



CONGRESS

Monday, September 13, 2021
Zoom Meeting
3:00 pm

Minutes

Present: JaDora Sailes, Chris MacDonald, Bobbie Jo Monahan, Larry Tinnerman, Amanda White, Jon Iftikar

Ex-officio: Linda Sperry, Brad Balch

1. Call to Order – 3:01pm
2. Approval of minutes for April 12, 2021
 - a. Did not vote on minutes
3. Intro Items
 - a) Introduction of Members
 - b) Zoom Meeting Protocols
 - a. Raise hands physically or with button
 - b. Make sure to take turns
 - c) Elections of New Officers for 21-22 (Vice-Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian)
 - a. Vice-Chair—J. Sailes
 - b. Secretary—J. Iftikar
 - c. Parliamentarian—L. Tinnerman
 - d) Reminder: Undergraduate and Graduate Student Representatives Needed
 - a. Grad student rep: Cortney Cross (GA in Ed. Leadership nominated and appointed)
 - b. Undergrad rep:
 - i. B.J. Monahan & J. Sailes will ask undergraduate students if interested
 - ii. L. Sperry will contact Della Thacker to reach out to CHILL
 - c. Responsibilities of rep will be to attend meeting and represent grad/undergrad student point of view
4. Old Business
 - a) Update on Course Efficiencies
 - a. June 2021 meeting with PhD program directors to discuss options:
 - i. 3-credit proposal class (all programs have this) can be taught by anyone qualified (shared responsibility)

- ii. 1-credit course on history/philosophy of ed
- b. L. Tinnerman: EDUC 610 course as possibility; dividing into separate 1-credit courses; also 18 week courses can be divided up into two 9-week courses
- c. L. Sperry: One approach is to focus on core curriculum across college for master's students
- d. B.J. Monahan: Foundations courses and research courses can be options
- e. B. Balch: Should have departmental level conversations that can be reported back to Congress
 - i. Will send out request to dept. chairs to begin to reflect on master's programs with a set number of possibilities that can be shared
- f. L. Tinnerman: Need to do curricular analysis for courses with common outcomes (e.g., have duplication bet. doctoral and master's courses; can combine courses with more requirements for doc. students)
- g. L. Sperry: Merging 600 and 700 classes within programs never been done; have to be mindful of causing confusion with combined courses so need to be careful
- h. Certificates can be explored as part of efficiencies conversations (e.g., research methods certificate)
 - i. L. Tinnerman is developing license for virtual instruction (license for IN teachers; certificate for non-IN teachers)

5. New Business

- a) Proposals-School Administration Ed.S. (Brad Balch) Link:
 - <https://indstate.curriculog.com/proposal:5132/form>
 - a. Hope to institute changes by Spring semester
 - b. Reducing credit hours from 66-60 (similar to other EdS programs)
 - c. Increase expectations around research
 - d. 21-credit hours required beyond master's
 - e. Discussion:
 - i. B.J. Monahan: Possible concerns about number of transfer credit hours allowed
 - f. Move: B. Balch; Second: L. Tinnerman; Vote: 5-0-0 (C. MacDonald was away from Zoom room during vote)
- b) Charges for 21-22
 - a. Course efficiencies
 - b. Certificates
 - c. Combining 600 and 700 courses
 - d. Breaking up 3-credit courses
 - e. Master's core curriculum
 - f. Review and Update Constitution

6. Dean's Report

- a. BCOE enrollment dropped from last year (10-11 percent drop); will have some late enrollments that will reduce that
 - i. BCOE has lowest enrollment drop among colleges
- b. Health and wellness assessment
 - i. Received data on grad students since assessment is heavily undergrad
 - ii. Will not be increasing faculty numbers so need to consider curriculum: How can curricular change ease loads for faculty?
- c. Searches will be able to occur, but great deal of uncertainty; budget issues will continue for next 3-4 years

7. Chair's Report

- a. No report

8. Open Discussion

- a. L. Tinnerman: Teaching and Learning reducing PhD to 45 credit hours plus dissertation; took core courses (8 plus dissertation) so faculty responsible for fewer courses; other courses taken in other departments

9. Adjournment – 3:55pm

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