

**To:** Members, Lincoln University Board of Curators

**Thru:** Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney, President

**From:** Dr. Debra F. Greene, Chair

**Re:** April 2010 Faculty Senate Report

During the February 25, 2009 meeting, the Faculty Senate dealt with the following reports and information:

Dr. Connie Hamacher, chair, Employee Compensation and Benefits committee presented the committee's report and recommendations to the president. Dr. Hamacher stressed the economic conditions of the nation and stated that the recommendations would be considered in light of the university's budget.

Dr. Linda Bickel, Dean, College of Professional Studies, provided an update and clarifications on the Liberal Studies program in light of the fact that student feedback indicated that a majority of the faculty does not understand the parameters and requirements for the degree.

Ms. Ruth Campbell, chief Information officer, announced that the university can now receive payments online for individual events, seminars, etc. In addition, the university is now archiving all email off-site with Google. Access to archived emails will require a written request and several days to retrieve.

Mr. Steve Linam, PAC organizer for Fair Electricity Rate Action Fund spoke to the Senate on the issue of Ameren UE's request for an 18% rate hike. Mr. Linam asked the faculty to consider submitting a collective resolution in opposition to the rate increases to the Missouri Public Service Commission and to individually sign the petitions opposing the rate hike. Linam stressed the fact that Fair Electricity Action Fund was not opposed to incremental rate hikes but this almost 20% hike would be detrimental to individuals and businesses alike.

The Executive Committee of the Senate put forth a slate of candidates for Senate offices for the 2010-2011 academic year –

Chair: Dr. Leon Stevens, Computer Science, Mathematics and Technology

Dr. Michael Bardot, History, Political Science, and Philosophy

Vice Chair: Dr. Mara Aruguete, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Secretary: Ms. Marilyn Richardson, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Parliamentarian: Mr. Bryan Fawks, History, Political Science, and Philosophy

Recommendations for university and faculty senate committee service for 2010-2011 will be sent to the President's Office by May 1, 2010 as required by the Senate bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Debra F. Greene

Faculty Senate Chair, 2009-2010