

## Minutes of the CMIR Task Force, 2.26.10

Members Present: Moon Lee, Ron Rodgers, Troy Elias, Amy Jo Coffey

Others Present: Dave Ostroff, Dave Carlson, Mark Leeps

- Meeting called to order at 1 pm.
- Minutes approved.
- Most of this meeting was a Q&A with Dave Carlson.
- Lee asked Dave Carlson about the facilities visited in putting together CMIR.
- Carlson responded:
  - They visited four advanced facilities – one of which was a university.
  - They consulted with a number of other facilities – ASU in Phoenix and Northwestern, for example
  - Grad students researched what other facilities are doing.
  - Carlson noted that other places have the facilities but are not using them to their full potential. He cited Northwestern as one example.
  - He said they did incorporate some ideas from their surveys and research, but CMIR by its nature is much more multi-purpose.
- Lee asked Carlson what the expectations were on the timeline for the CMIR Task Force.
- Carlson said that is up to the Task Force, but from his view of the early draft of report it looks like the work is coming to an end.
- But Carlson noted he still wants to seek advice in the future from someone or some entity.
- Some discussion followed about where the process was and what was the next step.
- Carlson noted that the 21<sup>st</sup> Century News Lab was 97% finished with a “lot of little pieces” yet to complete.
- Carlson noted that the training of those who would train faculty and others was complete.
- Ostroff asked if the facility had been signed off as complete yet.
- Carlson said no, there was still a punch list of little stuff.
- Carlson noted that there had been some discussion about the grand opening for the facility, and it had been decided that at this late date it would probably be best to wait until early Fall.
- Elias asked how access was to be granted.
- Carlson said that the thought is that people would book time to use it.
- There was then some discussion about where to locate the new Strat Comm facility and when it might be finished.
- Carlson said it was still unclear where it might be located, but that it would probably be best to locate it as near the new lab as possible.
- Carlson said that while he knows how to build a newsroom, he needs input about how to put together a Strat Comm lab.
- Coffey asked if there was a timeline for opening the Strat Comm lab.
- Carlson said not yet – the biggest problem is space – not money.

- In reference to the News Lab, Leeps suggested that there needed to be some consideration of integrating CIMR with other ways of doing journalism in the College. He said we need to figure out how work flows are going to work.
- Carlson was then asked if we would review the draft document and answer any questions he could in an e-mail to all members.
- Meeting adjourned at 2 pm – and the members agreed to meet again on Monday, March 1, at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald R. Rodgers