

Department of Journalism Meeting  
March 13, 2017

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

Meeting opens at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes from 2/6/2017 approved.

Spiker handed out SLO data. Will look at standards two and three as curriculum changes. Hope to see change in standard four with new data course. Spiker will recommend that the department curriculum committee revisit two and three in the fall, perhaps changing the class and/or assessments.

Spiker asked for feedback about potential grade appeals policy. Carlson said if we need policy, this seems like a reasonable policy. Walsh-Childers and Waddell introduced suggestions about bias phrasing. Rodgers suggested adding a line about ombuds in the process and making face-to-face meeting.

Spiker solicited suggestions for fall department retreat. Considering internal audit of some classes as a framework.

McAdams suggested more communication with PATH office so they know our classes and what to recommend. Spiker to work on talking-points sheet for them during advising. Lewis suggested web page with good descriptions of classes that we can use to point students to. Spiker said it would be a good project for summer to get ready for fall.

Spiker updated on status of Brechner search.

Carlson said technology committee and TAG want faculty input to have more laptop labs. Lewis says no. Eliminates some of what can be done in data. Have to have some wired Windows labs. "Easy for technology, not for pedagogy." Waddell said grad stats class would need lab with computers. Kaplan said some classes need wired computers with larger monitors. Freeman said lab (specifically 3024) should stay with color printer. Spiker suggested departments solicit how many classes would need a traditional lab.

Calvert updated faculty on SEColloquium—good UF presence, especially with grad students.

Carlson passed along info about Florida Society of News Editors student contest.

Spiker thanked McAdams and Lewis for taking 11 students to NICAR. Lewis reported he was very impressed with students' engagement. UF has most student there (Temple had 9).

Spiker reminded that nine alums agreed to be on Advisory Council. Carlson suggested name cards as well as tags for meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Spiker