

Minutes of the Lincoln University Faculty Senate  
Meeting, January 31, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 by Senate Chair, Dr. Debra Greene; there was not a quorum at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

At 11:06, when there was a quorum, Dr. Connie Hamacher moved that the minutes from the October Meeting be approved. Dr. Leon Stevens seconded. The approval was carried on a voice-vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

- a. Dr. Debra Greene reported that the next meeting of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) will be on February 4 & 5, 2008 (Monday & Tuesday) at the Hampton Inn here in Jefferson City. The Monday dinner speaker will be our very own Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, LU President and recipient of the 2007 AAUP Ralph S. Brown Award for Shared Governance. Dr. Greene and Dr. Jordan Jay will represent LU, but anyone interested in attending the dinner may contact Dr. Greene (dinner cost is \$35).

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Dr. Avila Hendricks, the chair of the curriculum committee, is on sabbatical leave. Dr. Michael Bardot will take over her duties.

- b. Committee on Distance Education (Ms. Kathy Pabst).

There were four subcommittees formed last fall (policies/procedures, teaching and learning, student services, and technology). Anyone interested in serving in these subcommittees is welcome to enlist.

Ms. Pabst and Dr. Ruthi Sturdevant attended the Western Cooperative Education and Teleconference in November. Since then, the committee has met to establish the foundation for distance education, and to ensure that the policies and procedures are consistent with those of the University. The committee is also looking into possible assistance to faculty with the designing of classes.

Ms. Marilyn Richardson reported that the teaching and learning subcommittee will meet at 2:30 on Monday, February 4, and is requesting input through a survey of what is already going on (ex. program development, course development) on campus.

- c. Mrs. Gabrielle Malfatti-Rachell (Study Abroad program) introduced Michelle

Jeffress from The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Jeffress presented a brief description of the TFAS international programs and internships available for students and faculty. Aside from the learning, training and experience, she also mentioned that the participants earn credits from their academic partner, Georgetown University. Additional information can be obtained at:  
[www.tfasinternational.org](http://www.tfasinternational.org)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Dr. Amy Gossett reported that Lincoln University was chosen as one of 15 colleges and universities to participate in the Deliberative Polling Initiative of The American Democracy Project. She personally made an appeal to the faculty to allow and encourage the students to participate in this initiative, the objective of which is “to better inform young voters of issues that affect them so that when those issues are placed on the ballot, they will be reasonably aware of what the issue entails and will be able to cast a meaningful vote.” The first round of surveys will be held on the week of February 4, and the final deliberation, which will be a whole day endeavor, will be on February 29.
- b. Dr. Connie Hamacher reported that the Compensation and Benefits Committee submitted recommendations to the Board regarding retiree health insurance benefits. To get rid of the \$600K LU has to set aside annually as a liability insurance, the Committee recommended that:
  - a. the full health benefits will be removed from professor emeriti effective January 1, 2009, and
  - b. the retirees (which will include the professor emeriti) will be pooled separately from current employees, and the two groups will be charged accordingly.
- c. Dr. Nancy Browning invited the Senate to the AAUP social dinner at 5:45 today at La Bamba.
- d. Dr. Ann Harris announced that LU is participating in the 19th National African American Read-In on Monday, February 4, from 10-4 at Memorial Hall.
- e. Ms. Marilyn Richardson reported that the Common Read Committee is sponsoring a photo contest and encouraged the faculty to incorporate the activity into their classes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Ruthi Sturdevant moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Ramos seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leilani Ramos, Secretary