

## Minutes of the Faculty Meeting

The November Faculty Meeting was held on Tuesday the 20th at 4:00 in COM 209. Those present were Dean Fiedler, Associate Dean Shanahan, Assistant Dean Sabovik, Professors' Bayles, Berkovitz, Boches, Cakebread, Carroll, Carter, Danielpour, Doherty, Donohue, Downes, Egleson, Fauls, Hall, Johnson, Katz, Kauffmann, Lambert, Lee, Lehr, Manoff, Merzbacher, Mills, Perron, Quigley, Rafeizadeh, Rand, Schneider, Sahl, Shorr, Southwick, Starr, Supa, Thompson, Trust, Ureneck, Verret, Vigil, Walsh, Walker, Waller, Wright, Wu, Zelnick.

1. Dean Fiedler opened up the meeting making a motion to approve October Faculty Minutes. Motion made, seconded and approved.
2. Professor Berkovitz introduced two proposals from the Curriculum Committee. First proposal was for a Journalism Internship. Faculty discussion about internships followed. Finally motion was made, seconded and approved. Second proposal was for a new Mass Communication course, *Contemporary Health Communication*. Motion made, seconded and approved.
3. Professor Trust introduced the December Research Colloquium speaker, Matthew Nisbet, speaking on Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> on, *Visions on a Sustainable Future: Journalists as Public Intellectuals in the Climate Change Debate*. This talk will be held in Room 209 at 4 PM on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. Professor Donohue spoke briefly about her work with the Gates Foundation and the desire to get students of all departments involved producing material on the Foundation which is primarily centered on International Reporting. Applications are being taken now for next semester for this internship, and all students are urged to apply and get involved. Website for this was also said to be going up soon. Faculty then congratulated her on her efforts with the Gates Foundation.
5. Professor Hall presented on the rise and issue of international students and its effect on the Writing Center. The Writing Center has been increasingly inundated with international students and the question is whether or not this has become problematic for the Center and the University as a whole. Professor Hall opened the discussion up to Faculty for questions or concerns or perhaps anyone with desired involvement in this matter on perhaps a larger University scale level.
6. Professor Daly discussed the importance of the Faculty Development speaker series that he has established within COM, and his interest in finding someone else to take over the organizational details and responsibilities of this lecture series so it does not die out. Anyone interested can reach out to Professor Daly or Dean Fiedler.
7. Dean Fiedler discussed cautious news to the Faculty that graduate enrollment has dipped just a bit, yet Early Decision acceptances have increased from last year by 38.6%

8. Dean Fiedler made motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded and approved

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45