

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CONGRESS
APPROVED MINUTES
October 13, 2008
(Approved November 10, 2008)

Members present: S. Davis, E. Gibson, E. Hampton, M. Howard-Hamilton, D. Leggett, K. Liu, M. Modesitt, J. Powers, L. Tinnerman, P. Wheeler

Members absent: K. Hinton, E. Motycka

Ex Officio members present: Associate Dean R. Libler, Associate Dean S. Powers, M. Shriner

1. Call to order—the meeting was called to order at 3:01PM by Chair L. Tinnerman.
2. Approval of minutes—S. Davis moved approval of September minutes; K. Liu seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
3. Old business
 - A. Draft of Department Chair Review—J. Powers, K. Liu, and E. Motycka met and developed a draft of a document that could be used as supporting documentation during department chair reviews. After some discussion, it was suggested that additional fields might be needed. The committee will consider adding statements for faculty advocacy, advising support, and student recruitment to the document for Congress to consider at the November meeting.
 - B. COE Constitution—Now that everyone has received a copy of the edited Constitution, Congress members should examine it for discussion at the November meeting.
4. New business
 - A. University Hall Office Selection—There was a lively discussion of the elements of a survey that could be used to match offices in the new University Hall to faculty members. Elements such as Seniority, Rank, and Proximity (to elevator, printer, rest rooms), and type/availability of window, were discussed. S. Davis and P. Wheeler asked about the availability of departmental groupings for efficiency. R. Libler reiterated that the original goal of the office arrangement plan was to encourage collegiality across departments. M. Shriner indicated the possibility of modifying fields to fit needs and desires of faculty. E. Gibson, undergraduate student representative to Congress, suggested that if faculty were scattered too far, students might have a difficult time locating the person they were seeking or finding someone else who could answer a question for them. R. Libler will take this information to Dean Balch and the discussion will continue.

5. Reports

A. Faculty Senate Report—no meeting was held in September as no action items were available.

B. Dean's Report—Everyone should participate in the first Recycling Day prior to the move to the new building in late spring.

C. Chair's Report—L. Tinnerman introduced his open-door style and encouraged people to drop in or contact him to keep communication open.

6. Adjournment—the meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM. The next meeting of COE Congress will be November, 10, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Wheeler

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Secretary