

**College of Journalism & Communications Faculty Senate
Minutes of the February 1, 2018 meeting**

Members attending: Carla Fisher, Eunice Kim, Norm Lewis, Kay Tappan, Wayne Wanta, Mary Ann Ferguson, Churchill Roberts

Members not attending: Michael Leslie

Others attending: Debbie Treise, Deanna Pelfrey

Agenda Item	Discussion and/or action taken	Follow-up
Call to order	Tappan called the meeting to order at 1:57 p.m.	
Meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes from the 1-18-18 meeting were unanimously approved. 	
Graduate Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treise gave an overview of the Graduate Committee. This committee oversees graduate student awards; she also went over a new defense attendance policy. • Treise reported that beginning in fall 2018, there will be an increase in funding for Ph.D. students. The Provost also agreed to fund research assistants. The point of this increase is to attract the most competitive candidates. 	
Research Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treise announced that the Committee is again facilitating the third Research Symposium. The 26 submissions were excellent, both in terms of quality and diversity of topics. • Doctoral students in the fall 2017 cohort are currently enrolled in the first required grants writing class. • The Committee also selects award winners, for example the Faculty Research Award and the Summer Faculty Research Award. That selection process will take place this semester. 	
Faculty Development and Welfare Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pelfrey gave an update on the Faculty Development and Welfare Committee. • The Committee facilitated the Tenure and Promotion Workshop on January 17. • The Committee has begun to do research on 	

	<p>mentoring best practices at other universities and other colleges at UF, including the law school and school of medicine. The Committee plans to review this research for the remainder of this semester and potentially into the fall semester before coming back with some recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The other task the Committee is working on is the well-being of faculty more generally (not just as it pertains to junior faculty and promotion). The Committee is researching aspirational programs, such as a conference in 2016, Launching SUNY Initiatives in Mindfulness and Health, that could inform a mindfulness and well-being program here. The Committee would like this to be considered for the faculty retreat in the fall. 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tappan noted that the Faculty Senate would soon need to form an election sub-committee. She also noted Churchill Roberts is rolling off the University Faculty Senate and will need to be replaced. 	

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Kay Tappan