Lincoln University Faculty Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025; 12:30 p.m. John Miller Dickey Hall Auditorium, Room 136

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

The meeting was called to order by Provost and Dean of Faculty, Dr. Patricia Joseph, at 12:34 p.m. Dr. Joseph gave a brief overview of the agenda and called for adjustments. After approval of the agenda with amendments, a moment of silence was observed for Dr. Robert Langley; then the minutes from the January 14 faculty meeting were approved. Dr. Joseph then turned the meeting over to chairperson of the faculty council, Dr. Sam Williams. The quorum requirement was satisfied.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- The agenda was amended to include three general announcements.
- The agenda was approved with the modifications.

Before approval of the previous faculty meeting minutes, Dr. Joseph made an announcement on the passing of Dr. Robert Langley on January 29. A moment of silence was observed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• The January 14, 2024 meeting minutes were approved.

ACTION ITEMS

- Dr. Williams yielded the floor to vice chairperson of the faculty council, Dr. Larycia Hawkins.
- Dr. Hawkins noted the role of the faculty council in the 4 credit transition as well as the Faculty Council was working with General Education Committee on the next steps.
- Dr. Hawkins yielded the floor to Drs. Ogutcu-Fu and Peake of the General Education Committee
- Using a ppt slide presentation, Dr. Ogutcu-Fu discussed legacy/traditional general education courses. These are
 courses in the catalog before the gen ed curriculum revision approved in 21-22 ay; Dr. Ogutcu-Fu noted which
 courses fall under this category (flyer provided to faculty body). She continued, noting that African American
 Experience, Computer Science, and Language courses are not to be reviewed this semester.
- Due to (1) gen ed change in 21-22; (2) 4 credit transition; and (3) academic program review, Dr. Ogutcu-Fu stated that faculty must complete the general education canvas course to prepare for submission(s); the Canvas course was set up by Dr. Amores of CETL if faculty need assistance. Chairs are to send Gen Ed course syllabi to General Education Committee with at least one assignment and rubric.
- Dr. Peake reviewed ILOs and Gen Ed courses correlation focusing on ILOs 1,5, and 7 (Gen Ed course must emphasize one of these). She highlighted a webpage that provided resources (rubrics and checklists).
- Dr. Peake reviewed the Gen Ed course criteria checklists for ILOs 1, 5, and 7. She then reviewed the legacy courses for Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and mathematics.

- Question on legacy courses listed, focused on not all legacy courses included. Drs. Ogutcu-Fu and Peake noted that only courses listed will be reviewed this semester.
- Dr. Hawkins noted that Drs. Fu and Peake gave the report/update for the General Education committee.
- Dr. Stillman of the Curriculum Committee stepped up to represent the Visual Arts program and seek approval for changes made to course syllabi.
- Using a Word document, Dr. Stillman noted that most courses were modified with new names; CSLO, PSLO, ILO
 re-alignments. Some courses were combined, some with minor changes, and new courses were added to the
 program. He showed a list of the courses and their category; there are three categories: Intro, Gen Ed, or Core
 requirement.
- A motion to vote on the Visual Arts courses, collectively, was put forth and seconded. The courses were confirmed by voice vote, with no abstentions or no vote.
- Question arose on how many courses within a program can be considered Gen Ed. Dr. Stillman noted that there were no guidelines.
- Dr. Stillman invited Drs. Hilton and Nelson to discuss changes made for courses in the Health Science department.
- Using a ppt slide presentation, they noted modifications to previous courses; new courses added; and courses merged.
- A motion to vote on the Health Science courses, collectively, was put forth and seconded. The courses were confirmed by voice vote, with no abstentions or no vote.
- Dr. Stillman invited Dr. Denise Brown to discuss changes made to courses in Human Services
- Using a Word document, Dr. Brown noted four courses were merged into two courses; and one course had a name change.
- A motion to vote on the Human Services courses, collectively, was put forth and seconded. The courses were confirmed by voice vote, with no abstentions or no vote.
- Dr. Stillman invited Dr. Hope Dameron to discuss the efforts of the Business & Entrepreneurial Studies department, along with a number of the department's faculty.
- Dr. Uqdah reviewed modifications to courses for the Entrepreneurship minor, most notably six new syllabi. Dr. Phillips reviewed seven new syllabi for the Economics minor and eight new syllabi for the Finance major and minor. Dr. Asadi reviewed seven new syllabi for the Information System Management major and minor. Dr. Elliot reviewed thirteen new syllabi for the Management major and minor.
- A motion to vote on the Business & Entrepreneurial Studies department courses, collectively, was put forth and seconded. The courses were confirmed by voice vote, with no abstentions or no vote.

FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES / REPORTS

- Dr. Joseph spoke for the Educational Policies Committee. She reviewed the next steps in the process of the 4-credit transition, which will focus on the certification of academic department programs. Noted that department chairpersons should upload the requested documents to Box. After program review by the Educational Policies committee, the faculty council will then review the programs prior to bringing to the faculty body for votes on the academic programs.
- Question arose on deadline to upload documents. Dr. Joseph reminded faculty that the deadline was actually February 3, 2025.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

• Dr. Brenda Allen noted that a memorial for Dr. Robert Langley will be set up. More details will be emailed to the faculty body.

- Dr. Allen took a moment to acknowledge and thank Ms. RaVonda Dalton currently serving as interim chief of staff
- Dr. Allen mentioned the dynamics of the changes at federal level; noted concern about student federal aid, students and faculty on visas; possibility of ICE on campus; and what is the University's role in these scenarios. The University has to prepare plans; make students aware of public safety for their use.
- Dr. Safford interjected that offices are private places, and ICE would need a warrant to enter.
- Dr. Allen emphasized the need to be mindful of spending as there was a high number of December graduates as
 well as students that did not come back after Winter Break. She is interested in reaching out those students and
 look for patterns or common concerns; and revise recruitment, re-allot resources, as enrollment impacts
 budget.
- Dr. Allen noted that the cold buildings and IT issues are linked; so the October cyber incident impacted the HVAC systems and they are being re-programmed.
- Dr. Allen reminded the faculty to be mindful of the students as they see us and how we are responding to events/circumstances. Faculty should strive to be models for professionalism and respectfulness.
- Dr. Moses Haimbodi reflected on South Africa Apartheid and his concern about Musk, being from that era and having that mindset, his influence on the US government.
- Dr. Allen reiterated need to create relationships to survive whims of individuals; doesn't want University hurt.
- Dr. Viridiana Herrera noted funds for her grant frozen but she remains positive. She provided the example of the organization NOBCChE fighting behind the scenes.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Harrison Johnson of the University Registrar discussed enrollment census, what it is and how it's used. He shared that the info is reported to NSLDS, Penn Dept of Education, NCAA, and a number of third parties. He highlighted the financial impact and workforce impact (e.g., loss of federal/state aid). He also noted the consequences of incorrect census numbers, such as the need to re-enroll students and re-add aid; leading to delay in funding to the University. Dr. Johnson shared a table showing when the faculty (main campus) were on time with census entry, by semester and academic year. He noted that there is support available to faculty.
- Drs. Micheal Lynch and Dafina Diabate announced the summer undergraduate research boot camp for the
 upcoming summer. Noted requirements and deadline for applications (flyer was provided); and that winning
 applicants will be announced at the research symposium.
- Dr. Diabate invited students and faculty to participate in First Wednesdays in which individuals are to wear business causal to promote professionalism (flyer provided). She also announced an Attire Career Closet pop up (flyer provided) on February 8.
- Dr. Diabate announced an internship opportunity in Ghana (flyer provided), with an info session February 12.
- Tiffany Davis from the library announced a number of library resources available to both students and faculty (handout provided), highlighting access to the NY Times (flyer provided); reach out to her for any assistance. She also announced a conference honoring Vincent O. Carter, in the Wellness Center February 20.
- Dr. Dameron provided a MSCHE update. The Standing committee met and developed a draft of the Self-Study needed for re-accreditation. She encouraged faculty to review the draft.
- Dr. Deas announced the Balack Freedom Conference on February 28 (flyer provided).
- Michelle Jacobs of the media center detailed what the center offers for students and faculty.
- Dr. Hawkins announced that Cresson Hall is opening in Fall 2025 (flyer provided). She asked faculty help in identifying students who should apply.

DEANS REMARKS

• Dr. Joseph thanked the faculty for their time and attention.

ADJOURNMENT

• The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Joseph at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Dr. Ray Saunders, Faculty Secretary.





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