Lincoln University Faculty Senate  
September 30, 2010  
Regular Meeting, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon  
106 MLK

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michael Bardot, chair, at 11:07. A quorum was not present.

Officer Reports
A. Senate Executive Committee
Dr. Michael Bardot stated that he had submitted the faculty senate report to the Board of Curators. He also reported payment of Missouri Association of Faculty Senate (MAFS) dues and payment of LU registration fees for the fall meeting, October 11 and 12, in Jefferson City. He and Dr. Mara Aruguete will attend. Dr. Bardot will also present a report to MAFS on LU Faculty Senate activities and accomplishments during the past year.

New Business
A. Greetings—Dr. Carolyn Mahoney
Dr. Mahoney explained that she wanted to share with the faculty her reasons for taking the upcoming three-month sabbatical recently approved by the Board of Curators. The Board had offered her time off, without loss of pay, during the summer, and although she did not accept at the time, she felt taking the upcoming three months, prior to next semester’s work on the budget and with the State Assembly, was a more appropriate time for the sabbatical. She will continue stewarding the campus and those who report to her will continue to do so. She will be here intermittently for special campus functions. During emergencies, Mr. Curtis Creagh and Ms. Rose Ann Ortmeyer will make decisions on her behalf.

Dr. Patrick Henry asked Dr. Mahoney if LU is planning for a tuition increase in excess of the limitations in SB389. Dr. Mahoney stated that it is likely LU will recommend a tuition increase for next year. Tuition increases were discussed at a recent Council on Public Higher Education (COPHE) meeting, and it is likely that all four year public institutions will request an increase. At the meeting, COPHE members also discussed procedures for requesting a waiver to increase tuition in excess of the limit set by SB389 with David Russell, Interim Higher Education Commissioner.

Dr. Mahoney thanked the faculty for all their continued efforts and work for the university.

Approval of the April 29, 2010, Meeting Minutes
As a quorum was met, Dr. Ruth Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the April, 29, 2010, meeting. Dr. Derek Smith seconded the motion. Corrections to the minutes included changing Sales to Sale in Dr. Rachel Sale’s name and changing Mr. to Dr. in Dr. Derek Smith’s name. The minutes were approved.

Return to New Business
B. Records Office Proposals—Dr. Linda Bickel, chair, Academic Routine Committee
Following an explanation of the duties of the Academic Routine Committee, including responsibility for the academic calendar, and note of the committee being newly reconstituted during the summer, Dr. Bickel reported the problems in the Fall 2010, Spring 2011 and Summer 2011 calendars: 1) no drop dates for the second eight-weeks, 2) separation of the drop and withdrawal date by the Academic Routine Committee, and 3) then a recombinining of the dates by the Records Office. To solve continuing
problems, the Records Office requested the Academic Routine Committee propose solutions and present the proposals to the faculty senate for approval. On September 29, the Academic Routine Committee members agreed to send forward two proposals to the faculty senate body: 1) approval of dates for Fall 2010, Spring 2011 and Summer 2011 calendar and 2) merger of the drop and withdrawal dates for these semesters, as listed below.

Fall 2010-
Monday, November 29th – Last day to drop classes or withdraw from the University for the 2nd 8-week classes and/or 16-week classes.

Spring 2011-
Friday, April 29th – Last day to drop classes or withdraw from the University for the 2nd 8-week classes and/or 16-week classes.

Summer 2011-
Wednesday, July 20th - Last day to drop classes or withdraw from the University for the 2nd 8-week classes and/or 16-week classes.

Approval of these proposals was made through two motions, as follows:

Dr. Bickel moved approval of second eight-week drop dates, as stated above, for Fall 2010, Spring 2011 and Summer 2011. Dr. Keesoo Lee seconded the motion. Dr. Bickel stated that the Records Office supported approval of these dates. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bickel shared the committee’s rationale for proposing merging the drop and withdrawal dates. Dr. Mara Aruguete moved approval of merging the drop and withdrawal dates to the withdrawal date for the Fall 2010, Spring 2011, and Summer 2011. Dr. Thomas Greninger seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Dr. Jim Borgwald called the question. The motion passed by a vote of 36 to 27.

The approved proposals will be passed on to Dr. Digby.

C. Campus Internationalization Committee, Campus International Resources Inventory—Ms. Dana Glauner
Ms. Glauner stated that an inventory requesting information on campus international sources had been emailed to faculty on Monday, September 27, and she asked that faculty fill out and return the survey to her at 223 Page Library or email the inventory to Dr. Malfatti-Rachell. Dr. Bardot volunteered to resend the inventory to faculty members. Ms. Glauner also announced that as part of International Student Week activities, 196 country flags were on display at the library and that individuals could come to the library and have their picture taken with the flag of their country.

D. Report on the Nature Outdoor Laboratory, Dr. Nadia Navareete-Tindall, LU Native Plants Extension Specialist
Dr. Navareete-Tindall presented the goals and current projects of LU’s newly created Native Plant Program through a slide show that showcased Missouri’s native plants and the current landscape project next to Foster and Allen Halls. Outreach for the program will include field days, workshops, seminars and nature outdoor laboratories. The Native Plants Program organized the ‘In Touch with Nature Field Day’ at Busby Farm on September 25th. Also, a brochure for the new program has been created, and Dr. Navareete-Tindall invited individuals to assist her in translating the brochure into
various languages. She invited everyone to attend the ‘Community Garden Festival’ on Saturday, October 9, during homecoming.

E. United Way Donation Information, Mr. Michael Downey, LU chair
Mr. Downey introduced Ms. Ann Bax and Mr. Bernie Fechtel, co-chairs of the United Way Campaign for Central Missouri, who shared statistics and information on the work of United Way and asked that we give to the campaign. They thanked LU for involvement in the United Way and Dr. Mahoney for playing an integral role in the success of the United Way Campaign.

Announcements

1. Dr. Kurt DeBord: Dr. DeBord, for the Common Read Committee, announced that A. Van Jordan, author of Macnolia, will be giving a lecture in Mitchell Hall, Richardson Fine Arts Center, today, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dr. Peter Zambito moved to adjourn. It was so moved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Richardson
Senate Secretary