



CONGRESS

**Monday, March 9, 2020
University Hall Room 111
3:00 pm**

Approved Minutes

Present: Ryan Donlan, Larry Tinnerman, Jon Iftikar, Trinity Hilton, Nathaniel Wagner, Kevin Bolinger, Eric Hampton

1. Call to Order 3:03 PM
2. Approval of minutes for February 10, 2020 (Larry Tinnerman, Kevin Bolinger 5-0-2)
3. Old Business
 - a) Course Efficiencies Committee Update
 - a. N. Wagner discussed developments related to the course efficiencies committee. The committee has had challenges finding courses across departments that are redundant resulting in having too many courses. Also, there are apparently numerous courses that had been mentioned that are not currently being taught. There is some belief that there may be more redundancy related to program/department courses as opposed to across departments. Courses are continuing to be evaluated for cross-listing capabilities and the sub-committee will strive to have recommendations at least for Research Methods and Proposal courses by the next BCOE congress meeting on April 9th.
 - b) Review of 2020 Charges and Final Recommendations
 - a. Candle Incense was addressed in previous meetings
 - b. Pets in the building was addressed in previous meetings
 - c. Removing special methods faculty from this committee was addressed in previous meetings
 - d. Children in the building
 - i. This charge was initially tabled to wait on a university policy
 - ii. E. Hampton and R. Donlan shared concern that responses to limit children in the building could be seen as particularly cold. Also that children being in the building may be particularly important for new faculty with young children. L. Tinnerman indicated some concerns related to if too many young children were in the class and how this may cause a distraction among others in the class.

- iii. R. Donlan shared that 504 guidelines indicate that certain issues require reasonable accommodations, and what those are is relatively unclear, but examples may be included in the guidelines.
- iv. J. Iftikar discussed how this may impact pregnant students, L. Tinnerman noted concerns about students signing up for classes when they knew they were anticipating giving birth toward the end course.
- v. K. Bolinger suggested that we could provide some guidelines while recognizing professor autonomy
- vi. We intend to continue discussion of pregnant students in the April meeting
- e. Adjunct faculty guidebook
 - i. This charge had been discharged to the FAC, K. Bolinger indicated that he would reach out to the FAC to see if this has been any movement on it

c) FEBC

- a. K. Bolinger updated congress indicating that the enrollment projections look like continued contraction with some level of stabilization within the last 4 years. Also, with this contraction K. Bolinger indicated that the FEBC is encouraging a strategic focus on administrative needs based on the expected student population of the university moving forward.

4. New Business

- a. None

5. Dean's Report

- a. Not Present

b. Per Linda Sperry's request K. Bolinger will set up an open forum for some time in April.

6. Chair's Report

- a. It's been a good year

7. Open Discussion

- a. None

8. Adjournment 3:50 PM

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