

Lincoln University Faculty Senate
April 28, 2011
Regular Meeting, 11:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
106 MLK

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

Approval of the March 31, 2011, Meeting Minutes

Dr. Mara Aruguete moved for approval of the February 24, 2011, minutes. Dr. Tom Greninger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

New Business

A. Proposal Concerning Senate Bylaws, Dr. Jim Borgwald

Dr. Borgwald made a motion to amend Item 2.20 in the Faculty Senate Bylaws to the following:

4. a. *Prepare and send an agenda for each meeting of the Senate 5 working days before the meeting.*
- b. *Circulate motions for action, including the specific motion and the rationale for the motion, 5 working days before the meeting.*

Dr. Nancy Browning seconded the motion.

At the present, only the agenda must be sent 5 working days prior to the Senate meeting. Dr. Borgwald explained that members of the Senate need time to review an item for action before voting as motions often have implications and ramifications that might not be immediately obvious. The motion would amend Item 2.20 in the Bylaws to require that items for vote, including the rationale, also be sent 5 working days prior to the Senate meeting.

The motion was approved.

B. University Curriculum Committee, Dr. Amy Gossett, chair

Dr. Gossett moved that the following courses be approved for meeting general education requirements: BT 212L Introduction to Biotechnology Lab, ENV 450 Hydrology, PHY 300 Methods of Mathematical Physics, and PHY 410 Quantum Mechanics.

Dr. Gossett explained that the appropriate entities for these courses to meet general education requirements were approved by the University Curriculum Committee, and must be approved by the Faculty Senate before going to Academic Affairs.

Mr. Don Govang seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Election of New Officers, Dr. Rhodica Ghinescu, Senate Executive Committee

Dr. Ghinescu presented the current nominations for 2011-2012 Senate officers:

Chair: Dr. Michael Bardot, History, Political Science and Philosophy and Dr. Kurt Debord, Social and Behavioral Sciences; Vice-chair: Ms. Ann McSwain, Nursing; Secretary: Dr. Rachel Sale, Center for Innovative Instruction; Parliamentarian: Dr. Ann Mezzell, History, Political Science and Philosophy.

Dr. Ghinescu opened the floor for further nominations. Dr. Leon Stevens moved that nominations close and that the positions of vice-chair, secretary and parliamentarian be approved by acclamation. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Voting for the faculty senate chair was held by ballot. Dr. Debord was elected chair by a vote of 48 to 34.

Announcements

1. Dr. Mike Bardot: A retirement reception for Dr. Nancy Browning is being held in the 4th floor MLK lounge immediately following today's senate meeting.

2. Dr. Amy Gossett: An exhibit, The 50th Anniversary of the Freedom Rides, will go on display in Scruggs University Center on April 29th and remain on display throughout the summer.

3. Dr. Mara Aruguete: Thank you to the faculty for sending her names of young women who might be interested in the Women's Leadership Academy for next year. Please continue to send names. The WLA Committee will check overall qualifications, such as grade point, in determining whether the student is eligible.

4. Ms. Jennifer McCord: The Nursing Department is sponsoring a program on sexual assault awareness today in Langston Hughes Theater at 1:00. Individuals from the Jefferson City Police Department and the Rape and Abuse Crises Center will present. Everyone is invited.

5. Dr. Annette Digby: Department head evaluations are online and completed evaluations can be submitted online, or you can print a hard copy and turn it in to your dean's office.

Dr. Digby reminded the faculty that according to the new rules on promotion and tenure, faculty are entitled to a three-year review, which should be initiated by the faculty member going into their fourth year of employment. Information and details on the process can be found under Pre-tenure Review in *The Rules and Regulations of Lincoln University*.

Dr. Digby also reminded everyone of the media approval procedure process. Works must follow the LU Style Guide, and all work finished work must be submitted for approval through the following: 1) the appropriate department head, 2) the college dean, 3) Academic Affairs, and 4) Misty Young's office.

6. Dr. Balakumar: This year's Math Day for Girls event will be held tomorrow, Friday, April 29th from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m. Math competitions will be in MLK building and presentations will be in Damel Hall.

Dr. Balakumar also announced that there will be a retirement party for Mrs. Brenda Reed on Thursday, May 12th at 11:00 am in Room 202, Damel Hall.

7. Ms. Leslie Youngblood: The Common Read Committee's selection for next year is *The Pact*. More information will be forthcoming. Individual copies are available for faculty members.

8. Dr. Ruth Robertson: The President's Annual Band Concert will take place Thursday at 7:30 in the evening at Langston Hughes Hall.

9. Dr. Gabriel Malfatti-Rachel: The *Clarion* is publishing a special graduation issue. Individuals and businesses may purchase advertising space, such as congratulatory ads for graduates. For price information, contact the *Clarion* office.

10. Dr. Steve Meredith: The College has developed a community garden at the Dickinson Research Facility and will hold a farmer's market this summer at the corner of Chestnut and Leslie Boulevard. Anyone may sign-up to sell produce and/or crafts.

11. Mr. Michael Bardot: Student Support Services would like faculty to forward names of students to them who would make excellent center tutors for next year.

12. Dr. Rachel Sale: A comprehensive "Technology on Campus" page has been added to the Blue Tiger Portal landing page. Also, Moodle training begins on May 2.

Dr. Ruth Robertson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Richardson
Senate Secretary