Department of Journalism Meeting, October 7, 2014

Begin 4:05 p.m.

Faculty Attending: Calvert, Carlson, Dodd, Foley, Freeman, Kalyanaraman, Kaplan, Lewis, McAdams, Rodgers, Sheehan, Spiker, Tripp, Wells

Minutes from 9/9 meeting approved.

Freeman updated faculty on visit from Bill Frakes, Sports Illustrated photographer. Sheehan suggested alerting TEL, whose advisory council will be in town.

Spiker requested volunteers for marshals for December commencement ceremonies.

Lewis reported from the curriculum committee and brought a request for changes in the department equipment requirement. Changes approved unanimously. Dodd suggested alerting the other departments of the changes because they have followed ours, especially in common courses.

Spiker passed around draft of catalog copy with changes suggested by faculty in late summer. He requested any further edits before the department votes on changes.

Calvert updated the department on the current search. At this point, 26 applications have been received. He encouraged faculty to individually network to qualified candidates.

Spiker reviewed the Advisory Council schedule for the upcoming meeting and faculty briefly discussed proposals for changes in council bylaws.

The faculty reviewed SLO data from the spring. Rodgers said that it is difficult to analyze data where current measurement rubrics do not provide complete picture. Lewis said purpose of SLO is to have measuring stick to analyze what, if any, changes the department should make. Spiker reviewed suggestion of curriculum committee to develop a set of specific skill outcomes that we could all like our majors to graduate with. This specific list of skills may become the basis of new SLOs, or at least an additional measuring stick for student learning outcomes.

The faculty discussed ideas for distance/graduate certificate programs, including ideas in health, non-fiction book writing, coding, social media and journalism, data acquisition and analysis, and others. Spiker said it was important the department begin to develop distance programs.

Kaplan announced the salary equity committee would be meeting and any concerns should be directed toward him to bring up at the committee meeting.

Foley expressed concern over flaw in Canvas exam-upload system.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Ted Spiker