

School of Journalism
Faculty Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2012

Faculty and staff in attendance: Barbara Barnett, Bob Basow, Tim Bengtson, Peter Bobkowski, Ann Brill, Jeff Browne, Jerry Crawford, Cara Farnell, Pam Fine, Mugur Geana, Jimmy Gentry, David Guth, Penny Hodge, Carol Holstead, Linda Lee, Tien Lee, Denise Linville, Crystal Lumpkins, Chuck Marsh, Patty Noland, Scott Reinardy, Hyunjin Seo, Max Utsler, Gayle Vannicola, Natasha Veaser, Tom Volek, Doug Ward and Mike Williams.

Dean Brill reported that first floor renovations will be completed before the fall semester and a dedication of the Richard C. Clarkson Gallery will be held in the fall. She praised Cade Cruickshank and the IT team for the digital signage and interactive screens placed in the Gallery. The Center for Excellence in Health Communications to Underserved Populations will be directed by Dr. Mugur Geana. The Center will be housed in the graduate research work area in the newly renovated space that will also feature a high-end conference room. The School's other new center, Media Crossroads, will be in the renovated area in the KS Union directly outside of Alderson Auditorium on the fourth floor. The Center will be a collaborative effort with other campus media. This is the first time an academic will have space at the Kansas Union.

Brill stated that the FY2012 budget will remain flat and actually will be reduced by 4-5% because of inflation. Brill is a member of the Tuition Advisory Committee. She reported that the students on that committee insisted that faculty receive raises this year with the caveat that the raises be merit only. There will be no across the board raises. The School will, in conjunction with other units, pursue three interdisciplinary professors to be hired in at the associate or full professor level. Brill explained that all units will elect a representative to be a part of the KU Core Curriculum Committee and asks for nominations. Tom Volek nominated Chuck Marsh and Barbara Barnett seconded. There were no other nominations and a vote was called for. All were in favor.

Assoc. Dean Barbara Barnett led the discussion of what non-journalism courses should be required of J-School students. General education requirements will be reduced from 72 hours to 36 hours in the fall of 2013. Barnett walked faculty through the process of the J-School curriculum complying with the reduction. The School will need a Memorandum of Agreement with the University documenting which J-School courses will be considered as core courses. The School will need to have the core courses meet University assessment as well. Barnett also asked the faculty to consider requiring students to declare a minor, whether to continue to offer the "3x3" and if diversity requirements should be acquired within the School's curriculum. Discussion followed.

Mike Williams moved that the School eliminate the 3x3 option and require at least a minor outside the School. Scott Reinardy seconded. Discussion followed prompting Williams to propose an amendment to the motion to eliminate the 3x3 option, require a specialization outside the School through at least a minor or a major, specify that the changes take effect for all students entering fall 2012 and after with the exception of transfer students who will have a two year grace period for the availability of the 3x3 option. David Guth proposed a friendly amendment to give the Dean's office and the Student Services Office the latitude to put together the proper wording for this procedure change. Reinardy seconded. The question was called and a vote was taken with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

Diversity classes offered in the School were discussed. Scott Reinardy moved that the School require students to include a diversity requirement met within the School beginning in fall of 2012. Mugur Geana seconded. After discussion, Mike Williams called the question. A vote was taken with all in favor with one opposed and no abstentions.

Barnett asked faculty to email lists of courses and course ideas to her that will meet KU core requirements. She will email a list of Journalism courses to be deleted to the faculty and ask for an email vote.

Curriculum Committee Chair Bob Basow said that Doug Ward will become chair in fall 2012.

News and Information Track Chair Scott Reinardy complimented Wayne Larson, Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, on the "awesome" freshman class joining the School in the fall.

Patty Noland reminded all to save the dates of Oct. 25 and 26, 2012, for the J-Generations event.

The 2012 John Katich Award for Creativity was awarded to Jimmy Gentry.

Meeting adjourned.

