

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CONGRESS

APPROVED MINUTES

February 11, 2008

(Approved 4-14-08)

Members present: L. Cutter-Blanco, V. Hammen, E. Hampton, T. Hawkins, M. Howard-Hamilton, S. Kiger, K. Liu, J. Miller, D. Quatroche, D. Roundtree, L. Tinnerman.

Members absent: M. Al-Mutairi, M. Boyer, K. Hinton,

Ex Officio members present: B. Libler

Guest: Greg Bierly, University Honors Program

1. Call to order. Meeting called to order at 3:04 by Chairperson M. Howard-Hamilton.
2. Approval of Minutes. D. Quatroche moved approval of the January 14, 2008 minutes without amendments. S. Kiger seconded. Approved (9-0-0).
3. Old Business
 - A. Congress Constitution – The subcommittee, consisting of M. Howard-Hamilton and L. Tinnerman will soon meet.
 - B. Holmstedt Distinguished Professorship – Applicant Update: At present, no applications for the award have been made. Congress discussed eligibility requirements. Adding Associate professors to the eligibility requirements will extend the pool of potential grantees. Additionally, the 10-year rule further impedes the potential applicant pool. M. Howard-Hamilton talked to the Foundation about reducing the time constraints from (e.g., 10 years to 6 years).
4. New Business
 - A. G. Bierly presented the proposed University Honors Program. Highlights include:
 - The UHP will deliver the proposed program to all colleges individually for comment prior to submission to General Education Council and CAC.
 - Proposal increases the size of the Honors Program.

- All academic majors are now included in the proposal through it's incorporation of various entry tracks (Great Works Track; Leadership and Civic Engagement Track; Global Perspectives Track; and, Major-Specific Track).
- Many of the Major-Specific classes can be changed to make them Honor classes. The College of Education can develop its own Honors class(es).
- The four core classes replace specific General Education requirements.
- Honors Program entry requirements will now be 1100 Math/Verbal on the SAT OR a 3.70 GPA OR top 10% of their graduating class.
- Retention in the Honors Program requires that the student maintains a 3.25 Honors GPA and a 3.25 overall GPA.
- Honors classes will include baseline measurements (benchmarks) to ensure appropriate academic rigor.

S. Kiger moved to approve the University Honors Program proposal. The motion was seconded by V. Hammond. Approved (9:0:0)

B. Elementary, Early and Special Education M.Ed changes have been approved. L. Cutter moved to extend the deadline for comments to March 17th, 2008. D. Quatroche seconded the motion. Approved (9:0:0)

5. Reports

A. Faculty Senate Representative Report

E. Hampton reported that Indiana State University's Spring enrollment declined by 229 students (151 had 1.0 or lower GPA).

Faculty Senate amended and approved the criminal background check proposal.

B. Dean's Report

None

C. Chair's Report

Presidential Search Committee has narrowed its pool to 15 external candidates. Candidates should be on campus in April.

6. Meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted by:

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