

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CONGRESS
February 9, 2009

APPROVED MINUTES
(Approved March 2, 2009)

Members present: E. Hampton, E. Motycka, L. Nellis, J. Powers, L. Tinnerman, P. Wheeler.

Members absent: S. Davis, E. Gibson, K. Hinton, M. Howard-Hamilton, K. Liu, M. Modesitt.

1. Meeting called to order by Chair L. Tinnerman at 3:10 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes. Lacking a quorum, approval of the November 10, 2008 minutes was tabled.
3. Old Business
 - A. COE Constitution Issue
This issue was tabled. M. Howard-Hamilton will present information on this issue at the March meeting of COE Congress.
4. New Business
 - A. New member for Promotion and Tenure Oversight Committee
A tenured faculty member is needed to replace N. Corey on the university Promotion and Tenure committee for next year. No names were advanced at the meeting. An email will be sent out to solicit volunteers.
 - B. New Member for University Leaves Oversight Committee
S. Davis was suggested as a replacement for D. Quatroche on this committee. Lacking a quorum, this nomination was not acted upon. The Executive Committee of COE Congress will act on this.
 - C. New Members of COE Congress
L. Nellis is replacing D. Leggett on Congress for Spring semester 2009. A faculty member is needed to replace K. Liu (on sabbatical) for Spring semester 2009. D. Quatroche will be contacted regarding this.
5. Faculty Senate Representative Report
E. Hampton provided an overview of the actions of the Senate during the January 22, 2009 meeting.
6. Chair Report
L. Tinnerman discussed formation of a Praxis 1 support group for undergraduate students, which will meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. A great

deal of interest has been expressed by students regarding this group. COE Congress members expressed support to Dr. Tinnerman in this effort and applauded the attention given to this important issue.

L. Tinnerman also discussed a scholarship collaboration initiative. L. Tinnerman reported that there is limited effort to encourage graduate students to publish and attend conferences. In an attempt to encourage this, the Scholars Collaborative Partnership brown bag lunch series was set up. This will be held the first and third Wednesday for graduate students in the College of Education. An email will be sent out to COE faculty to invite them as well.

7. Open Discussion

J. Powers discussed the plus and minus system which begins this coming fall semester. The COE has standards in programs tied to particular GPAs. Members were asked whether these should be revisited in light of the new system. This issue should be brought to departments and programs for discussion. Specifically, we need to think about the 3.5 GPA requirement for applying and graduating from ISU as a graduate student.

8. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:45. The next COE Congress meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on March 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by,
Eric Hampton, Congress Secretary