



## **Congress**

**Monday, December 12, 2011**

Approved Minutes  
(Approved January 9, 2012)

Members Present: W. Barratt, K. Bauserman, C. Becker, M. Hare, D. Krug, F. Lai, K. Liu, C. MacDonald, J. Powers, M. Modesitt, D. Quatroche, B. Balch (ex officio)

Members Absent: D. Baez, D. Collins, K. Liu, K. Moats

1. Meeting was called to order at: 3:04 pm.
2. Minutes for November 14, 2011 were approved. Motion passed (Powers, Lai, 7-0-1).
3. New Business
  - a) Coffman Distinguished Professor Award
    - 1) Current recipients, Dr. Linda Sperry and Dr. Maury Miller, will present their research at the Coffman Distinguished Professor Award Colloquium on April 4, 2012, from 1-2 p.m. in the Whitaker Conference Center. New hires and tenure-track faculty are encouraged to attend.
    - 2) Awardees will receive a certificate and name on the Coffman Distinguished Professor plaque to be displayed in the second floor balcony hallway just outside the theatre.
    - 3) The application deadline for the 2012 award is March 26, 2012.
    - 4) It was discussed whether the award should be changed from a 2-year award to a 3-year award to allow awardees time to complete research for presentation at the colloquium.
4. Old Business
  - a) Congress Policies: pages 4-8  
M. Hare and F-Q. Lai presented proposed changes for pages 4-8. Chair MacDonald encouraged them to check proposed language changes with language in the Faculty Handbook and present "tracked" changes at the January 9, 2012, meeting.
  - b) Part 3 changes, pages 19-24, will be presented by K. Liu and W. Barratt at the January 9, 2012, meeting also.
  - c) Part 2 changes, pages 9-19, will be presented by D. Krug, J. Powers, and K. Moats at the February 13, 2012, meeting.
5. Faculty Senate Representative Report

C. MacDonald reported on the “minus” grading issue. Several motions were proposed but none were passed. They did adjust the minimum GPA for academic probation down to 0.85, effective in fall, 2011. The Dean’s List GPA was also adjusted down to 3.5, which make ISU the same as peer institutions.

6. Dean’s Report

Dean Balch, D. Quatroche, and S. Kiger went to Washington, D.C., representing ISU at the Teachers for a New Era Conference. The Elementary Education Department’s TOTAL program received high praise for its redesign of clinical teacher preparation. The Dean reported that secondary programs across the nation are still grappling with the implementation of a similar program at the secondary level.

7. Chair’s Report

C. MacDonald reported that commencement will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2011. The BCOE reception will be from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the BCOE atrium.

8. Open Discussion

M. Modesitt shared some feedback from members of the community. He had one negative and two positive experiences to share. He will be in Florida and unable to attend the next three meetings.

9. Adjournment at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Kathryn Bauserman*  
Congress Secretary