

School of Journalism
Faculty Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2013

Faculty and staff in attendance: Barbara Barnett, Bob Basow, Tim Bengtson, Peter Bobkowski, Ann Brill, John Broholm, Jeff Browne, Terry Bryant, Cal Butcher, Yvonne Chen, Jerry Crawford, Pam Fine, Mugur Geana, Malcolm Gibson, David Guth, Penny Hodge, Carol Holstead, Tien Lee, Chuck Marsh, Lisa McLendon, Corrie Moore, Kelli Nichols, Patty Noland, Scott Reinardy, Max Utsler, Gayle Vannicola, Natasha Veaser, Tom Volek, Doug Ward, and Mike Williams.

Dean Ann Brill updated faculty on the budget and confirmed there will be cuts throughout the University. Many aspects and targets have been discussed. She welcomed Asst. Prof. Yvonne Chen to the meeting. Chen will join the School in August 2013.

Assoc. Dean Barbara Barnett asked faculty to send recommendations of students deserving of awards and scholarships to the scholarship committee. She asked faculty to send their suggestions for KU Core journalism honors courses to her. She reported that a group of students has been organized to discuss student integrity and that Student Services has held two admission meetings so far this semester for new students.

Assoc. Dean Tom Volek stated that four doctoral students have been admitted with one confirmed for the 2013-2014 academic year. Scholarships totaling \$33K will be available for master's students.

News/Information Track Chair Scott Reinardy reported that Lisa McLendon, Coordinator of the Bremner Center, will revise and strengthen the JOUR 001 Grammar and Usage course. She met with faculty from both tracks and will take their suggestions to the curriculum committee. McLendon would like to establish a new club, the J-Club, for students dedicated to grammar usage.

Strategic Communications Track Chair Tien Lee thanked Patty Noland for her sponsorship of the Career Club and Ad Club. Brill and Noland discussed the findings of the University of Georgia annual survey of journalism & mass communication graduates.

Promotion and Tenure Chair Prof. Chuck Marsh reported mentor reports have been completed and shared with promotion and tenure candidates. Asst. Prof. Jerry Crawford was congratulated on the approval of his third year review. The School's post tenure review procedure and faculty development plan were revised three years ago. They will be updated soon.

Assoc. Professor Mugur Geana reported the technology committee discussed updating labs in Stauffer-Flint, rooms 101, 105, and 107, to create a more student friendly environment. Students will discuss and present their ideas for technological utilization and environmental design of the labs. Projectors in the labs will be upgraded and a color printer will be made available in the Resource Center for student use.

Assoc. Prof. Doug Ward will meet with Asst. Vice Provost Tracy Horstman in 202 SF to discuss much needed technological improvements for the classroom.

Jeff Browne, Exec. Director, Kansas Scholastic Press Association, presented an overview of KSPA and the state of high school journalism in Kansas.

Meeting adjourned.