

Department of Journalism Meeting  
August 22, 2016

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

Meeting opens at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes of April meeting approved.

Spiker opened by welcoming Frank Waddell and Martha Collada to the department. Spiker gave update on summer activities.

Spiker updated department on new self-evaluation system.

Department voted unanimously to approve emeritus status of Prof. Julie Dodd.

Spiker presented SLO data for Spring 16. Most noticeable was student lack of ability to perform in data tests. Faculty agreed to discuss possible requirement and Spiker said he would ask department curriculum committee to review data when discussing curriculum.

Spiker updated department on searches (Brechner, INC) and open position. Spiker said faculty agreed to professional hire a couple years ago. Faculty discussed possible job requirements. McAdams asked for official language distinguishing between Lecturer and Professor of Practice (Spiker to follow-up). Ideas brought up included focuses on data journalism/visualization, intermediate/advanced reporting/writing/multiplatform, tech writing, business writing, health writing. Spiker said he would send a survey to faculty to gauge priorities and gather other suggestions.

Spiker review curriculum committee focus for the year. Sheehan to chair committee, which will also include TEL rep (Grogan) and PR rep (TBD).

Spiker informed department of new title for Cynthia Barnett (Environmental Journalist in Residence).

Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Spiker