

School of Journalism
Faculty meeting minutes, May 7, 2010

Those in attendance: Barbara Barnett, 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, Cassie Keefer, Jennifer Kinnard, Linda Lee, Tien Lee, Crystal Lumpkins, Chuck Marsh, Corrie Moore, Dick Nelson, Patty Noland, Sue Novak, Marilyn Rausch, Scott Reinardy, Susanne Shaw, Max Utsler, Gayle Vannicola, Tom Volek, Doug Ward, and Mike Williams.

Those not in attendance: Eric Adler, Bob Basow, Kerry Benson, Kim Callahan, Jimmy Gentry, Eileen Hawley, John Hudnall, Denise Linville, Lisa Loewen, Diane O'Byrne, and Simran Sethi.

Dean's report and discussion (Brill)

The re-accreditation site team visit is scheduled for Oct. 17-20, 2010. Faculty were asked to mark their calendars and be available to meet with site team members during the visit. Brill handed out J-School visiting professional and professionals-in-residence policy. Two visitors have been planned for the fall semester including Ron Smith of *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Summer plans include a newsroom convergence driven by curricular changes. The University Daily Kansan will move from Stauffer-Flint to Dole to join the KJHK-TV staff in the Stauffer Multimedia Newsroom. There will be many faculty and staff office relocations. No specific time frame was set and all were asked for their patience. The vacated SF area will be remodeled to accommodate a Student Services Center. The 1st and 2nd floor wood hallways would be refinished in August.

Associate deans' reports

Undergraduate (Barnett)

Barnett handed out enrollment figures for the previous three fall semesters and an enrollment decline was indicated in J101, Media and Society. A diversity scouting report was distributed. The School may be facing a substantial drop in enrollment, but offering a minor in Journalism may help offset this.

Graduate (Volek)

The proposed PhD program was sent out for pre-approval and no complications were expected. The proposal would be sent to the Provost's office for review next. Several internationals and some late admits have been admitted to the master's program. Two fully funded Fulbright Scholars will join the School and two students accepted for paid internships with Al Jazeera.

Search (Lee, T)

The School will conduct two faculty searches and neither will be track specific. An asst. prof. search will be conducted in the fall and a search for a full professor will occur in the spring. Both will join the School Aug. 2011. Search committee members will be notified via email soon.

Curriculum (Broholm)

Two student petitions were brought before the committee and have been resolved.

Promotion and Tenure (Lee, L)

The University is streamlining the P&T process by accepting forms online. Lee requested that all tenured faculty remain after the meeting to choose mentors for Asst. Prof. Scott Reinardy and Assoc. Prof. Chuck Marsh, faculty members going up for promotion and tenure.

Technology (Geana)

The technology committee will analyze data collected during the spring semester concerning the laptop checkout system in the resource center and report back to faculty in the fall. Delivery of iPads was delayed.

News/Information (Williams)

Enrollment numbers in news/info courses are promising.

Strategic Communication (Bengtson)

Campaigns presentations had gone well during the week and David Guth commented that the Kansas Union treats the campaigns groups very well. The Strat Comm faculty met to vote on the assessment plan. Marsh was not able to vote but will have the opportunity at another meeting. Bengtson apologized and said this was not intentional. Geana added that the Strat Comm committee is committed to a mandatory review every two years.

Brill stated that she admires the faculty for their ability to put students first and thanked them for their work on rebuilding the curriculum.

Other business and announcements

Chuck Marsh announced that he will be collecting donations for Relay for Life in honor of deceased Professors Katich and Ginn.

Noland announced that Kappa Tau Alpha will be meeting in 100 ST-F immediately following the graduate recognition ceremony and that this is the 100th anniversary of KTA.

Brill asked for any words of wisdom to add to her graduation recognition ceremony speech. She also encouraged all faculty to check their email over the summer for requests and other information pertaining to the upcoming accreditation site visit.

Meeting adjourned for fiesta and farewell to Dick Nelson, retiring KJHK-TV general manager