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

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS FACULTY MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2020, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Zoom

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

I. Minutes were approved from 9-17-20.

#### II. Course Leads

• DiStaso talked about assigning course leads to classes and faculty discussed. They agreed it would be good to have them (especially for core classes). More information to come.

#### III. Bylaws

- DiStaso discussed the department's bylaws with faculty and asked if they thought any changes were needed.
- Ferguson suggested having a meeting dedicated to review the college's and department's bylaws and another meeting will be set for that purpose.

### IV. Honors

- DiStaso discussed the current honors requirements and process for students submitting applications.
- Faculty discussed potential issues and problems with the current process and changes that could be made to ensure students that do qualify are able to graduate with honors.
- In addition to all the reminders that the PATH office sends, the department will send reminders to students in the future and will also tell faculty to remind students through classes.

## V. Diversity/Cultural Awareness/Internationalization

- DiStaso discussed the need to figure out how we are assessing diversity, cultural awareness, and internationalization with faculty.
- Faculty discussed ideas, suggestions, trainings, and documents that they recommended would be helpful for classes and personal growth.
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.