Lincoln University Faculty Meeting Minutes

April 1, 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 12:35 p.m. Dr. Joseph gave a brief overview of the agenda and called for adjustments. After approval of the agenda with amendments, and the minutes from the March 4 and March 25 faculty meetings, 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 and one action item.
- The agenda was approved with the modifications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The March 4, 2025 meeting minutes were approved with no modifications.
- The March 25, 2025 meeting minutes were approved with no modifications.

FACULTY COUNCIL

- Dr. Williams yielded the floor to vice chairperson of the Faculty Council, Dr. Larycia Hawkins, who noted that there wasn't a faculty council meeting due to a campus event.
- Dr. Hawkins highlighted Dr. Joseph's years of service to the University. The faculty body joined Dr. Hawkins in giving a round of applause for Dr. Joseph and her outstanding work.

ACTION ITEMS

- Dr. Hawkins yielded the floor to Dr. Gordon Stillman of the Curriculum Committee.
- Dr. Stillman shared a course number change for a computer science course, CSC 2002 to 3002. After no questions were raised, a vote was called; and the course change was approved by voice vote, with no abstentions or no votes.
- Dr. Hawkins stood in for Dr. Harrison Johnson and presented the list of May 2025 graduates (emailed). The list, in its presented form, was approved by voice vote, with no abstentions or no votes. Dr. Joseph noted that a student's approval for graduation is still pending, granted the student meets all requirements for graduation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 Dr. Carla Gallagher announced that the Chemistry & Physics department will no longer be offering engineering science as a major, only as a minor. Department will work with current students on their options to complete

- their engineering degree, mentioning transferring to other schools, particularly schools Lincoln has a memoranda of understanding with. Dr. Gallagher highlighted the 4+1 program Lincoln has with the University of Pennsylvania.
- A question arose regarding why this course of action is necessary. Dr. Gallagher brought attention to the fact students struggle to graduate in less than 6 years due to courses only offered certain semesters, if at all. A question arose regarding the nature of the agreements with other schools. Dr. Gallagher answered that these are formal agreements. Another question arose regarding the degree the students would receive is from Lincoln. Dr. Gallagher confirmed that the degrees are Lincoln degrees, and not dual degrees.

FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES / REPORTS

- Dr. Chieke Ihejirika of the Promotion, Tenure, and Severance (PTS) Committee shared observations from the reviewing of five candidates this academic year. He reiterated the process, with the Committee receiving portfolios, reviewing them based on a rubric, and then having 1 on 1 meetings with the candidates to review the results. He noted that the Committee did not have a pre-tenure workshop this year as Faculty Affairs did one; though, the Committee will run a workshop in the upcoming fall. Dr. Ihejirika emphasized the evidence and documentation needed for a pre-tenure portfolio, and that the Committee put together a new guide to make it easier for future candidates to prepare their portfolio.
- Dr. William Donohue of the Nominations Committee shared the results of election for the Faculty Council positions; Drs. Zelijkovic and Asadi were elected to the Council. Faculty Affairs will post the list of Committees and their current members for the '25-'26 academic year. Dr. Donohue noted that, for each committee, the member listed first should call the first meeting, at which the committee chair should be elected; the results of the chair vote should be shared with both the Nominations Committee and the Faculty Council.
- Dr. Donohue spoke on behalf of the Post-Tenure Committee. Five faculty underwent post-tenure review, with two of the reviews called by the Dean of Faculty. He noted that the Committee found the work of the reviewed faculty to be exemplary. He mentioned that a letter will be sent out to faculty to be reviewed by the Provost/Dean May 15.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

- Dr. Brenda Allen congratulated seniors. She continued her praise, moving onto the academic year and the work of the faculty, mentioning course syllabi revisions and program reviews.
- Dr. Allen plans to go before the Board of Trustees and recommend that the 4-credit pilot become permanent. She emphasized her amazement of the work done in the last 6-8 months. She thanked the faculty committees, highlighting Ad hoc, Faculty Council, Curriculum, Educational Policies, General Education, and PTS.
- Dr. Allen noted that the Commencement in May 4.
- Dr. Allen mentioned the searches for Vice President of Student Success and Provost/Dean; and that she hopes to take candidates in front of the Board of Trustees in April.
- Dr. Allen lamented that the CBA would not be finished by April, probably in June; hope to get it ratified by the Board of Trustees in September.
- A question arose regarding an update on changes at the Department of Education. Dr. Allen noted that she is on her way to Washington and will find out more; will talk to individuals in Congress. She shared that the University received a letter about cuts at the Department of Education. While the letter noted that the office that deals with student financial aid won't be affected, Dr. Allen does not believe this will be the case. She emphasized that Lincoln is trying to stay ahead of what is occurring to help students; Dr. Allen mentioned that the Office that handles HBCU-focused programs hasn't been affected but things could change.

• Before the General Announcements, Dr. Norma Gardner of the Study Abroad Committee, along with the student study abroad ambassadors, gave an update. She briefly highlighted aspects of the Study Abroad program, sharing that the grant mechanism for the program is regrettably on hold. She then introduced the students and gave each one an opportunity to share their study abroad experience with the faculty body. With the aid of a slide presentation, the students shared their experiences while in such locations as Kenya, Ghana, Japan, Thailand, England, and Korea.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nancy Smith reminded faculty about Assessment Day. She noted details about the event would be forthcoming in an email. She also reminded faculty that the ILOs to be assessed this academic year are ILOs 7 and 8. She highlighted that, if assignments are in Canvas, faculty can link the OIERP rubrics to the assignment and provide the results directly to OIERP. Ms. Smith continued with a thanks to everyone who met with the MSCHE liaison on March 21. The liaison did offer recommendations for revisions, which OIERP will submit.
- Dr. Lennie Amores announced that CETL will be offering a Canvas course on how to teach online this upcoming summer. Those faculty teaching summer online courses will be required to complete it. Dr. Amores pivoted to Cengage, noting that materials are available, let her know so they can be pre-populated into Canvas. Not being last minute will help students purchase books, if not using Cengage.
- Dr. James Wadley highlighted the metrics of the Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships (transparency to link provided). He briefly recounted the start of the journal in 2020; its transition to online and being public/open; and thanked the faculty, highlighting Dr. Joseph, for their support.
- Drs. Michael Lynch and Viridiana Herrera discussed the Research Symposium and the Faculty Research Symposium. Dr. Lynch quickly highlighted the Film Fest on April 7, encouraging faculty to attend. Dr. Herrera noted that the student research symposium and faculty research symposium will both be on April 10 in the Wellness Center. She asked faculty to encourage student attendance, suggesting offering extra credit. A question arose about how to register. Dr. Herrera referred to the QR code on a flyer provided, or email to register.
- The Women's Entrepreneurship Conference was announced (flyer provided). It will be April 3 in the Wellness Center.

DEANS REMARKS

• Dr. Joseph called for another round of applause for the Faculty Council and their work this academic year. She thanked the faculty for their time and attention.

ADJOURNMENT

• The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Joseph at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Dr. Ray Saunders, Faculty Secretary.





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