

Lincoln University Faculty Senate  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Regular Meeting, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
106 MLK Hall

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michael Bardot, chair, at 11:00. A quorum was present.

**Approval of the January 27, 2011, Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Nancy Browning moved for approval of the January 27, 2011, minutes. Dr. Michael Scott seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Officer Reports**

A. Board of Curator Meeting Report

Dr. Bardot reported that he had attended the meeting of the Board of Curators. There was no new information to report to the Board.

B. Missouri Association of Faculty Senates Meeting Report

Dr. Bardot and Dr. Mara Aruguete attended the recent February 14 and 15 meeting of the MAFS (Missouri Association of Faculty Senates). Dr. David Russell, speaker for the meeting, noted that program reviews had been completed, and that although cutting low enrollment programs would not improve revenue or decrease costs, doing so signaled the university community's investment in carrying out state initiatives. The next area of review may be an administrative review with a focus on efficiency and revenue.

Dr. Aruguete shared updates from AAUP, COPHE, and NEA that were presented at the MAFS meeting. Generally, cuts will not be higher than the projected 7%, as revenues are up. Tuition increases are expected, although this issue has not been settled.

Also, at the meeting, the importance of working with legislators was stressed (fifty percent of legislators do not have college degrees and 50 percent are new legislators). It was suggested that we acknowledge legislators for their work, recognize the goal of increasing the number of Missourians with a college goal to 60 percent as an opportunity, focus on lowering costs while maintaining quality, and respond to employers' needs by showing interest in the "economic engine." It was also suggested that, in the spirit of cooperation, universities work together to cut unproductive programs, increase efficiency in all areas, commit to no across-the-board salary increases, adopt a hiring freeze, increase class sizes, and share services between or among institutions.

Future issues for MAFS may include the following: a move to eliminate tenure for college faculty (as is the case for K-12 at the present), teacher evaluation based on student performance/learning outcomes, and the fair tax proposal, which will be voted on by the voters in 2012.

Dr. Ruth Robertson made a motion to change the agenda to allow responses to the MAFS report, after Dr. Bickel speaks. Dr. Gabriel Malfatti-Rachell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**New Business**

A. 2011-2013 Academic Calendar Proposal, Dr. Linda Bickel, chair, Academic Routine Committee

Dr. Bickel presented the proposed academic calendar for 2011-2013. She noted the following changes: orientation dates are not included; preregistration during the fall and spring semesters has been

restored to four weeks in November and April after; the last day to drop second 8-week classes and 16-week classes and withdraw from the University remains merged, however, the actual date has been moved one week earlier; a file for degree for summer graduation date has been added to the summer schedules; late registration has been added to the calendar and parallels the drop/add dates—this includes the summer session as well; due to future MIAA conference football scheduling determining LU home games, homecoming (and the corresponding Friday free day) is no longer automatically the second Saturday of October, and thus, homecoming dates are not included; the add/drop day for summer school registration which is also the first day of summer school classes is also the late registration day (with a fee assessed); the deadline dates for X and I grades are still submitted on a Monday, however, the deadline to file for degree has been moved to a Wednesday so that the grades will be posted before the deadline to file to graduate.

Dr. Avila Hendricks moved approval of the proposed 2011-2013 calendar. Dr. Leon Stevens seconded the motion. Discussion focused on the need for language that would accurately reflect the late registration and late fee policy. Dr. Nancy Browning mentioned that in the Fall Semester, 2011, the phrase “CLASSES END” should be changed to “CLASS WORK ENDS” in order to remain consistent throughout the document.

Mr. Bryan Fawks called the question. Dr. Connie Hamacher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A vote was taken on the original motion. The 2011-2013 academic calendar was approved.

#### B. Library Services Report, Mr. Jerome Offord, Jr., Head, Page Library

The Library Services Report (Agenda Item III. B.) will not be presented as Mr. Offord, Jr. cannot attend today.

#### C. Update on the State Initiative on Course Redesign, Dr. Ann Harris, LU Representative

Dr. Harris reported on the recent meeting of public university faculty representatives and NCAT staff on the course redesign proposals. Proposals are due by the end of the semester. We will know sometime this summer whether our proposals have been accepted. Dr. Harris recommended that faculty look at examples of course redesign located on the NCAT site, and cited Southern Mississippi's online world civilization course, which is team taught and very similar in structure to LU's former HUM200 course, as a good example.

### **Old Business**

#### A. Subcommittee on Late Registration, Dr. Michael Bardot, chair, Faculty Senate

Dr. Bardot reported that a subcommittee had been formed to investigate the issue of late registration and develop a workable proposal for Senate consideration. Dr. Mark Leslie will serve as chair of the subcommittee.

### **Announcements**

Dr. Nancy Browning: As chair of the LUTC WebAdvisor subcommittee, Dr. Browning announced that time has been extended to 30 minutes before an automatic logout occurs for faculty only. At present, they are working on degree audits matched to potential graduates, and they are also working on integrating 8-week and 16-week course searches into one search/screen. Although these are possible, no other customizations will be considered in the near future. However, Dr. Browning asked that if there are problems with WebAdvisor that they be brought to her attention.

Dr. Rachel Sale: Everyone is invited to tour the Center for Innovative Instruction, located in 20 MLK, following the Senate meeting.

Dr. Gabrielle Malfatti-Rachell: Students who have been part of the travel abroad program are available to speak to classes. Currently, Dr. Malfatti-Rachell is working with students for traveling abroad during the Fall 2011 semester.

Dr. Mara Aruguete: Women's Leadership participants will be presenting their research projects every Wednesday at 4:00 in 118 Page Library. Dr. Aruguete will send emails each week with names of students and their presentation topics. Everyone is invited to attend and support our students.

It was moved that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Richardson  
Senate Secretary