

Department of Journalism
Aug. 17, 2018

Attending: Basu, Barnett, Bridis, Calvert, Freeman, Kalyanaraman, LoMonte, Lowe, McAdams, Rodgers, Sheehan, Spiker, Waddell, Walsh-Childers

Meeting opened, 12:45 p.m.

New faculty welcomed to department.

Spiker updated on summer projects. Checklist document provided on status of reports, goals, projects that are ongoing and completed. Some that require further attention: Assessment measures (groups assigned); common capstone (Spiker asked for faculty who want to be a part of the team-teaching approach for the future of this class); Hearst mentors; and others (see additional document with status updates).

Spiker updated on new and longer-term projects for one to three years, including Specialty Summits (courses in every specialty area discussed with small groups of interested parties); common definitions (LoMonte suggested a department urban dictionary) and definition of journalism (Sheehan suggested revising the Journalist's Creed); Young Alum Workshops; and more.

Several curriculum items discussed:

- Lowe asked about requirement of internship in Sports and Media and not regular JOURNALISM major
- Spiker announced the plan to bring TEL news into JOURNALISM and pass some JOURNALISM-managed courses to TEL Media and Society. Faculty unanimously voted to support this idea and to begin the process. Curriculum committee will work closely with INC managers.
- Sports and Media track going through small revisions.
- Spiker asked faculty for support to explore a UFO Sports and Media/JOURNALISM major.
- Discussion of status of master's traditional grad track.

Other items discussed:

- Lowe brought up need for soft skills, is working with NABJ chapter, and welcome faculty input and help.
- Several talked about need for media literacy/civics information (UF-wide) and for majors. Bridis said Fact Finding will be including a lot of the "how government works" info. Barnett brought up the Graham Center's role in civics and possible partnerships.
- McAdams brought up issue of messaging to students about opportunities in classes and careers (Advising Day).

- Calvert promoted guest speaker Warren Zanes (Petty biographer) here on Sept. 27. Faculty lunch that day.
- Info item: All four Advisory Councils will be here at the same time (in conjunction with gala).
- Rodgers agreed (and unanimously approved) to fill in for Norm on CJC Faculty Senate for one year. We will also need a one-semester replacement for Wanta (on fall sabbatical).
- LoMonte brought up notion of “wasted efforts” to help partners students with organizations by matching skills with needs. Related, Lowe brought up portfolio requirements in multiple classes to not duplicate efforts with different sites, but common ones.

Meeting adjourned at not-sure-what-time.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Spiker