Minutes of the January 26, 2012 Meeting
UWW Department of Communication
Heide Hall Rm 113
3:35 pm


Meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm.

The agenda was approved unanimously on a Robinson/Casey motion.

The December 8, 2011 minutes were approved with attendance corrections by a Herriott/Hixson motion.

Old Business:
Advising: Brady asked that Journalism faculty stay after the meeting to go over some changes to the check sheets. She also asked that faculty keep reminding students about advising dates.

Assessment: Davis talked about the graduate LEAP project/workshop and Kranenburg/Lowell about their internship LEAP project.

Curricular Work: Curriculum groups gave updates on the progress that has been made. Most groups met with Vogl-Bauer as well to assist in the assessment portion. Vogl-Bauer cautioned that no two curriculum groups’ learning outcomes should be too similar.

Online Course Evaluations: Penington reported that we had about a 60 to 80% feedback on the evaluations from fall. We are still waiting to process the summary sheet but hope to have that soon. Discussion followed regarding open ended questions and the possibility of changing those and not doing that portion online.

Fall Teaching Schedules: Penington announced that faculty should have received their fall schedule and to let herself or Ridgeman know by Monday if changes need to be made.

New Business:
Curriculum proposal by Robinson for Great Moments in Cinema. This is the second reading and effective Spring 2013. Robinson addressed questions and concerns by faculty. Herriott made a motion to approve the proposal with noted changes from faculty; second by Brady. Motion carried.

Curriculum proposal by Herriott/Striker for Game Zombie Audio and Producer. This is the first reading for these proposals. The purpose of these proposals is to clarify the different roles students are doing for GameZombie. Concerns were brought up regarding contact hours for practicums. It was suggested that Herriott meet with Bob Mertens regarding set up of these courses. Herriott thanked the faculty for the feedback.
Penington congratulated the following department award winners:
Frederick: Teaching; Wachanga: Research; Service: Brady; Advising: Welch; Instructional Staff: Lucas

**Committee Reports:**
Faculty Senate: Brady said they have not met this semester yet.

Comm Generalist Search: Baus said they are in the process of conducting phone interviews in order to make final decision on who to bring to campus.

TV Director Search: Hixson said they have about 40 applicants to date and that anticipated date for interviews is the first to second week of March.

International/Intercultural: Lucas said much progress has been done on the travel study webpage and it should be up soon.

Scholarship: Brady said dates will be narrowed down soon as to when our scholarships are due.

Visiting Artist Proposals: Hixson/Robinson proposal accepted for Brad Lichtenstein who will be coming to campus on April 3rd & 4th. He will be presenting in Mead’s Cable TV Production class, Striker’s Video Production class, Robinson’s Cinema class, and Wachanga’s Mass Comm class. There will also be a screening of his film in MG101 on the 4th at 6:15 pm.

Brady’s has a visiting artist coming from Central Michigan on April 19th & 20th and will be talking about radio drama in Robinson’s History of Mass Media classes.

Herriott’s proposal for EAR (Electro Acoustic Reed) with musicians and robots is scheduled for February 6th.

Penington reminded department about the upcoming March 12, Creative Enterprise Symposium, to which one of our Communication Advisory Board members is bringing speakers to campus.

**Announcements:**
January birthdays were observed.

Congratulations to Vogl-Bauer on her Interpersonal Textbook.

Congratulations to Wachanga on his appointment as African Advisor for the Freedom House (Freedom of the Press) Committee.

Congratulations to Robinson, Davis and Wildermuth on accepted book chapters and to Welch on article for the International Journal of Listening.

Congratulations to Striker on passing prelims and becoming a dissertator.

Vogl-Bauer asked faculty for their votes as she is wishing to serve on the Committees on Committees for NCA.
Congratulations to Herriott on the arrival of his newborn daughter and to Penginton on her new granddaughter!

Vogl-Bauer announced that she will be a featured guest on WFAW (Radio) on February 14th to talk about relationships.

Brady encouraged faculty to join the Whitewater Faculty Association and due are $20.00.

Congratulations to Fishburn on nomination for Wisconsin Teaching Scholar.

Fishburn announced that he will be holding second annual GameJam this weekend at Whitewater.

Motion to adjourn at 4:55 pm by Herriott/Lowell.