

Lincoln University Faculty Senate
March 25, 2010
Regular Meeting, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
106 MLK

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mara Aruguete, vice-chair, at 11:02. A quorum was present.

Approval of the February 25, 2010, Meeting Minutes

Dr. Michael Bardot moved that the minutes of the February, 25, 2010, meeting be approved. Dr. Avila Hendricks seconded the motion. Dr. Nancy Browning noted that the minutes, in regard to the approval of the AAUP proposals, should state “one proposal” rather than “Proposal #1.” Dr. Browning moved that the minutes be amended as such. Dr. Kurt DeBord seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

Old Business

A. University Issues—Dr. Carolyn Mahoney

Dr. Mahoney presented information on the status of the projected state budget. The Council on Public Higher Education’s (COPHE) deal with Governor Nixon is that no four-year public institution will increase in-state tuition or general fees if the 5.2% percent cut for FY11 is not increased. Presently, institutions could legally raise these rates (but not implement them yet), however, legislators look unfavorably upon such increases, and universities will keep this in mind in looking at possibilities. Presently, universities are considering the following: 1.) raising graduate tuition, 2.) raising out-of-state tuition, and 3.) raising non-general fees. For example, LU is thinking about raising transcript fees.

Dr. Mahoney stated that she is open to any suggestions. Based on the governor’s 5.2% reduction, LU will be short approximately over \$1 million. We need to find this, plus more, to meet rising costs as well as the budget cuts.

The decisions will be made through the usual budget-building process. Faculty, staff and students serve on the committee. Dr. Mahoney stated that she is willing to meet with small groups with ideas to save money and raise money. At the present, the governor’s budget bill, HB3, is moving forward through the legislature. In 2012, the federal stimulus money will end, and given the state of the economy, there could possibly be a 15% cut to higher education. They are preparing for this at the state level.

In response to questions, Dr. Mahoney made the following statements:

1. Budget cuts will not affect summer school this year.
2. In response to the Compensation Committee’s recommendations, Dr. Mahoney said she is dedicated to some kind of increase in salaries. The legislature has a problem with this. At LU, there was no growth in non-salaried positions this year; however, salaried positions grew 6.5 percent this year, which was a difficult adjustment. It’s essential that we prepare for next year.
3. Send suggestions regarding the budget to Dr. Mahoney, Dr. Digby, or Ms. Sandy Koetting, chair of the Budget Committee.
4. We do not have expected enrollment figures for fall 2010; however, Mike Kosher should have these numbers in a few weeks.

5. Increasing graduate or out-of-state tuition fees has not been part of the LU's budget planning discussion.

6. On the budgeting process, the Budget Committee recommendation goes to the president, and from there, to the Board of Curators. Hopefully, the budget proposal will be on the table at the Board's May or June meeting. The Board likes to make the budget decision based as a whole rather than on different portions of the budget.

7. There is some talk about consolidation of state institutions, but none involving LU. Consolidation is not part of CBHE's focus, but rather they are encouraging collaboration between institutions.

New Business

A. 2010-2011 Senate Slate of Officers, Executive Committee

The Senate Executive Committee presents the following candidates for next year's officers:

Chairperson—

Dr. Leon Stevens, Computer Science, Mathematics and Technology

Dr. Michael Bardot, History, Political Science and Philosophy

Vice-Chairperson—

Dr. Mara Arguete, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Secretary—

Ms. Marilyn Richardson, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Parliamentarian—

Mr. Bryan Fawks, History, Political Science and Philosophy

Nominations are open until the next meeting. An individual can nominate him- or herself. The floor will also be open for nominations at the next meeting.

B. Educational Policies Committee, Ms. Brenda Reed, chair

Ms. Reed moved for adoption of the following proposal from the Educational Policies Committee:

Due to the relationship between class attendance and final course grades, no student shall be permitted to register after the first week of classes has ended (five working days after the first day of classes.)

Dr. Cal Johnson seconded the motion.

