



## CONGRESS

**Monday, October 11, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**3:00 pm**

### Minutes

Present: Shawn Huisinga, JaDora Sailes, Chris MacDonald, Bobbie Jo Monahan, Larry Tinnerman, Amanda White, Jon Iftikar, David Long, Cortney Cross

Ex-officio: Linda Sperry, Brad Balch

1. Call to Order – 3:02pm
2. Approval of minutes for April 12, 2021 and September 13, 2021
  - a. April minutes – Move: Bobbie Jo; Second: Shawn; No discussion; Vote: 3-0-4
  - b. September minutes – Move: Chris; Second: JaDora; No discussion; Vote: 6-0-3
3. Intro Items
  - a) Introduction of Student Representatives (David Long-Undergraduate and Cortney Cross-Graduate)
    - a. David Long – Social Studies Education major
    - b. Cortney Cross – Doctoral Student in Higher Ed Leadership Program
      - i. Corrected Cortney's name in agenda
4. Old Business
5. New Business
  - a) Proposals-Elementary Education Major <https://indstate.curriculog.com/proposal:5148/form>
    - a. Debra Knaebel
      - i. History course eliminated/replaced by 213
      - ii. Discussion:
        1. L. Sperry: History 113 will be eliminated and moved to 213
    - b. Move: Chris; Second: Larry; Vote: 7-0-2
  - b) Review and Update Constitution – Shawn Huisinga
    - a. Section 8.12 Ordinary meetings – wording change: “mailed” ballot changed to “electronic” ballot
    - b. Section 8.13 Extraordinary meetings – wording change: “mailed” ballot changed to “electronic” ballot

- i. 2nd sentence: Notice “shall be in writing” interpreted to include email so no change needed
- c. Section 2.31 – wording change: “At the beginning of the fall semester” changed to “During the spring semester”
- d. Section 2.32 – wording change: “At the beginning of the fall semester” changed to “During the spring semester”
- e. Section 8.2– wording change: Faculty Vote by “Mail” Ballot changed to “Electronic”
- f. Section 2.14 Other Faculty Representative – Eliminated from constitution
- g. Section 2.16 One graduate:
  - i. C. MacDonald: section refers to alumni rep.
  - ii. B. Balch: would be good to have an alumni rep. who has pulse on schools; not too far from currency in field; we have large database of alums; could be nice to bring them into college
  - iii. J. Sailes: agreed; so many alumni that play important roles in schools/communities and have a lot to offer
  - iv. B. Balch: in other campuses alumni participation can be pipeline to Dean’s advisory board
  - v. S. Huisinga: will look into other constitutions to see if they discuss alumni membership
- h. Section 2.33 Other Representatives: will remove special methods faculty member and wait and see on language about alumni association
- i. Section 1.3 – wording change: “At the first meeting of the academic year” changed to “last meeting”
- j. Section “2.4” changed to section “2.34”
- k. Section 3.2 – wording change: minutes of the congress “shall be distributed” changed to “shall be posted;” part of section after “special methods faculty” deleted
- l. S. Huisinga: Next meeting will revisit Constitution: alumni language and language dealing with a vacancy on Senate

## 6. Dean’s Report

- a. Remain committed to enrollments/bottom line
- b. BCOE enrollment decrease of 10%
- c. 30 grad students in pipeline that will impact numbers
- d. Will eventually be single-digit drop in enrollment
- e. Doing well with numbers and persistence

## 7. Chair’s Report

- a. Nothing to report

## 8. Open Discussion

- a. C. MacDonald: make sure all the pages on the Congress website updated; meeting dates in particular (L. Sperry will follow up on this)
- b. L. Sperry: brief summary of where we’ve been and where we’re going as a college
  - i. We are the smallest college (students and faculty)
  - ii. We’ve become more nimble (e.g., flexible course assignments)
  - iii. We’re not as nimble as should be in terms of curriculum (there are proposal, methods, diversity courses in multiple programs)
  - iv. Do a pretty good job managing course enrollments by when offering classes
  - v. Good at managing enrollment problems (too high/low enrolled)
  - vi. Would be advantageous to continue to maintain flexibility for students and make sure every PhD student is getting same message re: scholarship/dissertations
  - vii. There’s been movement to pull out scholarship proposal course and have it be a BCOE course for all doctoral students

viii. In future, would like to propose meeting with people to develop a BCOE proposal course that every doctoral student would take – will draft a call through dept. chairs and Congress members for volunteers to formulate proposal course

9. Adjournment – 3:57pm

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