

Regents Committee Minutes, 9/15/2022

Present: Leigh Dillard (chair), AmiJo Comeford, Kaine Ezell, Elfi Gabriel, Amy Gates, DeAndra Miller, Felicia Steele

Kassia Krone (excused)

Old Business:

1) Induction Ceremony and Pledge Models

Google drive folder includes the existing sample induction, TCNJ Induction ceremony, and virtual induction.

Update number of chapters to "over 850"; update list; suggest chapter history section—including the original charter student members; update the quotations; the pledge; update seating instructions at the beginning to provide more guidance about ideas for the ceremony, such as suggesting inviting administrators and families where possible and appropriate and provide seat tags visible to the audience printed with seal for administrators and guest speakers; and "thank you" to families, friends, supports, colleagues in the English & Journalism departments.

Provide an outline of the induction ceremony with more examples in a longer document and to include a sample that can be directly adapted. Our outline should also include a framework for how the chapter can craft a pledge.

We can also provide a broader list of quotations.

Steele and Ezell will gather quotations; Dillard will work on chapter outline and introduction to the ceremony including prompts about history of chapter; Comeford will work on the pledge; Gates will look at the virtual induction ceremony.

There is a section for new advisors that includes things about recruitment, but it hasn't been updated. Once the induction ceremony model revised we can make the ceremony available in a word document so that people can edit it directly from the model.

Each of us can provide some information about the logistics of inductions: what time of year, what time of day, what day of the week, how far ahead are invitations made to speakers and administrators, what kind of speaker do we invite, how are they invited, and how long are they asked to speak.

Our next meeting will be in about a month.

2) Alumni involvement

Miller asks whether there is any way for people to update their contact information with the society. Gabriel is examining a shift to a new content management system (CMS); it could

connect to systems for the convention and for AwardSpring. Is there a way currently for them to do this? The convention website does have a place for people to update their address. Is there any way to collect both a "college" and a "permanent" email address?

Updates from Miller—was working on a document for alumni and graduates (loaded into the Regents' Committee). Discord server could allow for additional channels for communication. The server is self-propagating, but that creates issues related to moderation. Discord does have "auto-moderation" that might mitigate the risk, but the issue would be whether the server would have the society seal. There is some concern about brand integrity as well as longevity.

If there might be applications for Discord for the organization as a whole, then we should approach both Katie Mudd and the Communications. Ezell will bring it up in the Communications committee meeting tomorrow.

3) Student Leadership

Nomination form will be available to faculty advisors beginning in February. Nominated students could get different follow-up communications depending on when they have been nominated and if they are going to be attending the convention. The form is still in draft, but a finalized version can be distributed in any student leadership webinar.

4) Outstanding Chapter Awards

The applications need to be pulled up and distributed to the Regents' Committee. Steele and others whose chapters applied need to recuse themselves.

Minutes prepared by Felicia Steele