Lincoln University Board of Curators

May 4, 2020

OPEN SESSION Conference Call

1. Call To Order:

The Lincoln University Board of Curators Open Session Conference Call was officially called to order by Board President Frank J. Logan, Sr., at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, May 4, 2020, in the Board Room, 201 Young Hall on the Lincoln University campus, Jefferson City, Missouri.

1. A. Roll Call: Curators present were: Vernon V. Bracy, Don W. Cook, Sr., Frank J. Logan, Sr., Victor B. Pasley, Richard R. Popp, Winston J. Rutledge, and Marvin O. Teer, Jr. Curator Everidge Cade was absent. Rose Ann Ortmeyer recorded the minutes.

2. Update from the President – Dr. Jerald Jones Woolfolk:

- 2. A. COVID-19: President Jerald Jones Woolfolk reported that students are continuing on-line completion of coursework for the 2020 spring semester. There are forty-six students housed in Anthony Hall. Other buildings have been powered down in an effort to save on utility costs.
- 2. B. Enrollment: Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Dr. Marcus Chanay, reported that current summer enrollment is down 42% from last year 192 students, compared to 333 in 2019. For the upcoming fall semester, 510 students have preregistered so far down 25% from last year's 676 at this time. The goal was to have 550 incoming freshmen for the 2020 fall semester, as of today, 300 had signed an intent to enroll. The University has received approximately 2,855 applications for admission. Orientation will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A virtual tour of the University is being filmed and should be completed in the next few weeks.
- <u>2. C. Graduation:</u> President Woolfolk stated that the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) will hold a virtual commencement on Saturday, May 16. Lincoln University plans to hold an in-person Commencement on Saturday, August 1, 2020, provided things are safer.
- <u>2. D. CARES Act:</u> Vice President for Administration and Finance, Mrs. Sandy Koetting, reported that Lincoln University's revenue is primarily dependent on state appropriations and tuition and fees, both of which are in flux because of

the COVID-19 pandemic and the current economic crisis. Lincoln University may not know the 2021 State appropriation until late June. Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), approximately \$1.3 million has been made available to Lincoln University for the purpose of issuing emergency grants to students. An additional \$1.3 million from the CARES Act will help to defray the university's expenses the 2020 spring semester for refunds made to students for room and board. The State withheld \$1.4 million from Lincoln University for the 2020 fiscal year budget. University has instituted a hiring and spending freeze for the remainder of this fiscal year. As part of the Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) aid package, Lincoln University may receive approximately \$3.4 million which can be used for lost revenue, reimbursement of incurred expenses, technology costs with the school's transition to remote learning, staff training or payroll. Colleges and Universities are hopeful that Governor Mike Parson will allocate part of the federally allocated Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund to restore proposed cuts made to the 2021 fiscal year higher education budget.

3. Motion for Closed Session:

Curator President Logan asked that the Board be given the authority to commence a closed meeting, possible closed vote, and possible closed record as follows: (1) "legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body;" (3) "hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees;" (13) individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment; "(14) "records which are protected from disclosure by law;" and other matters for which a closed meeting is authorized pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo.

Curator Popp so moved. Curator Pasley seconded the motion. Motion carried as follows:

Curator Bracy Yes Curator Cook Yes
Curator Pasley Yes Curator Popp Yes
Curator Rutledge Yes Curator Teer Yes

The Open Session adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Frank J. Logan, Sr., President

Don W. Cook, Sr., Secretary