

School of Journalism
Faculty meeting minutes, September 17, 2010

Those in attendance: Barbara Barnett, Bob Basow, Tim Bengtson, Ann Brill, John Broholm, Jeff Browne, Terry Bryant, Kelly Crane, Jerry Crawford, Pam Fine, Mugur Geana, Malcolm Gibson, Jennifer Griner, David Guth, Penny Hodge, Carol Holstead, Jammie Johnson, Jennifer Kinnard, Teresa Lamsam, Linda Lee, Crystal Lumpkins, Chuck Marsh, Patty Noland, Sue Novak, Scott Reinardy, Jackie Thomas, Max Utsler, Gayle Vannicola, Tom Volek, Doug Ward, and Mike Williams. Also attending were KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little and School of Journalism student senators Jay Trump and Whitlee Douthitt.

Those not in attendance: Eric Adler, Kerry Benson, Kim Callahan, Julie Denesha, Lucy Denyer, Jimmy Gentry, Eileen Hawley, John Hudnall, Tien Lee, Lisa Loewen, Corrie Moore, Diane O'Byrne, Marilyn Rausch, and Simran Sethi.

Comments, Q&A with Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little

The Chancellor had the opportunity to speak with alumni across the state and at local newspapers. Over half were J-School graduates who had favorable things to say about the School. Current campus projects include forming task forces on student recruiting and retention and on research and scholarly activity. She announced the search for a Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs to be chaired by Dean Brill and then answered questions from the faculty.

Dean's report and discussion (Brill)

Journalism student senators Jay Trump and Whitlee Douthitt were introduced. They invited professors to contact them to have them speak to student groups. Faculty were reminded of the upcoming accreditation visit and were asked to provide their availability for 10/18 & 19. The site team members will be visiting classes and faculty offices on those days. Faculty and staff were encouraged to attend breakfast with the site team on Monday, 10/18, in the Union. Names of the site team will be released soon and the team will be housed in 303 SF during their visit. Faculty were encouraged to speak with site team members if they are contacted by them but were asked not to initiate the contact. Copies of the School's self-study will be available for faculty review in the SF resource center and in Dole. Remodeling will begin on the Bremner Center soon.

Associate deans' reports

Undergraduate (Barnett)

A committee will be formed to evaluate curriculum required outside of the School. Online scholarship applications will soon be available on the School website. A revised assessment plan was circulated before the meeting. David Guth motioned for its adoption and Tim Bengtson seconded. Discussion was followed by a unanimous vote to adopt the assessment plan.

Graduate (Volek)

The PhD program proposal is under review by Strong Hall and will be sent to the Regents. An informational meeting will be held before the next faculty meeting when the proposal will be voted on. The first PhD student may be admitted as soon as the fall 2010 semester. GTA evaluation changes requested by the GTA union were discussed. GTA's will complete a two page self-evaluation and professors will complete a two page evaluation of the GTA. The GTA and professor will then meet to discuss with Volek. The goal is to have evaluations done before mid Nov. so re-hires can be determined. GTA's have been appointed each semester and annual appointments are being considered. Volek has been the School contact for the KC Intl. Visitors

Center for several years and asked for volunteers to assume this responsibility. Mike Williams volunteered.

Search (Brill for Tien Lee)

We have a strong group of applicants for our assistant professor position and a weaker group for the full professor position. The application deadlines are 10/1 and 12/1 respectively.

Promotion and Tenure (Lee, L)

Class visits must be completed by fall break and reports must be given to Carol Holstead for Marsh class visits and to Chuck Marsh for Reinardy class visits.

Technology (Geana)

Mike Williams was reminded to make a recommendation for another committee member. Cade Cruickshank was commended for making the change from digital tapes in the cameras and for installing laptops with dual boot capability. New Macs replaced six year old computers in the newsroom. Thursday – Monday overnight checkout of laptops is possible with professor's permission and no permission is needed for laptop checkout for up to three hours. Student workers will be trained and the policy will be online soon.

News/Information (Williams)

A meeting was held and progress is being made. The Nikon equipment is being delivered.

Strategic Communication (Bengtson)

Faculty met and had good discussions. The next meeting will be 10/8.

Other business and announcements

Brill handed out information from the School retreat for discussion. Service pins were awarded to Bengtson for 30 years of service and to Marsh and Volek for 20 years of service each.

Meeting adjourned