***Minutes***

Department of Communication Studies and Foreign Languages

Fernando Mayoral, Chair

Friday, March 11th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| **Guests** |  |  |  |
| Susel Ramos | x |  |  |
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| **Faculty** |  |  |  |
| Fernando Mayoral | x |  |  |
| Alessandro Cesarano | x |  |  |
| Ann Eastman | x |  |  |
| Evan Johnson | x |  |  |
| William Kelvin | x |  |  |
| Katharine O´Connor | x |  |  |
| Dani Peterson | x |  |  |
| Jennifer Summary | x |  |  |
| Jamie Votraw | x |  |  |
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| **Adjunct Faculty** |  |  |  |
| Bobby MacPhail |  | x |  |
| Carol Roark | x |  |  |
| Norm Toback | x |  |  |
| Lindsay Carr | x |  |  |
| Jim Acton | x |  |  |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Marisol Hernandez Soto | x | | x |  |  |
| Becky Fahrner | x |  |  |
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
   1. Chair Fernando Mayoral called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
   1. Chair Fernando Mayoral reviews March minutes
   2. Evan moves to approve
   3. Alessandro 2nd
   4. All say aye
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
4. **Susel Ramos** (Coordinator) presents on Campus Experience
   1. Bio: undergrad in Communication
      1. taught high school French
      2. Passion for helping first-generation students
   2. Oversees the four FSW student Ambassadors, who are tour guides and do other things on campus.
      1. Helps them develop networking and leadership skills
      2. Ambassadors work on campus, get scholarship (pays for 1 class)
   3. Bill asks about *The Compass*
   4. Ms. Ramos mentions Oral Communication lab is shown on tours
   5. Ms. Ramos’ email: [suselramos@fsw.edu](mailto:suselramos@fsw.edu)
5. **REPORTS**
   1. **Jennifer Summary:**
   2. **Battle of the Buccaneers**
      1. Coming up Wednesday, April 13th
      2. Comm faculty who can stay after today’s dept meeting will vote on student video submissions
      3. We need to sign up for volunteer jobs
   3. **OER Training: July 6-8th, All day**
      1. Email was sent out about applying to the training
      2. Not many have applied, and there are slots and money left
      3. The Training covers all modalities
      4. Katie volunteered to partner with someone to develop materials for an OER SPC 2608 course
         1. Some voiced an interest
         2. A few questions about if one does/some do an OER redesign, if all have to adopt it.
         3. Evan and Bill mention flexibility and allow the status quo for those who want it or adoption of an OER curricula for those who opt in (if and when the OER curricula is developed).
      5. Katie: Dev 101 includes a module on OER
      6. Evan: what is the case for an OER redesign?
      7. Katie: the idea of moving to OER is related to the redesigned Gen Ed requirements, which dropped Comm Courses from required to elective
         1. This may lead to lower enrollment in SPC 2608 (and SPC 1017)
         2. But if we convert to an OER course, it may mitigate enrollment decline by enticing students who are looking for OER courses.
      8. **Bill** Motions that we have flexibility to either keep the existing book, OR adopt a new OER approach when developed.
      9. **Dani** mentions that English professors are able to pick their textbooks on a section-by-section basis.
      10. **Vote on Bill’s motion:**
          1. Several ayes
          2. Zero nays
          3. Three abstentions: Dani, Ann, Alessandro
   4. **DANI**
      1. Curriculum Committee passed the new Gen Eds
      2. Communication Studies courses are no longer required
      3. Will likely affect enrollment within a couple years
6. **Announcements**
   1. At the moment, sit tight and see if there is strong Fall enrollment
      1. Tough position for adjuncts, but will have to wait and see
   2. If the sections offered now fill, FSW will open more sections.
7. **Other Business**
   1. Katie: QED is hosting an “Encanto” movie screening
      1. Charlotte: Tuesday, March 29th, 5:00 pm
   2. Katie successfully defended her PhD
   3. Fernando: thanks to those who helped at the Open House
   4. Bill: going to International Comm Association in Paris in May
   5. Jennifer got Continuing Contract
8. **Adjourn:**
   1. Dani: motions to adjourn
      1. Bill seconds
      2. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Evan Johnson