

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

Those in attendance: Julie Adam, Brett Akagi, Chris Bacon, Barbara Barnett, Bob Basow, Genelle Belmas, Kerry Benson, Ann Brill, John Broholm, Cal Butcher, Yvonne Chen, Kelly Crane, Jerry Crawford, Joseph Erba, Pam Fine, Muger Geana, David Guth, Penny Hodge, Carol Holstead, Jammie Johnson, Tien Lee, Denise Linville, Chuck Marsh, Lisa McLendon, Corrie Moore, Kelli Nichols, Patty Noland, Jon Peters, Janet Rose, Hyunjin Seo, Susanne Shaw, Eric Thomas, Max Utsler, Gayle Vannicola, Tom Volek, Doug Ward and Mike Williams.

Announcements (Brill) The State of Kansas budget news looked good. Bob Dotson was selected to receive the WAWF 2015 National Citation award in April. Arianne Marcoux joined CEHCUP as a temporary worker.

Search update (Holstead) Ten applications were received for the assistant professor position with a courtesy appointment to KU's Center of East Asian Studies. The search committee will search for applicants with a focus on East Asian Studies.

Course evaluations going online (Brill) The switch to on-line student evaluations of teaching was set to begin in spring 2015. Kelli Nichols and Doug Ward will search for ways to ensure high on-line evaluation responses.

Time to degree change (Benson) The curriculum committee proposed the degree completion amendment below.

*"Students requesting a completion of their journalism major may return within five years of the last class they attended as an enrolled student and complete their coursework under the requirements in place at the time they left. They must maintain continuous enrollment to finish their coursework after they re-enroll.*

*If it's been longer than five years, students may be readmitted under whatever the current requirements are in place when they return. If courses are no longer available, substitution of courses is at the discretion of the associate and assistant deans. All parameters may be, as they are now, at the discretion of the assistant and associate deans together."*

After discussion, Genelle Belmas moved that the proposal be adopted and Muger Geana seconded. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Overview of outside courses and recruitment (Nichols) Nichols discussed what courses students are taking outside of the J-School. She informed faculty of J-School students' minors, study abroad, etc., and explained the double majors with CLAS and Business. She and Ashley Anguiano put together a list of students currently being recruited and asked for faculty volunteers to call them to help with their recruitment.

Update on graduate certificates (Ward) Ward, Chen and Volek will have more discussion with the university graduate committee about creating the proposed program that will include certificates and degrees.

Update on academic year priorities (Brill – see below) Anguiano is recruiting great students and bringing them to campus and the School in groups. She and several faculty attended the JEA/NSPA conference that hosted 6000 students in D.C.; Barbara Barnett will be in charge of

embracing comprehensive diversity when she returns from her spring 2015 sabbatical; we are not where we want to be with implementing revised graduate programs but we will get there; Brill and fellow deans have an interest in knowing what the plan for focusing online curriculum development is on campus; Brill asked faculty how they are achieving increasing grants/awards/publications. Geana discussed the merging of KUMC and KUCR and suggested faculty pool resources; fundraising efforts will exceed the School's goal and the Lee Young professorship is being established.

Meeting adjourned for lunch

Priorities for AY 2014-2015: recruiting great students; embracing comprehensive diversity; implementing revised graduate programs; focusing online curriculum development; increasing grants/awards/publications; fundraising