Minutes of the Lincoln University Faculty Senate  
August 25, 2011, 11:00, 106 MLK

A motion to begin the meeting was made by Dr. Avila Hendricks and seconded by Dr. Gabrielle Malfatti-Rachell. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am by Dr. Kurt DeBord, Senate Chair. A quorum was met.

Approval of minutes of meeting held April 28, 2011
Dr. Leon Stevens moved that the minutes of the April 28, 2011, meeting be approved. Dr. Connie Hamacher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

New Business:

1. Welcome and Introduction to the AAUP: Lincoln University and Potential Hard Times by Dr. Mara Aruguete. Senate members were encouraged to consider membership in the LU chapter of the AAUP. The AAUP plans to educate the public about the benefits of actively supporting funding for higher education. In addition, Dr. Aruguete discussed the AAUP’s goal for faculty to actively participate in shared governance.

The slides from Dr. Aruguete’s presentation can be opened by clicking on the icon:

[AAUP Presentation Fall 2012.pptx]

2. The second event was the LU Campus Energy Plan presentation by Mr. Curtis Creagh. The new campus-wide energy plan has been prepared and is currently under review. Mr. Creagh explained some of the plans for energy use on the Lincoln campus in addition to reviewing the current campus master plan. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has provided Lincoln a $200,000.00 loan for improving quality and efficiency of lighting. The goal is to repay this loan with energy savings. Mr. Creagh stressed that now it is important to change the culture of the user attitudes concerning energy efficiency on campus. He is looking for volunteers to develop teams within each campus building who will monitor for effective energy use and help others to understand the importance of conserving energy whenever possible. Building monitors and captains should monitor for best practice.

Mr. Creagh’s presentation continued to cover the campus master plan, focusing on new construction projects and maintenance of current structures. Dr. Deborah Word asked about time frame for a new campus plan. Mr. Creagh responded that a new ten year plan will be launched in 2013. Dr. Avila Hendricks asked if KJLU would be considered in any building improvements. Dr. Ann Harris stated that KJLU improvements would be a part of the Richardson Expansion project.

3. Senate Chair, Dr. Kurt DeBord, then reviewed the bylaws of the LU Senate and introduced the other 2011-2012 officers: Vice-Chair, Dr. Ann McSwain; Secretary, Dr. Rachel Sale, and Parliamentarian, Dr. Ann Mezzell.
In the spirit of shared governance, Dr. DeBord asked Senate members to reflect on changes that the Senate could help initiate. He mentioned some possibilities including participation in budget and planning, organizational structure, evaluation of administrators, and mentorship for new faculty members. Dr. DeBord stated that the Senate officers would be visiting department meetings over the course of the fall semester to listen to the concerns of faculty and help determine actions for the Senate to consider this year. During this discussion, Dr. Debra Greene reminded everyone to the Senate Executive Committee is charged with bringing concerns from the department level to the Senate for consideration. Dr. Jim Borgwald added that this committee actually selected by faculty members. Faculty members attending the meeting were given anonymous forms to list concerns or goals to suggest for Senate action this year.

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First Senate Meeting, Fall 2011.pptx

Announcements
Dr. Connie Hamacher announced that Nursing faculty members would be sponsoring a team in the American Heart Walk on Saturday, August 26th. Stephanie Birk is the LU team leader, and all donations to the team would be appreciated. In addition, LU Nursing students and faculty will host blood pressure screenings at the Heart Walk.

Dr. Jim Borgwald, AAUP treasurer, invited Senate members to join the LU Chapter of the AAUP. Dues are $10.00. Dues for the national AAUP are higher, but noted information provided by Dr. Aruguete highlighting the new AAUP fee structure that is scaled to the member’s income level. Anyone wishing to join the local chapter can contact Dr. Borgwald at extension 5141.

AT 11:59 AM, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Michael Bardot and seconded by Mr. Eugene Matthews. Dr. DeBord adjourned the meeting.