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To: Members, Lincoln University Board of Curators

Thru: Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney, President

From: Dr. Debra F. Greene, Chair

Re: October 2008 Faculty Senate Report

The Faculty Senate did not meet in September 2008.

During October 2008, the Faculty Senate chair and vice chair attended the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates fall meeting, held in Jefferson City. Dr. Debra Greene was elected vice president of the association.

The following is the report given to the Faculty Senate by Dr. Greene:

The Fall meeting of MAFS was held at Capital Plaza and the Harry S Truman Office building. The speaker for the dinner meeting on October 6 was Dr. Robert Stein, Director of the Dept. of Higher Education. Dr. Stein spoke on the original intent for the association and how it has not been realized. According to Dr. Stein, MAFS was intended to allow faculty participation in state government issues relating to higher education. He stated that the way most universities rotate their faculty chairs, the association does not have consistency and therefore cannot be an affective voice for faculty. He intimated that long-term commitment to the association was what was needed and that communication should be a priority for MAFS.

This prefaced his later discussion of changes on the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. At least 2 members of CBHE will be replaced in 2009 and 2010. All depend on politics because CBHE is bipartisan. Dr. Stein indicated his excitement for both gubernatorial candidates because of their stance on higher education.

DHE has prepared a transition document for Governor Blunt's office which includes

- 1) budget requests,
- 2) legislative proposals,
- 3) Critical issues for the new governor.

Those critical issues include:

1) budget for higher education- operating budgets for institutions (this has been a deferred expense for many institutions and need immediate attention); Governor Blunt agreed on a 4.4% increase to higher education over three years, DHE is now asking for a 7.4% increase. The Higher Education Funding Taskforce report is online.

- 2) Strategic initiative Preparing to Care (now Caring for Missouri) to expand the number of healthcare practitioners in the state.
- 3) Committed to funding performance grants recommending \$500,000 for pilot; schools submit information on licensure certification exams for their students. Dr. Stein expects to have a fully developed performance funding program in FY 2011. The requested funding is intended to be continuous funding that goes into the core budget of the institution and is awarded by institutions comparing themselves against themselves.
- 4) Capital requests for higher education approximately \$87.4 million for deferred maintenance, \$564 million for university requests with preferences going to renovations rather than new buildings. The sources for funding are under discussion.
- 5) "Imperatives for Change" (document on the web) new plan for Higher Education with 3 major objectives.

The last section of the transition document has a briefing on a variety of current issues—SB389 requires curriculum alignment:

Entry-level competencies were adopted in June 2008

Work going on for exit-level competencies

Work on cross-disciplinary competencies

Optimal competencies for specific professions

Missouri Assessment Consortium, DESE, and DHE = LAMP: 30 faculty volunteers; coordinated by Angela Pritchett, Michael Straight, UMKC and Jeff Lashly, Moberly Community College.

Dr. Stein indicated that the issue of student financial aid needs the governor's immediate attention and should address the issue of aid going directly to students or to the school's core. DHE has hired a new Assistant for Academic Affairs, Dr. Tim Gallimore who began work on October 5, 2008.

This document, the CBHE Board book and the Campus Security plan are all posted on the DHE website.

On October 7, MAFS meet from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. All of the Senate reports can be accessed from MAFS.org. For all state universities in attendance, medical insurance plans were an issue.

Liaison reports included -

 ${f AAUP}-{f divided}$ the organizations functions into professional membership and lobbyist/union activities.

COPE (Council on Public Higher Education) – recommended an average of 4.4% increase for operational funding (inflationary increase) totaling \$35 million; requested funding for medical education especially nursing; requested a phase in back to 2001 funding level; additional 3% for each institution for enhancements and improvements

based on institutional priorities totaling \$24 million. All toll this would be a 7.4% increase.

"Preparing to Care" healthcare initiative for medical related professions, 2.3% (now called "Caring for Missouri"); \$500,000 for performance funding — seed money, total 11.5% increase, Capital improvement - %500 million for renovations.

Down side – state revenue is down by 1% behind last year, need an increase of 2.8% to make the higher education plane as outlined; also working on a coordinated plan for higher education with community colleges (information on DHE website) and increased external support.

HB1549 – language is a problem. Lewis and Clark Discovery bill (MOHEALA bill) – supports new buildings on campuses, MOHEALA has deferred payment at least two times; if this continues, the fund will run out of money by June 2009.

MNEA (MO National Education Association) — working with a coalition of public sector employees to develop a collective bargaining bill. Education employees don't have the right to collective bargaining.

2008 MAFS Officer Election

By acclimation the following officers were elected:

President: Michael Cobb, SEMO Vice President: Debra Greene, LU

Secretary-Treasurer: Katherine Brammall, Truman Member-at Large: Brenda Blessing, MO Western

Respectfully submitted

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