Lincoln University Faculty Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2023; 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. She briefly highlighted the purpose of the faculty meetings as well as her and University President, Dr. Brenda Allen, roles during the meeting. She noted the order in which faculty meetings should proceed before turning over the meeting to the new chairperson of the faculty council, Dr. James Gallagher; Dr. Joseph also briefly introduced the new faculty secretary, Dr. Ray Saunders.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

• The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• The May 2, 2023 faculty meeting minutes were approved.

FACULTY COUNCIL

• Dr. James Gallagher led the meeting, noting three foci of the faculty council. One, help committees with paraphrasing their work and presenting that work to the faculty body. Two, get subcommittees to report their work, which has not been consistently presented previously. And, three, he requested committees meet in the near future, particularly to vote for committee chairs.

ACTION ITEMS

• Dr. Christine Limb, Char of the Nominations Committee, informed the faculty body about the vacancy for faculty parliamentarian and briefly noted requirements for the position. An email had previously been sent for nominations and the floor was opened for addition nominations. After the floor was closed for nominations, it was noted that ballot will be emailed in the upcoming days.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

- Dr. Brenda Allen discussed enrollment and why the numbers are not finalized yet, citing financial aid as the main reason students were still not cleared. In terms of total numbers for each class, there has been a steady increase post-Covid, both at main campus and SACE.
- Dr. Allen noted that her administration was still monitoring Covid updates/recommendations from the CDC. At this time, there is no new policy changes; rules from last year still apply. In-class policies are up to the instructor.

- Dr. Allen provided an update on the University budget update, with state appropriation funds still unresolved. The University will maintain a conservative approach to spending.
- Dr. Allen mentioned summer meetings with students, emphasizing the ADA application process as well as mental health, with students suggesting an additional excused absence in lieu of a mental health day.
- Dr. Allen noted a Board of Trustees meeting will occur in two weeks as well as a retreat for Board members to review and revise the University's strategic plan.
- Dr. Allen addressed questions related to the state budget; potential outsourcing of financial aid services and the impact on student clearing; public safety improvements; and on-campus Covid testing.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Michael Lynch announced the establishment of the Science Fair Planning Committee, the first meeting of which will occur via zoom Friday, September 8, 2023; and implored interested faculty to contact him for info.
- Drs. Safro Kwame and Chieke Ihejirika announced that Constitution Day will take place on September, 18, highlighting the forum topic is centered on what qualifies or disqualifies someone from being US president.
- Marion Bernand-Amos briefly provided details pertaining to opening convocation, which is on September 7, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. Faculty are to be present in their full academic regalia by 12:15 p.m.
- It was noted that September 5, 2023 was the last day for nominations for Vice President of the LUC-AAUP. Email Dr. Christine Limb.
- Nancy Smith of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Research, and Planning (OIERP) reminded faculty about the faculty & staff institute survey; annual department reports; and 4-year assessment plans.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Patricia Joseph at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Dr. Ray Saunders, Faculty Secretary





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