

Department of Journalism Meeting
October 10, 2016

Attending: Calvert, Carlson, Chance, Foley, Freeman, Lewis, Kalyanaraman, Kaplan, Rodgers, McAdams, Sheehan, Spiker, Waddell, Walsh-Childers

Meeting opens at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes from 9/12 approved.

Rodgers reviewed changes to master's degree Ph.D.-prep program. Journalism faculty approved of changes to make Theory and Research Methods required in the first semester and a methods course in the second semester with caveat that Research methods needs to be offered face-to-face both semesters. Journalism also discussed dropping "articulation" courses. Kaplan said anyone going to PhD should have articulation courses/professional experience. Waddell said short time of master's (and having to do research) makes difficult to do skills classes. McAdams said it either needs to be journalism and have journalism things or combined track with other departments. Rodgers will head small group to suggest curriculum changes for department.

Rodgers updated on faculty search, Spiker updated on Brechner search, Foley updated on INC search.

Spiker reviewed Advisory Council visit. Received several notes that it was one of better ones (more interaction with students). Some take-homes: add council members before next meeting, need for understanding of government, data collection about students' interests and habits, Facebook group created for AC members (faculty can join as well). Priority for Spiker will be to add members before spring meeting. Goal will be to get list to AC, then to faculty for approval.

Walsh-Childers updated on Science Journalist in Residence in November.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Spiker