

**Minutes of College Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**College of Journalism and Communications**  
**April 14, 2008**

Members present: Dave Carlson, Johanna Cleary, Julie Dodd, Bridget Grogan, Juan Carlos Molleda, Cynthia Morton, Henri Pensis, and Marilyn Roberts. Also present: Constitution Committee members: Robyn Goodman, Mindy McAdams, Janis Page; and Linda Hon, Executive Associate Dean

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Dodd.

The College Faculty Senate and the Constitution Committee met in a combined session to discuss clarifications and suggestions for revisions to the current draft of the College Constitution.

**Need to Delay Voting on Constitution**

Dodd discussed the need to make changes in the faculty meeting schedule to formally vote on the College Constitution. She felt that the Constitution was not yet in its final form for a faculty vote and did not want the faculty to feel pressured at the conclusion of the semester. The consensus was to email a revised version of the Constitution for the April 25th faculty meeting, where the document would be presented as a discussion item. Dodd also indicated that she would contact the President of the University Faculty Senate and discuss the timing of the fall semester vote.

**Discussions of the Constitution**

McAdams reminded the group to date each version of the Constitution in order to keep track of current revisions. Goodman and Dodd reported that they had attended the Deans and Chairs meeting to discuss the draft. Dodd asked for feedback from the department meetings regarding the current draft of the Constitution. The Department of Public Relations raised a concern that the names of all four departments should be stated in the preamble. Following further discussion, Page moved and Molleda seconded a motion to include the names of the four core disciplines of the College (Journalism, Advertising, Public Relations, and Telecommunication) in the preamble. Motion passed unanimously.

Goodman began focusing the discussion on each section of the draft Constitution. Under Article V. Section 1, a clarification was made that items should be presented first as a discussion item prior to the action of voting. Under Section 3: Searches and appointments, Hon suggested a language clarification regarding the hiring authority. Hon also suggested that changes in the section should be changed to reflect University of Florida policies. Under Section 3.3 Appointment of Chair, language revisions also should reflect consistency with University of Florida policy language. Dodd also suggested refinements to distinguish when chair searches were internal versus external.

Under Article II-The Faculty, minor wording revisions were suggested. In Section 5-Faculty Rights, although faculty rights are stated in other documents, the consensus was to include a re-statement of the rights also in the Constitution to reinforce the principles stated in them.

Under Section 11.1- Faculty Senate, the Senate body is now voted into existence. Some language revisions will be needed in this section to reflective of that fact. Other discussion regarding the section included matters such as who had voting rights on evaluative matters and who did not. Another clarification was to distinguish when representation from the Department of Telecommunication needed to be stated in terms of station representation versus general faculty representation.

Discussions shifted to sections of the draft Constitution that dealt with committee compositions and responsibilities. One issue raised was that the Teaching and Curriculum committee would need a sub-committee to handle the Teacher/Adviser of the Year award selection process. The composition of the sub-committee should contain at least one previous Teacher of the Year recipient to serve as chair of the sub-committee. Under Section 13.1- Administrative Council, the consensus of those present was to change the name of the body to the College Council.

### **Logistics for the April 25th Faculty Meeting**

Dodd discussed the logistics and timing for sending out the revised draft of the Constitution to College faculty members. Rationale for revisions would appear in notes the margins and revisions would be highlighted in the document. The tentative date to email the draft would be April 21st with a message from Dodd. The conversation then turned to procedures for conducting the faculty meeting. The Constitution Committee would present the document. Molleda suggested that slides be made to remind faculty of the process used to gain feedback for the draft. Various members of the Constitution Committee would present specific section revisions that had been suggested since the departmental meetings. Discussion would then be opened for questions and comments from the floor. The draft Constitution would be projected on the screen to facilitate discussion about specific sections. The faculty would have an opportunity to discuss the document article by article and take a non-binding straw vote to determine level of agreement. Any article that had strong opposition would be taken back to either all or a specific department for further discussion.

Hon asked to be placed on the faculty meeting agenda to make an announcement regarding the process for selecting the 2008-09 committee membership in the College.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn S. Roberts

Minutes were approved by the College Faculty Senate on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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Members present: Johanna Cleary, Julie Dodd, Bridget Grogan, Juan Carlos Molleda, Cynthia Morton, Henri Pensis, and Marilyn Roberts. Also present: Linda Hon

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Dodd.

Minutes of the April 7th College Faculty Senate Meeting were approved.

**Designated College Faculty Senators for 2008-09**

Advertising: Marilyn Roberts (begins 2nd year), Robyn Goodman (begins 1st year)

Journalism: Julie Dodd (begins 2nd year), Kim Walsh-Childers (begins 1st year)

Public Relations: Mary Ann Ferguson (begins 2nd year), Mike Mitrook (begins 1st year)

Telecommunication: Bridget Grogan (begins 1st year), Johanna Cleary (begins 2nd year)

Non-affiliated: Henri Pensis (begins 2nd year)

**Thoughts from Outgoing Chair**

Dodd thanked the members of the College Faculty Senate for their efforts during the past academic year. As the final stages of a new College Constitution are nearing, she asked members of the Senate to begin thinking about other areas and issues that should be taken to continue efforts for shared governance. She stated that she would be sending thank you letters to committee members.

Hon suggested that a digital focus would be one important area for future discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn S. Roberts

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