

School of Journalism
Faculty Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2013

Faculty and staff in attendance: Barbara Barnett, Bob Basow, Tim Bengtson, Kerry Benson, Peter Bobkowski, Ann Brill, John Broholm, Jeff Browne, Cal Butcher, Jerry Crawford, Pam Fine, Malcolm Gibson, David Guth, Penny Hodge, Carol Holstead, Jammie Johnson, Tien Lee, Chuck Marsh, Lisa McLendon, Kelli Nichols, Patty Noland, Marilyn Rausch, Scott Reinardy, Hyunjin Seo, Max Utsler, Gayle Vannicola, Natasha Veaser, Tom Volek, Doug Ward, Bryan Wilcox and Mike Williams.

Bryan Wilcox, Multimedia Newsroom Coordinator, discussed student e-portfolios. Assoc. Dean Barbara Barnett discussed the use of portfolios in assessment and Asst. Prof. Jerry Crawford and Career Development Coordinator Patty Noland discussed their usefulness for internships and job searches.

Barnett met with Vice Provost for Student Affairs Tammara Durham. Durham confirmed that the Office of Student Affairs can investigate and help with contacting students who have stopped attending classes. J-School Student Services will advise students to build their faculty mentoring teams and students will be asked for their input on how to stop plagiarism.

Assoc. Dean Tom Volek asked faculty to think of themselves as recruitment and retention coordinators of graduate students. He invited faculty to review applications received for MS and Ph.D. degrees.

News/Information Track Chair Scott Reinardy reported three areas of concentration will be created in the track – sports, politics and business. Students will be able to choose four courses from a course list.

Strategic Communications Track Chair Tien Lee reported that retired professor Linda Lee has partially funded a scholarship to be awarded for students' study abroad travel. Emails will be sent to faculty requesting additional donations to endow the fund.

Promotion and Tenure Chair Chuck Marsh reported the P&T committee will meet to review current deadlines.

Dean Ann Brill asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Dec. 7 curriculum meeting. Bob Basow moved to approve the minutes and Tom Volek seconded the motion. Discussion was followed by a vote with all in favor.

Brill suggested students be asked for their ideas on how to improve the functionality of room 105 in Stauffer-Flint.

Assoc. Prof. David Guth has been awarded sabbatical leave during the 2014 spring semester. He will research how rural Kansas community journalists continue to survive in the 21st century.

William Allen White day is scheduled for Feb. 8 and the Journalism Career Fair is scheduled for March 6.

Meeting adjourned.