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To: Faculty Development Committee
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From: Dr. Marilyn D. Button
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Re: Faculty Development Report Summer 2018
"Lincoln University's Global Heritage and Legacy:
Grant Funding and Heritage Publications

Date: November 20, 2018

In compliance with University guidelines, I am submitting this report regarding the use of Faculty Development Funds for Summer 2018. I deeply appreciate the University's support of the projects that I proposed and completed, as follows:

1. The goal of the first project was to complete the formal paperwork required to identify Lincoln University as a national historic district. Official documentation/correspondence from 2014 verified the university's eligibility for this designation. Ms. Kathy Comisiak and I began work on a series of required forms which necessitated a narrative description of the district, supporting figures and graphics, printed photos of relevant buildings, and related "integrity assessment" documents. We stopped this work at the direction of Mr. Gradowski who stated that the Board of Trustees needed to vote approval of this course of action at the September meeting before we proceeded. At some point, our work should probably resume, especially given the President's current priorities. I am pleased to have been invited to serve on the President's Strategic Planning Council, because I hope thereby to be better informed about the process of affirming and restoring the historic buildings on Lincoln's campus.
2. The second project proposed to publish student work related to the University's heritage. Enclosed are the results of the work to date: a series of "Heritage" greeting cards, which students have already sold as a packet at homecoming to raise funds for Sigma Tau Delta; and a proof of the publication of a recent Heritage Independent Study offered through the Department of Languages and Literature entitled *Treasure to Treasure: Old West Baltimore and the Lincoln University, PA Alumni Connection*. This project engaged five students in independent archival research in Baltimore under the guidance of Dr. Philip Merrill, Consultant, with the goal of producing twenty-five biosketches of Lincoln alumni from Old West Baltimore. We are still doing final edits on the bibliographies related to this project with the assistance of Prof. Jessica Gardner, who noted some serious formatting issues. This project should be completed soon.
3. The third proposed publication has not moved forward. This is due in part to serious illness in the family of Dr. Michelle Sullivan (which has hindered research) and initial reviews of the manuscript which were not positive.
4. A presentation on these projects was made in mid-November at the Senior Seminar presentations of the Department of Languages and Literature, hosted by Dr. Deas. At this time, I emphasized the value of student research, related opportunities available through the Council on Undergraduate Research, and the excitement of innovative archival research. Both students and faculty were present. Enclosed is the draft copy of the cover of our "Treasure to Treasure" publication and a set of the Heritage cards.

Thank you for your support of these projects. As a result of this development grant, I would like to recommend that the Lincoln University Press identify an editorial board greater for effective manuscript review and a budget for manuscript publications.

Sincerely,

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TREASURE TO TREASURE:

OLD WEST BALTIMORE AND THE
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A LINCOLN UNIVERSITY HERITAGE PROJECT



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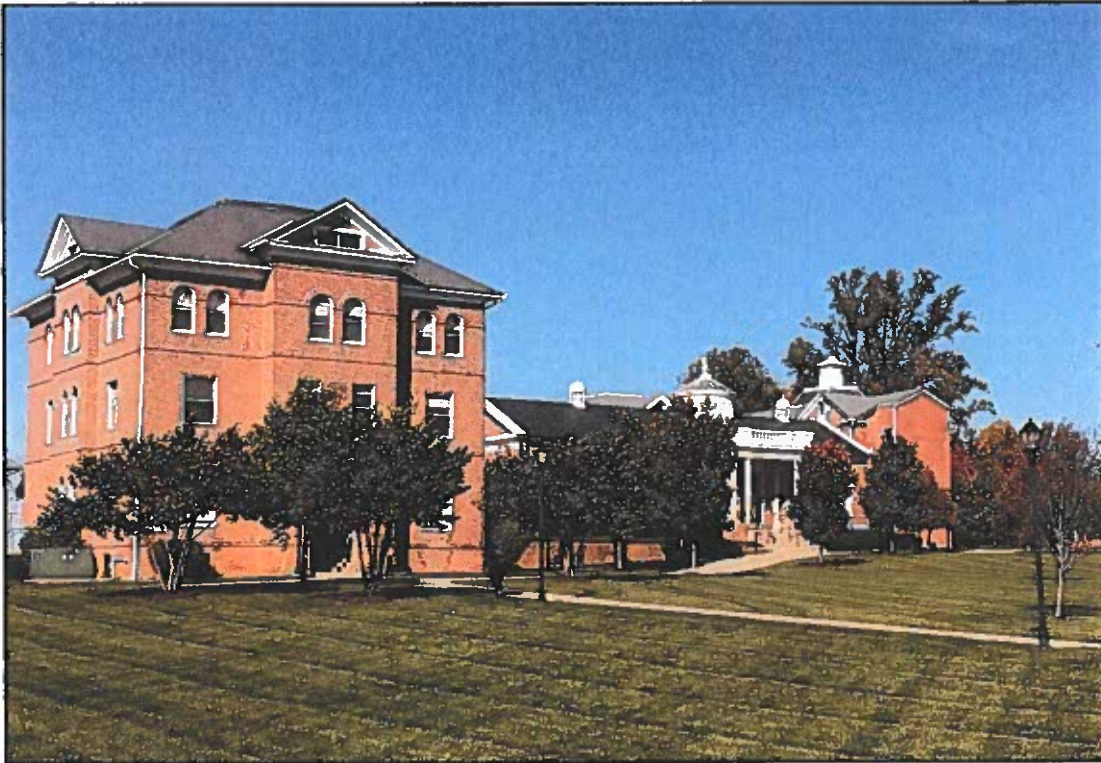
Amos House (1871), Lincoln University, PA

