

**Lincoln University Faculty Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 7, 2020, 12:30 PM**  
**Ware Center Theater**

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

The meeting was called to order by Dean Joseph at 12:38 p.m.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- a. A Quorum of 60 voting members out of 104 was established.
- b. Agenda was properly moved, seconded, and approved.

**B. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from the December 3, 2019 faculty meeting are properly moved, seconded, and approved.

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Faculty Council
  - i. Dr. Poe gave an update for the faculty council. While there were no current actions, The Faculty Council has multiple upcoming action items for the upcoming semester, especially concerning bylaw changes.
  - ii. Dr. Poe also stressed the importance of faculty committees' work in shared governance.
  - iii. Dr. Poe answered questions regarding the vacancy on the Faculty Council. There is a vacancy needing to be filled by the Faculty through election. The nominee must be from Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Since there is also a vacancy on the Faculty Council for the Council secretary, it is understood that the newly elected Council member may be expected to volunteer for the Secretary position.
    1. A Faculty vote was taken to hold election to fill the Faculty Council vacancy immediately.
      - a. Dr. Tameze moved to hold election immediately during the faculty meeting.
      - b. Dr. Babatunde seconded the motion.
      - c. 33 Aye, 4 Oppose. Motion carries
    2. Election to fill Faculty Council vacancy.
      - a. Dr. Lim was the only faculty member nominated and was duly elected to serve on the Faculty Council.

**D. DEAN'S REMARKS**

- a. Dean Joseph reiterated the importance of shared governance and the work of the committees and Faculty Council.

**E. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

- a. The President welcomed back faculty and encouraged faculty to allow students who have yet been financially cleared to work through the process and attend classes in the meantime.
- b. The President addressed comments regarding closing courses before the semester

starts for low enrollment. President pointed out that the issue is being addressed by the new CBA regarding discouraging the use of tutorials for upper level courses.

- c. CBA approval process. The final version has been forwarded to the Board of Trustees, and the CBA is scheduled to move through committee and onto a full vote by the Board in February.
- d. Curriculum Coherency Project. 5 more departments were invited to the next phase of curriculum coherency project. The project is on track for completion in 202 so that an updated university catalog could be developed soon after.
- e. Honorable Degree Committee. The Honorable Degree Committee votes on Jan 21. Faculty recommendation is needed by Jan 18 to get the recommendation onto the agenda for the committee meeting and vote.
- f. The President announced that a new master plan was unveiled in November, which is a comprehensive plan for the campus. The plan focuses on student housing, faculty/staff housing, and outlying property for economic development. The plan details will be made available for the faculty.
- g. Other campus updates:
  - i. The President updated the status of Dickey Hall construction. The current goal is to move into Dickey Hall by June and remove all the modular buildings during the summer.
  - ii. Historical restoration of Azikiwe-Nkrumah Hall will soon be underway, and it is scheduled to conclude in 2021.
  - iii. Amos Hall will be the new home of Visual Arts. Restoration and renovation will focus on the exterior and internal offices and lab spaces.
  - iv. Plans for redesigning of Vail Memorial Hall is underway as well, focusing on the historical restoration of the original structure.
  - v. Cresson Hall will reopen as a residence hall and conference space on the ground floor.

#### F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Dr. Michael Ayewoh is the new Chief Sponsored Programs Officer.
- b. Dr. Sneed-Jacobs will return and serve as interim Chair of the Mass Comm department.

#### G. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 1:29 PM.

Dafan Zhang, Secretary