

**Lincoln University Faculty
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 21 March 2017, 4:00PM
Ware Center Theater**

**Patricia Pierce Ramsey, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Presiding**

The meeting was called to order by Provost and Vice President Ramsey at 4:05 p.m.

I. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS, Dr. Richard Green

- The President traveled to the CIAA championships. The women’s team made it to the semifinals, but the men’s team lost in the last few seconds of their game in the first round. The University was well represented, and the President congratulated both teams on their seasons.
- The President visited the White House. As a group, the HBCU representatives asked for \$25 billion dollars as a one-time allocation as a catch-up fund. President Trump did not mention the funding or HBCUs in his speech later that evening. President Green remarked that the proposed federal budget may have consequences for HBCUs including the defunding of the National Institute for the Arts. The President urged people to call their representatives to make sure the proposed federal budget does not pass as it does not bode well for Lincoln.
- President Green made a presentation to the PA senate justifying the \$26 million request for this fiscal year. He hopes for more but expects to receive \$14.4 million. The Governor’s office has been very helpful in acquiring close to \$100 million dollars in FF&E money.
- The University is doing well in annual fundraising. Over \$1 million has been collected. The goal is 2 million. The University needs help now more than ever with the uncertainty at the state and federal level.
- Dr. Deboy was recognized for receiving the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Alumni Association.
- Construction of the Welcome Center is moving forward. Money has been allocated for a food court in the Wellness Center and to redo the cafeteria for students.
- Commencement will take place on the U this year.
- Dr. Safford is helping to organize a trip to Washington D.C. on April 27 and 28 with the Union of Concerned Scientist.
- The President will supply information for calling state officials to support funding for the University.

II. PROVOST REMARKS, Dr. Ramsey

- Dr. Ramsey reported on a presentation given at the HBCU summit on retention. The presentation by Lincoln representatives was titled “Retention is Everybody’s Business”

- PASSHE schools have a higher graduation rate than Lincoln, with the exception of Cheney University. Lincoln's graduation rate is 21% but it could shift 32% and that change is being studied. The focus will be on the four-year graduation rate, not the six year.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A quorum of 71 voting members was established.
- The March 21, 2017, Agenda was properly moved, seconded, and approved as amended.
- The Minutes from February 7, 2017 were properly moved, seconded, and approved as amended.
- Nominations Committee, Dr. Monsilovitch

Point of concern: Dr. Safford urged nominees to consider the time commitment for each committee as some people are nominated for multiple committees.

A Motion to switch voting procedures from standing to be counted to voting via paper ballot was successful.

Point of order: Paper ballots were not prepared for the meeting. The motion still carried.

[Secretary Note: The voting results were made available on Friday, March 21 (Appendix A).]

- Curriculum Committee, Prof. Chapp
 - ART 395 approved as posted.
 - CHE 305 approved as posted
 - CSC 222, approved as corrected
 - Discussion about course description. Not teaching programming language. Shell script will be a part of the course.
 - CSC 158, 159, 254 changed from 3 to 4 credits
 - ENS 100, approved as posted, 1 Abstention
 - ENS 100 is not a general education course, but it is required for majors.

IV. Reports

- **Self-Study, Dr. Hilton**
 - The Middle States Self-Study Design and Documentation Roadmap will be sent on Friday, March 24.
 - The MSCHE representative will be visiting campus April 7 to review the study design.
- **Writing Committee, Prof. Donohue**
 - Discussion of the Writing Proficiency Program
- **Assessment and Evaluation Committee, Prof. Donohue**
 - Please complete assessment activities as prescribed in assessment plans.
- **Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE), Nancy Smith**

- Please complete the FSSE survey that will be sent to your email with a unique link.
- Print out a survey completion confirmation and return to the Institutional Effectiveness Office by May 1 to be entered into a drawing to win one of three Amazon gift cards.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

William Donohue, Secretary

Appendix A

Spring 2017 Faculty Standing Committees

Voting Results

3-23-17

Three Schools are: Professional, Graduate & Extended Studies (PG&E)

Science & Technology (S&T)

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences (AH&SS)

Library (L)

Admissions, Academic Standing, and Financial Aid

Aqeel Dix (S&T)

Ranjan Naik (S&T)

Assessment and Evaluation

Anna Hull (S&T)

Emmanuel Ihejirika (PG&E)

William Donohue (AH&SS)

Athletics

Zoran Milovanovich (AH&SS)

Curriculum Committee

Jeff Chapp (AH&SS)

Distance Learning

Sharvette Philmon (S&T)

Frank Worts (PG&E)

Educational Policies

Karen Baskerville (S&T)

Maphiua Deas (AH&SS)

Patricia Lewis-West (Graduate)

Faculty By-Laws

James DeBoy (S&T)

Faculty Development

Dipali Puri (PG&E)

General Education

Mahpiua Deas (AHSS)

Jessica Garner (L)

Melina McConatha (PG&E)

Graduate Studies

Admasu Tucho (PG&E)

Honorary Degrees

Kevin Favor (PG&E)

Honors and Awards (no one needed)

Judicial Review

Ranjan Naik (S&T)

Juridical Review

Nancy Norman-Marzella (S&T)

Lecture and Recital

Denise Brown (AH&SS)

Library

Zoran Milovanovich (AH&SS)

Dipali Puri (PG&E)

Nominations (no one needed)

Post-Tenure Review

Kevin Favor (PG&E)

Robert Langley (S&T)

Promotion, Tenure and Severance

Abbes Maazoui (AH&SS)

Religious Activities

1 faculty needed (1 at-large)

Gwinyai Muzorewa (AH&SS)

Research and Publications (no one needed)

Student Health and Welfare

Denise Brown (PG&E)

Sally Monsilovich (S&T)

Amar Tung

Technology

Jessica Garner (L)

Writing

Anna Hull (S&T)

Faculty Secretary (1 year term) William Donohue

Parliamentarian (1 year term) James DeBoy

Non-Voting Representative to the Board of Trustees (2 year term)

Sophia Sotilleo (L)