

MPMT Department Faculty Meeting
09/28/2023
Minutes

1. Call to order and minutes from 08/18

Meeting started at 9:31 a.m.

Faculty Present: Babanikos, Chan-Olmsted, Coche, Coffey, Esterline, Lee, Leslie, McNealy, Roberts, Selepak, Shin, Sorel, Thompson, Wells, Xu, Zawahry

Also present Allicia Bolen (PATH), Bob Hughes (adjunct).

Deans Hub Brown and Spiro Kiouisis joined for agenda item #2.

Coffey moved to approve 08/18 minutes. Babanikos seconded. Passed unanimously.

2. Dean Hub Brown check-in

Update about UF administrative moves and legislature affecting UF, CJC and MPMT. Of note, projects for the second round of the strategic funding are due October 13 to Marcia DiStaso. The dean also congratulated the faculty on the enrollment increase. A short Q&A followed during which an idea for “on-the-road” recruiting was mentioned, which brought up information about a recent grant from Hearst for Summer Media Institute.

3. Student Film Festival Pitch

Management and Strategy student Luis Lageyre pitched the creation of an annual MPMT/CJC-sponsored student film festival. Faculty responded positively. A subcommittee was created to work with Luis on continuing to develop the plans: Zawahry (chair), Thompson, Wells, Sorel.

4. Personnel Update

Coche announced search for visiting professor position in production charged with teaching three classes a semester, including one with the Agency to create a production immersion experience within it. Sorel, Zawahry and Rottensteiner (from The Agency) are the search committee members.

5. Request of grad faculty status for Evan Kropp

Some concerns about whether giving Kropp graduate faculty status was possible administratively considering the staff position. Yet, a motion was made and seconded to grant Kropp graduate faculty status. It passed with 13 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

6. MPMT Assessment

Assessment data from the RTV3432 course was shared for the Media & Society track assessment. Faculty remarked the small number of students assessed (11 students) and recognized we need a new method. However, the discussion there was tabled as the curriculum committee will be working on overhauling the Media & Society track later this Fall and throughout the Spring semester.

7. Curriculum Committee Update

Sorel shared that the curriculum committee is working on a curriculum for an MPMT minor. Committee members will reach out to faculty members for feedback. The goal is to have it as an action item to vote on at the next MPMT faculty meeting.

Sorel also shared an idea that will be discussed by the curriculum committee to potentially create track leaders. He also asked if faculty has anything they'd really like the curriculum committee to explore. Esterline pitched the idea of creating a very clear sheet for faculty and advisers listing the various jobs students in each track can aspire to.

8. CJC Strategic Plan

Esterline called on faculty to let him know of any concerns or comments about the strategic plan so he can relay to the CJC Senate. Faculty did not share any during this meeting, but they may reach out to Esterline directly by the October 13 feedback deadline if they so wish.

9. Advisory Council

Bylaws were revised to reflect the department name change and to better fit our current needs. Specifically, Telecommunication was replaced by MPMT throughout the document, the minimum number of members was lowered from 20 to 15, and the limit of two terms was eliminated to give more flexibility to the department.

Nicole Bianco, Bonnie Katz, Adam Lowitt, and Alanna Ramos were officially added as advisory council members.

Coche shared the tentative schedule and list of attendees for the mid-October visit.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:01.