

# MINUTES

## NTID FACULTY CONGRESS (NFC) MEETING

October 31st, 2023 | 12:00 – 1:00PM

#### In Attendance

Sandra Bradley, Catherine Clark, James Fugate, Brian Trager, Clayton Ide, Patrick Graham, Scot Atkins, Annemarie Ross, Troy Oliver, Denise Kavin

#### Chair's Report – Brian Trager

- 1. Communication Officer Update
  - 1. Approval of minutes
    - A. October 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes approved
    - B. (No meeting on October 17th due to townhall, so no minutes to approve)

### 2. NFC representative reports

- A. Several representatives shared the same concern being expressed among faculty from several departments on student's mental health and what is being done about it.
  - 1. Need some kind of response from Administration ASAP
  - 2. A plan needs to be put into place to address this!
- B. Need to review what faculty wants from being appreciated by administration.

#### 3. Workload Guidelines

- A. Townhall went well hopefully we can wrap up the Workload Guidelines soon as POW discussion will be coming up quickly.
  - 1. Seems to be mostly tenured faculty that might be concerned about the guidelines.
- B. Proposed to have it be put up to college-wide vote instead of representative so that everybody can get eyes on the document and vote themselves for or against the document.
  - 1. Seconded.
  - 2. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR (PASSED)
- C. Will send out E-mail through Firoza for the vote (*Representative will also E-mail their department when the E-mail is sent out by Firoza*)
  - 1. Deadline should be made before our next meeting so we can see the results and send official results to administration.

#### 4. Mental Health Support

- A. Not enough breaks for students/faculty
- B. Students mentioned that some courses are way too much, and teachers are not working with them
- C. Faculty not sure what we can do as we can't counsel them, but what about mental health training? That might help.
- D. Set up a task force with staff/faculty to set up an action plan to address this the sooner the better!
  - 1. Brian and Patrick will set up a meeting with Gerry and come back to the next meeting with updates with what they have planned.

### 5. Several old businesses

- *A*. We need to focus on what we've brought up with old businesses in previous meetings and set up action plans for them:
  - 1. Finish up Workload Guidelines
  - 2. Mental Health
  - 3. Appreciation from administration
  - 4. NTID mission statement

### 6. Adjournment