Department of Journalism Meeting, March 23, 2015

Begin 12:50 p.m.

Faculty Attending: Calvert, Carlson, Chance, Dodd, Foley, Freeman, Kalyanaraman, Kaplan, Lewis, Sheehan, Spiker, Tripp, Wanta

Minutes from 2/23 meeting approved.

On behalf of the faculty, Lewis used three “whereas” phrases, congratulated Spiker on appointment as permanent department chair.

Chance updated faculty on agenda for Freedom of Information conference. Sheehan updated on visit of ONA award winners. Spiker mentioned Brazilian environmental journalist coming to campus. Spiker updated on Advisory Council visit. Dodd noted that it was good for our visitors to see all of the enrichment opportunities available for students.

Faculty reviewed curriculum objectives. Kalyanaraman asked if we should include innovation. Sheehan said word gets overused. Innovation included in some of the objectives, maybe belongs in a preamble. Dodd suggested changing Writing Mechanics to Writing (and including mechanics as part of it).

For search, Dodd suggested contacting Treise to find out most successful research subject groups/specialization areas, in hopes that new hire could feel part of an already established team/Carlson said it could also go other way with new subject area of research. Calvert suggested candidate have previous journalism experience to support area vacated when Armstrong left. Wanta suggested fliers at conferences as well as traditional methods. Kalyanaraman suggested flier for grad student reception.

Spiker reminded faculty to fill out textbook adoptions and sign up for one-on-one meetings.

Meeting adjourned around 1:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Ted Spiker