

Department of Journalism  
December 4, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Weimer 2066

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

Meeting begins at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes from 10/30 approved.

Computer updates for third floor labs coming: Feedback from faculty: Card readers, SPSS, AMOS on those computer. Three or four faculty members expressed interested in turning one to a Mac lab. Lewis opposed because PCs needed for some programs and these are last two remaining PC labs in building.

Search updates:

Sheehan updated on lecturer (investigative). Search progressing. Seven video conference interviews. Candidates may come in second week of spring classes.

Walsh-Childers updated on global lecturers. Meeting this afternoon (couple applications; social media posts on the six lecturer positions). JOURNALISM likely to get narrative writing position. Phone interviews not until January.

Spiker updated on tenure-track sports comm/media. Ad should be up soon.

Spiker updated about Fall 2018 schedule based on curriculum—most notably increased 3101 labs (three new sections Spring 18), 3109 going online but course still used in several places.

Spiker updated about Scripps Howard proposal for graduate program in investigative reporting. McAdams suggested soliciting feedback from those who might be potential “customers,” i.e. fairly recent UF grads who have gone on to do some investigative work or those who have looked at Berkeley and Columbia. Walsh-Childers mentioned Solutions Journalism as similar offering with roots in data. Rodgers noted local news decimated and this could be opportunity. Lowe explained O’Brien fellowships at Marquette that he oversaw—matching grads and undergrads with visiting investigative journalists.

Faculty voted unanimously in favor of Dave Carlson, who is retiring at end of spring, to have emeritus status. Several updated about Hearst competition. Lowe asked to have more updates about rolling deadlines to help recruit entries. Lowe asked all to think of speakers who could come to Gainesville for programming for the UF NABJ chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Spiker