

Minutes
Faculty Senate
College of Journalism and Communications

9/15/09, Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order on 9/15/09 at 4:05 p.m. by Chair, Robyn Goodman

Senators attending: Julie Dodd, Mary Ann Ferguson, Robyn Goodman, Bridget Grogan, Titus Rush, Kim Walsh-Childers.
Senators absent: Lauren Hertel, Mike Mitrook, Jon Morris. Also attending: Linda Hon, Churchill Roberts, Moon Lee.

Chair reaffirmed that Senate is using Robert's Rule of Order of minutes. Generally, minutes will be condensed to main discussion and motions.

Two amendments were made and passed to correct the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made and passed to postpone approval of the minutes until the next Senate meeting following corrections.

The following topics and resulting motions were covered:

Conflicts of Interest: A question was raised and discussed about whether there was policy regarding conflict of interests for employees who are also members of a College advisory board.

ACEJMC: The Senate discussed how to approach ACEMC accreditation regarding shared governance. A motion was made and passed to appoint a Joint Senate/Dean Committee to address accreditation, and particularly to research and make recommendations for the assessment processes.

Election of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs: Dean Hon will arrange for meetings and election of chairs and vice chairs for Senate Committees. The Senate will need to address the issue of which Senate Committee members are serving two-year terms and which are one-year terms.

Division of Multimedia Properties and Center for Media Innovation and Research: Concern was raised about whether there are those in leadership roles with CIMR who have traditional research expertise. An interim executive director has been appointed for the DMP for one year. No search is underway at this time, but there is a plan. A question was raised about the impact of having an interim executive director who might also be a candidate for the position. Julie Dodd suggested that across-college conversations needed to address what CIMR and the DMP will mean for teaching and research in the College. Other discussion occurred about how shared governance for teaching and curriculum would work with the Division of Multimedia Properties. The Senate decided that at this time, it would not be fruitful to ask for a meeting with the leadership of the Division of Multimedia Properties to discuss shared governance as departments will be electing representatives to a college-wide task force to address some of these concerns.

Tenure and Promotion: A motion was made and passed to ask the Curriculum Committee to examine issues of faculty assignments and teaching loads and to make recommendations for policy to insure equitable teaching assignments.

Referrals to Committees: There was a motion passed to send the following issues as recommended by the Senate Chair to the Senate Committees noted.

- Teaching Loads: Curriculum and Teaching
- Mentors and Mentoring Processes: Faculty Development and Welfare
- Improving Faculty Success in T&P Process: T&P Committee (Perhaps divide work with FD&W)
- Annual Evaluation Process to Follow Collective Bargaining Agreement: Faculty Development and Welfare
- Salary Equity as Per Collective Bargaining: Each department to develop its own criteria for equity reviews.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Approved