College of Journalism and Communications Department of Public Relations UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

PUBLIC RELATIONS FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2020, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Zoom

Attending: Natalie Asorey, Angela Bradbery, Carma Bylund, Ann Christiano, Alejandra Delgado, Marcia DiStaso, Mary Ann Ferguson, Pat Ford, Jay Hmielowski, Linda Hon, Myiah Hutchens, Spiro Kiousis, Moon Lee, Rita Men, Mickey Nall, and Nyree Wright.

I. Meeting started at 9 a.m. and DiStaso welcomed new faculty members, Angela Bradbery and Nyree Wright.

II. Committees

- Faculty voted on Pat Ford to join the teaching and curriculum committee, and it was passed with a unanimous vote.
- Myiah Hutchens volunteered to chair the faculty salary equity committee and she will be joined by Mickey Nall and Jay Hmielowski.

III. Curriculum

- DiStaso gave update on curriculum. She mentioned that website had been updated to reflect the changes to new and incoming students.
- Ferguson gave update on graduate program. She discussed the number of graduate students that applied, how many ended up joining, and how many deferred until spring. She also mentioned that they are in the process of redeveloping the master's tracks.
- DiStaso will send the numbers for the online master's program asap.

IV. Old/New Business

- Faculty discussed COVID-19 concerns in regards to classes and students and best practices.
- DiStaso discussed protocols for reporting when a student identifies that they have tested positive for COVID-19.
- She asked faculty to think about their plan B in case of technology issues, natural disasters or anything that may affect virtual classes.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.