

Spring 2014 Faculty Meeting Minutes Jan. 10 Meeting

In attendance:

Tony Silvia
Paul Wang
Deni Elliott
Casey Peterson
Donovan Myrie
Casey Frechette
Mark Walters
David Snyder
Mary Shedden

Absent:

Monica Ancu (Leave)

WUSF staff joined us for the first part of the meeting following the ribbon cutting for the new USFSP/WUSF studio.

In attendance for WUSF:

Steve Newborn
Carol Gentry
Mary Shedden

Steve: Mary will be working out of USFSP offices Mondays, and Carol Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Carol: Students who work with us are first tested to see what they know about health policies/systems, so we can understand the gain over the semester. Not generally taught, but important. Lottie Watts trains interns to key them into important stories nationally and especially with a local tie-in. We police what's being published because we know about the system, and we find mistakes. Learning to summarize while staying accurate and (eventually) posting.

Mary: All happens 6:30-10:00 a.m. Deadline driven. Interesting to watch news judgment develop.

Carol: We have a chance to give feedback and explain changes/corrections we make to student work. Web/radio projects are other opportunities.

Mark: We have ARPs/Final Projects, and it would be helpful to give those students an outlet for at least some of their work.

Deni: Faculty can help to identify good candidates as proposals come in. Lotti may be a good first contact point.

Carol: Yes, and since she's not here, we (Carol, Mary) can provide face to face.

Steve: We can also bring students with us out on the field for recording/collection experience.

Deni: **Mary designated as point of contact.**

Carol: Summer internships always a challenge to fill.

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Deni: Going forward, we'd like to identify critical assignments along with competencies.

Casey F.: *Accreditation/ALC recap Specifying critical assignments on syllabi.*

Deni: Please review summer and fall schedules (**these are distributed**) and let me know if you have any concerns about your assignments.

Donovan: Mary and I have worked out a common syllabus for MMC2100.

Mary: Same schedule, same textbook, same assignments. I have a lab-style class since we meet once a week, but very similar otherwise.

Donovan: We also have a shared Dropbox with PPT slides.

Mary: Only 6 of 15 in mine are Mass Comm. students.

Deni: Since MMC2100 is now a pre-major course.

Mary: We also have the same deadlines and the same three chances to pass the Language Primer.

Deni: We have three courses going forward for Gen Ed Course development due March 11. Proposals are due 2/7 or sooner. We should focus on course content as opposed to delivery mechanism. In addition to the form, we also need the syllabus.

Deni: For student final projects, the idea is to have proposals and committees in place the semester before.

Paul: There's been a lack of advising, so students didn't know what we're expecting. We have seen some progress on proposals this week. Committee members, and especially chairs should let students know these are special circumstances, and we're not lowering our standards in reviewing work going forward.

Review of students / committees.

Paul: I will send emails to students encouraging them to talk to their committees. ARPs have an absolute drop-dead date of finals week, though we should schedule deadlines sooner. Theses need to be submitted in mid-March.

Deni: Please work with students to establish timelines. Propose Friday, April 18 as day for end-of-semester

Tony: I'd like to ask Paul to assist in these examining this topic. Missouri has a number of specialized five-year tracks. Arizona and Marywood take different approaches. One question we come back to is whether we pare back on the number of credits in the undergrad program.

Deni: I think the approach is to keep the existing programs in tact but offer this 4+1 as a new addition.

Deni: We have \$3500 that needs to be spent by June 30, 2014. Look at what you'd like to do. Put together a budget. Let me know but end of the month. DL funds (for DL-related work) is above and beyond this, as an additional \$500.

Paul: We have advising up soon for undergrads in March. For grad program advising, I will work with Casey P. on a new adviser/advisee list. Can talk about courses, ARP/thesis issues, etc.

Another aspect of this is recruiting, and it's another big topic I'm working through. I'll work with all the committees and chairs to make sure we give enough support during the projects.

Tony: I think a proposal-writing workshop would be a really valuable thing.

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Tony: Still trying to decide about face-to-face meetings for internships this semester. If not, weekly updates will be posted online.

Deni: Lane is meeting in PRW 107 for NNB. She has a semi-open meeting Jan. 16 called "20 Tips for Finding Story Ideas." 1—11 a.m. Faculty invited, and JOU2100/3308 students only.

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Deni: Please try to come to commencement. We want as many of us there as possible. May 4. 6 p.m.