

To: Members, Lincoln University Board of Curators
Thru: Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney, President
From: Dr. Debra F. Greene, Chair
Re: October 2007 Faculty Senate Report

The proposed class attendance policy was sent to the Educational Policies committee. The committee met October 2, 2007 and posted a revised policy to the listserv for comments. The policy is an action item for the October 25 Senate meeting.

Ad hoc committees on were appointed --

Senate officer duties and responsibilities

Lelani Ramos, Senate secretary, chair
James Borgwald, past Senate chair, member
Don Govang, past Senate secretary, member
Darla Douglass, Nursing, member
Donna Stallings, Math, member

Senate By-laws

Michael Bardot, Senate parliamentarian, chair
Ann Harris, past Senate chair and parliamentarian, member
Ruthi Sturdevant, past Senate chair, member
Bryan Fawks, Political Science
James Tatum, past Executive Committee chair, member

At the September Senate meeting, Dr. Digby, VPAA and Dean Patrick Henry presented Senate Bill 389 for faculty input. The issue had been posted on the senate listserv for comments several weeks before the meeting and remained on the listserv for additional comments in light of the information discussed.

Ms. Donna Stallings, Computer Science and Math Dept., is actively collaborating with the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce in the Partners in Education (PIE) Program. She presented the PET and announced opportunities for other academic areas to collaborate with the Jefferson City School system. It was found that several areas already had long-standing relationships.

Dr. Linda Bickel announced opportunities to serve on a Distance Education/Online Learning committee and four subcommittees (technology, curriculum, policies and procedures, and student services). Interested faculty should submit their names to the VPAA.

Nominations for the Women's Leadership Institute and the 2007-2008 Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges were solicited.

The Senate Chair, Debra Greene and vice chair, Jordan Jay attended the fall meeting of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates on October 8-9. The chair of the Missouri Department of Higher Education, Dr. Robert Stein and two staff members spoke on the evening of October 8 to issues of language and implementation of SB 389. Other issues discussed included –

- Faculty evaluations online
- Constitutionality of SB 389 in regards to the University of Missouri
- Curriculum alignment
- Tuition restraints
- Compliance to SB 389
- Lottery money and education
- The intellectual diversity bill (it may resurface this year)
- Employee background checks (no policy yet)
- Collective bargaining (national AAUP looking at Missouri)
- Section 173.475 of SB 389 – hiring former legislators at colleges and universities

The faculty senates reported a number of issues and concerns –

Lincoln University – same as September Board report

Central University of Missouri – shared governance issues

Missouri Southern – presidential search, possible restructuring of the senate, 3-hour orientation course to be taught by full professors

Missouri Western – presidential search, 3rd year mid-tenure review, streamlined curriculum committee process, AQUIP in strategic plan aligned with traditional approach

Northwest – implement 6 additional hours in General Education

Southeast – president combined promotion and tenure this year against established policy, post-professional merit funding, collective bargaining being talk about because of declining health care benefits and intellectual property rights issues

Missouri State – new provost focused on faculty salaries, decentralized budget, overload and equitable teaching loads, research expectations, 1st year experience

Truman -- administrative searches, enrollment management, strategic plan – 6 goals for the future, anytime student-faculty warning system – online warning by faculty to student advisor

MU – student surveys independent of classroom evaluations, to comply with SB 389 schools have to post information by March '08 rather than April, intellectual diversity – handling the complaints

UMKC – looking at the grievance process, studying IT and IS on their campus, new Promotion and Tenure (P&T) policies and procedures

UMR -- no more Deans – 4 vice chancellors and 4 provosts, 21 department chairs, new faculty senate – need by-laws for, name change January 2008 – Missouri University for Science and Technology

UMSL – 1% mandated cut in administration, faculty has to take up the slack

Next meeting of MAFS will be February 4-5, 2008

In addition to the one action item for the October 25 meeting, an informational report will come from Compensation and Benefits. Announcements will come from Study Abroad and the Common Read committee. Common Read is hosting the common read author, Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dimed: On (not) Getting By in America*, on October 23-24 on campus.