Department of Journalism Meeting, April 6, 2015

Begin 12:52 p.m.

Faculty Attending: Calvert, Carlson, Chance, Dodd, Foley, Freeman, Lewis, McAdams, Rodgers, Sheehan, Spiker, Wells

Also attending: Treise

Minutes from 3/23 meeting approved.

Treise gave overview of curriculum ideas form master’s task force. She reviewed research, need for curriculum revamps, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (she passed out report of all). Overview: Two master’s tracks—one would be PhD prep, the other cross-discipline professional track.

Spiker recapped Advisory Council visit, reported that everyone seemed happy with visit. He told faculty that Council members would like to have more interaction during year, so faculty should feel free to ask members for Skype sessions and for any other opportunities that may work. Idea of term limits was discussed, will be continued conversation at administrative level. Spiker encouraged faculty to submit names for nomination to Council.

Spiker said he would be passing around a form for faculty member to give preference of service assignments with the goal of ensuring fair distribution of service assignments for 2015-16.

Faculty discussed document of College’s goals. Calvert suggested adding item on teaching. Chance suggested item on First Amendment and democracy. McAdams suggested goal around emerging technology. Several faculty members discussed metrics and the fact that these aren’t really goals because they aren’t specific, actionable or measurable. Spiker took notes and will submit department’s input to administration.

Curriculum committee introduced plan for track within JOU major (Sports and Media); committee approved. Spiker reviewed plan (developed primarily by John Wright) with goals of serving need for students and increasing enrollment in the JOU major. After short discussion, faculty decided to vote on proposal. Faculty unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned around 2 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Ted Spiker