr. Allen discussed the top priority of the IT department is to update the Colleague system
- Dr. Joseph noted that she would speak with Justin McKenzie about the faculty needs there was also discussion regarding Mr. McKenzie being at the next faculty meeting to discuss what are the priorities of the IT department, the needs of the faculty and answer any questions.
- The faculty Council approved the request from SGA for two mental health Wellness days - Monday February 21st and Thursday March 31st
- There was discussion regarding the promotion tenure and, severance email about the pts succession and who currently chairs the committee. Dr. Doctor Limb noted that regarding the PTS chair, we must follow the by-laws and how they deem the structure of each committee. The chair, Dr. Baskerville, noted she would get more information later in the day regarding that committee and any changes.

III. Vice Chair (Dr. Lukas Pelliccio) Report

- Dr. Pelliccio reported that he received 9 responses from the approximately 20 faculty standing committees and noted those that did not respond he would be requesting a meeting. He also included a link in the chat related to committees.

IV. BOT Representative (Dr. Karen Baskerville) Report

- The Chair reported the next Board of Trustees meeting will be on 2/12/22 at 9am.
- There was a special meeting on 1/6/22 – regarding the employments of the new VP for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Lincoln University Foundation. On 2/14/22 an announcement was made that a person, Ava Willis-Barksdale, was hired.
- The BOT rep attended the BOT’s Student Affairs meeting, chaired by Dr. Garcia. She noted the speaker at the meeting was Dr. Smith of the Charles A, Dana Center, University of Texas, Austin. He discussed transforming educational mathematics in the 21st century. He provided initiatives from the center. Dr. Allen presented and discussed a boot camp for STEM and English this summer
- Discussion followed Dr. Baskerville’s BOT report
 - As a faculty rep to the BOT do you get a BOT book (non-confidential), and documents would she share the information
 - Perhaps there should be greater sharing of BOT information
 - Possibly developing a form for comments
 - Discussion/development of a protocol to attend committee meetings
 - By-Laws – notes that the BOT can place anyone the choose to a committee that would serve to increase the functioning of the University
 - Dr. Poe recommended that the FC ask the Board to add a member – one elected and one from FC
 - Continued discussion about BOT committee membership
 - Dr. Baskerville said she would make certain it was appropriate to share the BOT book
 - There was a question regarding the BOT agenda – it was noted that it is posted in their website.
- There was discussion regarding the proposed summer Writing/STEM program
 - Dr. Donohue mentioned that it would be a summer bridge program. One which has college curriculum and students will get college credit. It was noted it will have a strong curriculum with co-curricular activities throughout the summer. It will be 5 weeks and may be concurrent with STEM. It looks to enroll (25) STEM and (75) non-STEM students.
- Dr. Zhang asked that FC develop a resolution to present to the Board leading to more involvement and faculty membership on BOT committees.

V. President’s Report – No report from Dr. Allen

VI. Committee Reports/Announcements

- **Nominations Committee**

- A spring list of committees will be posted and would probably be shared with Faculty in April.

- **General Education Committee**

- Dr. Hull gave a PP presentation on the progress in the General Education Reform, highlighting three (3) components; Courses, Skills and rewriting of the ILO's. Her general question for FC was how to proceed. Should the proposed reform be presented to the Faculty as a complete package or as three (3) separate items.
 - There was discussion surrounding areas of spirituality, mathematics, and liberal arts.
- A motion was made by Prof. Gaither-Hardy to present the reform as three (3) separate items to the faculty. Prof. Sotilleo seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the FC.

- **Library and Information Technology Committee**

- Submitted a report on concerns and issues that consistently plague campus
 - Computer labs – Not prepared
 - Equipment – Unable to teach
 - Information technology policies
 - Security cameras
- Dr. Joseph noted that it was brought up in a Cabinet meeting and Justin McKenzie will be asked to come to the next Faculty meeting

- **Assessment Committee**

- The committee announced a new plan after an extensive review to address the PSLO, which are assessed in a 4-year timeframe.
- The plan allows for the courses in a curriculum map to be correctly assessed
- The FC agreed to announcing this at the next Faculty meeting

- **Dr. Babatunde**

- Announced a name change from the Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice to the Department of Anthropology, Criminal Justice and Sociology.

VII. Academic Affairs – No Report given by Dr. Joseph

Meeting adjourned approximately 1:50 pm