

**Minutes of the September 11, 2018 Meeting of the College of Journalism and Communications Faculty Senate, Gator Vision Conference Room, 1:55-2:45 p.m.**

Present: Ferguson, Mary Ann; Chen, Huan; Fisher, Carla L; Roberts, Churchill L. III; Rodgers, Ronald; Leslie, Michael.

Absent: Bylund, Carma; Sheehan, Matt.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The chair suggested we discuss what we wanted to focus our work on during the present academic year. After some discussion, there was consensus that, given the many changes afoot in the college, we would like the dean to meet with us to give perspective on what these changes bode for the faculty of the college. In particular, it was requested that the dean be invited to address the following questions:

- 1) What are the implications for our college of adding 15 more people on top of the 15 new faculty already hired?
- 2) What is the direction in which we are headed with these additions?
- 3) How are the new faculty being hired going to be absorbed?
- 4) Considering the low enrollment in graduate courses and the prospect of class cancellations due to under enrollment, what will be the assignments for those faculty whose classes are cancelled?
- 5) Where will we find the students to populate the new graduate courses that the new graduate faculty joining us will want to teach?
- 6) What are the undergraduate courses the new faculty will be assigned to teach?
- 7) How is UF online impacting the growth of our online graduate and professional programs impacting enrollment in our live classroom courses?
- 8) What does the decline in admittees to our Ph.D. program mean for the Ph.D. faculty who have ongoing research programs that depend on having doctoral students?
- 9) What can we do as a college to stimulate enrollment from Asia, which has experienced a precipitous drop?
- 10) Given our limited physical facilities, what role do faculty play in determining how our facilities are used?

Churchill Roberts agree to serve as interim vice-chair of our senate until a permanent vice-chair is elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The next senate meeting was schedule for October 11, 2018.

(Minutes taken my Michael Leslie, Faculty Senate Chair)