



University Senate

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**To:** Members, Lincoln University Board of Curators  
**Thru:** Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney, President  
**From:** Dr. Debra F. Greene, Chair  
**Re:** February 2008 Faculty Senate Report

The Lincoln University Faculty Senate dealt with the following issues since the October 2007 meeting:

The Academic Course Delivery System subcommittee (the Blackboard committee) of the Lincoln University Technology Committee has been surveying the campus. Representatives of Blackboard visited the campus during the summer. Representatives of Angel Learning System visited in November and interested faculty attended a web seminar on Moodle in December. A recommendation has not been made as to which one of these systems we will use in the coming academic year. LU presently uses Blackboard 6 and is trying to decide whether to go to Enterprise or choose a cheaper system.

The Senate chair attended several of the technology discussions hosted by OIT during the second week of January and has worked with Kathy Jones of OIT on options for Senate message or bulletin board software.

The Study Abroad program chaired by Mrs. Gabrielle Malfatti-Rachell has 9 students; one who will do an academic year in Australia. Mrs. Malfatti-Rachell invited Michelle Jeffress of the Fund for American Studies to speak to faculty about their study abroad opportunities for students and faculty.

The Distance Learning Committee is surveying the campus to ascertain what level of online course offering LU has already and is looking at policies and options for a greater online course presence for the university.

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The Faculty Senate chair and vice-chair attended the spring meeting of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) on February 4 and 5 here in Jefferson City. The members worked on a survey instrument which assessed the characteristics of an effective faculty senate. A resolution regarding release time and financial compensation was written and will be distributed to the Association membership for use on their campuses.

The MAFS liaison groups reported their activities and issues:

American Association of University Professors (AAUP) reported that the Emily Brooker Higher Education Sunshine Act (HB 1315 – Intellectual Diversity) was in hearings on Tuesday night, February 5.

Department of Higher Education reported progress on the curriculum alignment as apart of implementing SB389.

Finally, our own Dr. Carolyn Mahoney was the guest speaker for the MAFS dinner meeting on Monday evening and gave a very inspiring talk that told of the numerous changes that have happened on our campus and in our campus culture.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra F. Greene, Ph.D.  
Faculty Senate Chair, 2007-2008