

**School of Journalism
Faculty Meeting
September 12, 2014**

Those in attendance: Brett Akagi, Chris Bacon, Barbara Barnett, Genelle Belmas, Tim Bengtson, Kerry Benson, Peter Bobkowski, Ann Brill, Yvonne Chen, Joseph Erba, Pam Fine, Mugur Geana, Penny Hodge, Carol Holstead, Jammie Johnson, Tien Lee, Denise Linville, Chuck Marsh, Lisa McLendon, Kelli Nichols, Patty Noland, Jon Peters, Scott Reinardy, Janet Rose, Hyunjin Seo, Susanne Shaw, Eric Thomas, Max Utsler, Gayle Vannicola, Tom Volek and Doug Ward.

Ola Faucher, Mike Rounds and Emily Hensley of Human Resources discussed the Affordable Care Act and how students' time reporting can affect their benefit eligibility. Dean Brill reminded supervisors to monitor student assistants' hours reported and said work study eligible students are exempt from the ACA rule. GTA's are identified as instructors of record eliminating their need to report hours.

September 13-19 has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Week @ KU. Brill complimented the UDK on their reporting on the subject. Media Crossroads Good Morning KU will promote the awareness week. Faculty discussed how to handle conversations about sexual assault with students and how to help them feel safe.

Follow up on other topics discussed at the faculty/staff retreat:

Recruiting – Ashley Anguiano thanked all faculty and staff for attending the student welcome in August. Brill complimented her on the design of the new recruitment brochure to be distributed at the upcoming JEA convention in Washington, DC.

Update Diversity Plan – Barbara Barnett, Joseph Erba, Jerry Crawford, Monique Robinson and Ashley Anguiano are updating the School's diversity plan. Barnett asked those interested in helping to let her know.

Graduate programs – Doug Ward announced KU Libraries are on board with our master program certificate program. Tom Volek said the proposal is awaiting approval and faculty will vote on it at the next faculty meeting.

Summer School – The J-School will partner with the School of Business in a 321 degree (three years–two degrees–one great job!) including a summer immersion experience of 12 hours.

Transfer task force (Strat Comm, News Info, Advising, Student) – The proposal of transfer of hours between JCCC and the J-School will be headed by Ward.

Online courses – strategy – Ward will help guide this as Assoc. Director at CTE. A two-year strategy is needed.

Opportunities for faculty and staff recognition – Let Dean Brill know if you are interested in promoting this.

Announcement: Generations, Sept. 25 – 27, 2014

Meeting adjourned.

Priorities for AY 2014-2015 – Recruiting great students; Embracing comprehensive diversity; Implementing revised graduate programs; Focusing online curriculum development; increasing grants/awards/publications; Fundraising