Ms. Reed stated that no policy presently exists and that the committee felt one was needed.

Discussion followed. There was concern about graduate classes as these are often set up where students enroll on the first night of class. It was decided that the policy would not create a problem for such classes. There was also concern about whether the policy would apply to second eight-week classes, and it was stated that the policy would apply to these classes. It was also stated that this policy would become part of Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Wayne Linhardt called the question. Mr. James Logan seconded it. The call for the question passed. The original motion passed.

C. Curriculum Committee, New Course—CD495, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Senate Curriculum Committee, Dr. Amy Gossett, chair

Dr. Gossett moved that CD495 be accepted as a new course. Dr. Nancy Browning seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

D. Missouri Fire School, Kathy Pabst, Continuing Education

Speaking for Mrs. Pabst, who could not be in attendance, Dr. Annette Digby announced that the Missouri Extension Fire School will be held on LU's campus from June 7-13. Approximately 1,000 students will attend. Regular class locations will be changed for the event, and she will be working with Debbie Hanlon and Kathy Pabst to minimize impact of these changes on normal campus activities.

Announcements

1. Dr. Mara Aruguete: Please contact your department representative to request the university committees on which you would like to serve. Requests will be sent to the President's office where committee assignments are determined.
2. Dr. Ann Harris: A proposal for a share-leave policy has been posted on ANGEL for discussion. The Rules and Regulation Committee would like everyone's response and input on adopting such a policy.
3. Dr. Ruth Robertson: The Mid-West Lyric Opera will perform *Die Fledermaus*, a comic operetta, by Johann Strauss, Jr., at 7:30 p.m. on the evenings of April 15 and April 16 in Langston Hughes Theater. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for seniors and students. For more information, email Dr. Robertson.
4. Dr. Kylar Broadus: Cyrus Dashtaki, a 2002 LU graduate who works for the Missouri Attorney General's Office, and who is running for the State House, will speak to students on Monday, March 29, 7:00 p.m., in Tull Hall.

On April 16, Dr. Broadus will take students to visit St. Louis University School of Law. Please let him know of any interested students, ASAP.

On April 19, the film, "The Paper Chase," a legal classic will be shown on campus with a location TBA.

This coming Monday, an LSAT preparation session will be held at 5:15 p.m. in Room 120 Stamper.

5. Dr. Nancy Browning: "The Only Good Indian," will be shown this evening at 7:00 p.m. in Langston Hughes Theater, followed by a question and answer session with the writer and producer.
6. Dr. Gabriel Malfatti-Rachell: Study Abroad opportunities still exist. The deadline for applying for this summer is April 15. Please have students contact Dr. Malfatti-Rachell.
7. Dr. Amy Gossett: With the money the SGA raised and matched by others, the *New York Times* will once again be available on campus. There will be a meeting on April 7 for those who would like to integrate the *Times* into their courses. Please let Dr. Gossett know if you are interested.

8. Dr. Balakumar: The 5th Annual Math Day for Girls event will be held on the Friday, April 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Area middle and high school girls will be on campus to participate in the math competitions.

9. Ms. Leslie Youngblood: Mr. Greg Brownderville and Ms. Youngblood have created the LU Creative Writing Program's Nelson Reading Series, which is bringing Dolen Perkins-Valdez to campus on Tuesday, April 20th. She will be speaking about her book, *Wench*, doing readings and visiting with students. Times of the events will be announced via posters and emails. If anyone has questions, please contact Ms. Youngblood or Mr. Brownderville.

10. Ms. Marilyn Richardson: Dr. William Black, of UMKC, who as a justice litigator during the savings and loan bailout, and conducted his doctoral research on banking fraud (and who appeared in Michael Moore's latest film), has agreed to speak on campus. A date is being worked out.

11. Ms. Darla Douglas: The Department of Nursing Science is holding an open house on Friday, April 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., to celebrate their 40th Anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Richardson
Senate Secretary