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Amos Hall (1902), Lincoln University, PA

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Houston Hall (1881), Lincoln University, PA

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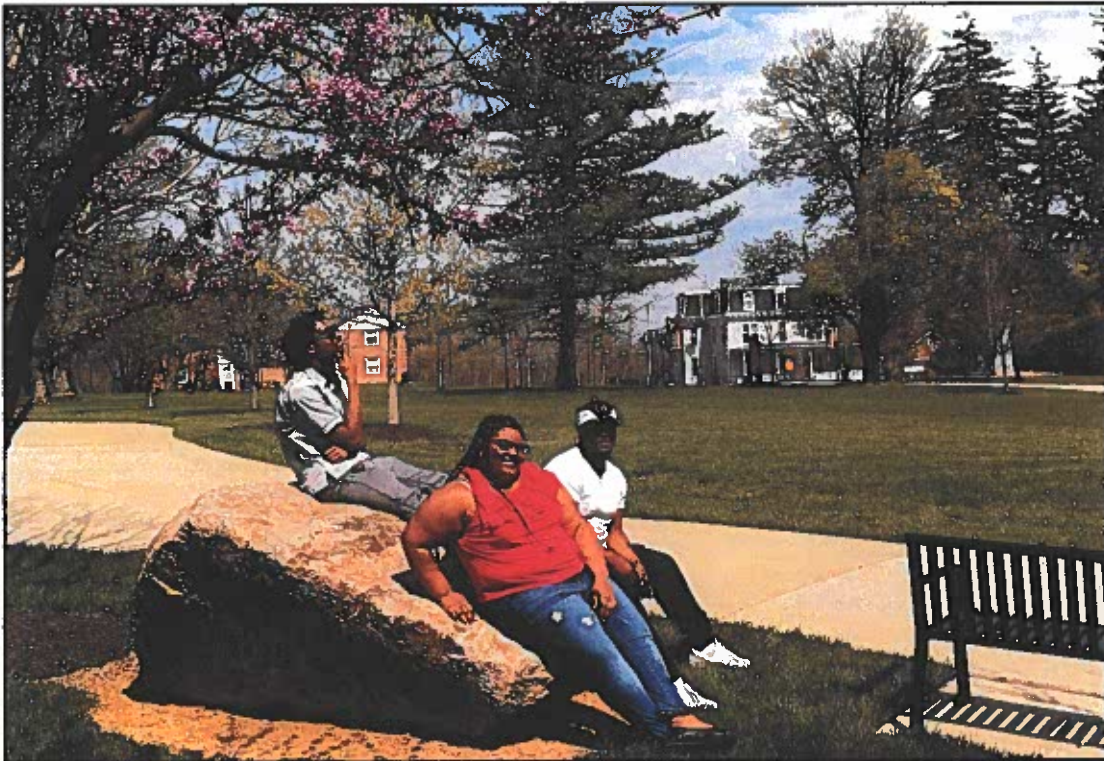
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Maple Drive in Autumn, Lincoln University, PA

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