

To: Lincoln University Board of Curators
Through: Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, President
From: Dr. Kurt DeBord, Faculty Senate Chair
RE: Recent meetings of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate met on August 25 and September 29, 2011.

During the August meeting, three informational presentations were given. Dr. Mara Aruguete, President of the Lincoln University chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), discussed the purpose and goals of the national AAUP organization. She concluded with an invitation for faculty members to join the local chapter.

Dr. Curtis Creagh gave the second presentation. He displayed maps and provided details of the current master plan for the university. He invited faculty members to provide reactions to the proposed plans.

Dr. Kurt DeBord gave the final presentation of the meeting. He described the activities of other faculty senates around the state of Missouri and suggested that the LU Faculty Senate could be more active in shouldering some of the responsibility of shared governance. He solicited anonymous feedback from faculty members regarding their concerns and thoughts about the current direction of Lincoln University.

The September meeting began with comments from Dr. DeBord. He thanked the senate for their willingness to provide input about their concerns and priorities during the last meeting. As a result of that feedback, he invited Dr. Carolyn Mahoney to address the senate.

Dr. Mahoney discussed Lincoln University's relationship to the St. Mary's facility, the search for a new Vice President of Academic Affairs, her desire to see faculty appropriately compensated, her thoughts about the use and maintenance of computer hardware and services on campus, and her support of a faculty mentorship program. A question-and-answer period followed her presentation.

Ms. Sandy Koetting provided the second address during the September meeting. She walked through spread sheets of the budget proposal that had been approved during the previous year and described how the figures were determined. A question-and-answer period followed her presentation.

Ms. Leslie Youngblood gave the final presentation of the meeting. She described the themes and goals of the Common Read program on campus this year. She recommended all faculty to consider recommending *The Pact* (by Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt) to all students.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt DeBord, Chair 2011-2012
LU Faculty Senate