

College Faculty Senate – Minutes for November 20, 2008
College of Journalism and Communications

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chair Mary Ann Ferguson.

Members present were: Johanna Cleary, Julie Dodd, Mary Ann Ferguson, Robyn Goodman, Bridget Grogan, Mike Mitrook, Henri Pensis and Kim Walsh-Childers. Absent: Marilyn Roberts. Also in attendance: Linda Hon.

The minutes from the October 16, 2008 meeting were approved.

Requests from Curriculum Committee – Linda Hon

1. The Department of Telecommunications has requested the following pre-requisites be added for RTV 4700: “Grade of C or better in RTV 3007 and senior standing”

(No pre-requisites are currently listed for this course in the university catalog even though the faculty intended the above pre-requisites when the course was created.)

Because minus grades will be added to the grading system beginning next summer, some concern was expressed about whether or not a

“C-“ would be considered meeting the pre-requisite. Some professors who give “C-“ grades might think they are giving a passing grade when, in fact, the student might be considered to have **not** met the pre-requisite of a “C”. The Senate suggested that this change be tabled until it can be determined whether or not a “C-“ would meet the pre-requisite.

2. Proposal to change the catalog description for JOU 4302: The Senate approved a motion to forward this request to the full faculty for consideration at the 11/20/08 faculty meeting.

3. Proposal to allow Summer 2009 Study Abroad Program students pursuing the mass communication minor to substitute one, three-hour study abroad course for one of the three-hour required courses in the minor and one, three-hour study abroad course for one of the three-hour elective courses in the minor: Hon noted that this request would be for the Summer 2009 students only, as a pilot option. The Senate approved a motion to send the proposal to the full faculty for consideration at the 11/20/08 faculty meeting.

4. Proposal to add MMC 2604 – Mass Media and You – to the selection of three-hour required courses in the mass communication minor: (Instead of completing all four courses currently required, this would allow students to complete any four of the five required courses.) The Senate approved a motion to send this proposal to the full faculty for consideration at the 11/20/08 faculty meeting.

Requests from Tenure and Promotion Committee – Kim Walsh-Childers

1. Recommended changes to the Tenure and Promotion Schedule: Proposal 1 changes the timetable for getting in letters from external reviewers. Proposal 2 would ensure that external reviewers be recruited by July 1. The Senate approved a motion to send these recommended changes to the full faculty for action at the 11/20/08 faculty meeting.
2. Recommended changes to the Classroom Observation Form. The Senate approved a motion to send the changes to the full faculty as an information item at the 11/20/08 meeting.
3. Recommended process and criteria for promotion from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer and from Senior Lecturer to Master Lecturer. It was recommended an addition be made to the Letters of Evaluation requirement for Appointment as Master Lecturer. The candidate should also be allowed to include one or two letters of evaluation from professionals familiar with his/her service record and accomplishments. The Senate approved a motion to send the suggested changes to the full faculty as an information item at the 11/20/08 meeting.

College Constitution Committee – Robyn Goodman

Goodman reviewed the suggestions from UF Legal Counsel Barbara Wingo regarding the wording of several articles in the proposed Constitution.

Election of Senators for UF Senate seats

Mary Ann Ferguson noted that two Senate seats will need to be filled, one in January. Goodman recommended beginning with a self-nominating process. Ferguson, Morton, and Roberts will serve as the Nominating Committee for this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Grogan