

## Minutes of Lincoln University Faculty Senate

February 27, 2009

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Dr. Debra Greene, senate chair, in room 106 of Martin Luther King Hall. There was a quorum present.

### **Approval of January meeting minutes:**

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as revised.

### **Officer Report(s):**

Dr. Debra Greene gave a verbal report of the spring meeting of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) held February 9-10 in Jefferson City. Dr. Tim Gallimore, assistant commissioner for academic affairs for Missouri Department for Higher Education was the speaker. He spoke to the issue of higher education budgets in light of difficult economic times. Dr. Greene announced that the next MAFS meeting will in October of 2009.

### **New Business:**

Academic Routine: Jennifer Benne moved and Connie Hamacher seconded that the Senate approve the 2009-2011 Academic Calendar with essential dates for 2011-2013. Nancy Browning corrected the fall 2010 date that grades are due. She also questioned why only in some semesters was the last day to drop a class the same as the last day to file for a graduate degree. As that is the purview of Dean Linda Bickel, she will be consulted. The call for the question passed. The calendar passed as corrected.

### **Announcements:**

Four Lincoln University Freshman Class officers, president, Nobel Russell, vice president, La Juan Solomon, treasurer, Joshua Walton and Brendon Bonner, representative at-large spoke to the LU Senate to gain our support in their new campus-wide "Stop the Nonsense" campaign. The students sought the endorsement of the faculty to publicize the events they plan to sponsor this spring.

President Carolyn Mahoney spoke about the fiscal status of the university. Dr. Mahoney stated we are in "strong stead" for next year. She announced there were no plans, to this point for cuts in the budget for next year. This is largely due the beneficial impact of the 2009 federal stimulus package monies. In addition, Lincoln University will be funded at a level equal to or greater than the 2009 fiscal year funding.

She mentioned the collaborative work of the Nursing and Medical technology programs. An additional \$800,000 put the budget at \$20 million dollars. Any monies taken out of the budget has been put back in the budget. The final amount of the budget is not clear, however.

1) The Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program has been examined in order to equalize funding between state and private institutions. A single amount of \$2850 will be available to students to fund their attendance at any institution, removing the current financing advantage to students who chose to attend private colleges who, therefore, received more money than students who chose to enroll in public college or universities.

2) The Caring for Missourians will hopefully receive support.

3) President Carolyn Mahoney and Dr. Annette Digby, vice president for Academic Affairs, will present a program on shared governance in the CTL, Center for Teaching and Learning, on April 17, 2009.

Dr. Jerry Nelson, head of the English, Foreign Languages and Journalism Department, announced Lincoln University's Falling Rock Reading Series. The featured speaker, fiction writer Alex Taylor, will be at the Missouri River Regional Library on March 3, 2009. Taylor is the 2008 winner of the Kentucky Series in Literature contest sponsored by Sarabande books. His forthcoming book is The Name of the Nearest River.

Dr. Nancy Browning invited faculty to attend the AAUP dinner at La Bamba Restaurant on Missouri Boulevard in Jefferson City.

Dr. Gouranga Saha announced the April 25, 2009 Missouri Academy of Science program.

Dr. Cynthia Chapel stated that the Department of Education will host the annual "Show Me" conference at Lincoln University.

Dr. Debra Greene will announce the time of the executive committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Kendrick, Secretary