***Minutes***

Department of Communication Studies and Foreign Languages

Fernando Mayoral, Chair

Friday, April 8th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| **Guests** |  |  |  |
| Ashley Kuhn | x |  |  |
| Brian Page | 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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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| **Adjunct Faculty** |  |  |  |
| Bobby MacPhail |  |  |  |
| Carol Roark | x |  |  |
| Norm Toback | x |  |  |
| Lindsay Carr |  |  |  |
| Jim Acton | x |  |  |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Marisol Hernandez Soto | x | |  |  |  |
| Becky Fahrner |  |  |  |
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# Call to order

## Chair Fernando Mayoral calls the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

# Approval of minutes

## Department reviews the March minutes.

## Johnson moves to approve the minutes.

## Cesarano seconds the motion.

## All present say “aye”. March minutes are approved.

# Special Guests: Dr. Ashley Kuhn (Associate Director, Academic Advising) and Dr. Brian Page (Associate Dean, SoAHSS)

## Kuhn describes the history behind the Pathways Initiative in Florida, at other institutions in Florida, and the efforts being made currently at FSW.

## Kuhn and Page show the current Communication Studies Pathway being worked on at FSW.

### The department faculty members discuss the Pathway. (The discussion includes: the logical order of the classes by semester, a good “light-my-fire” course for Communication Studies Pathway, the courses at FSW that would be most transferable to other institutions, and how there are other pathways at FSW that will include Communication Studies courses.)

### The Communication Studies faculty discusses the impact of this pathway on teaching schedules.

## Kuhn and Page show the current Journalism Pathway.

### The department faculty members discuss the Pathway. (The discussion includes: a missing course that should be added, adding a possible internship, adding political science courses, how this Pathway might include the writing certificate [which is currently being collaborated on by members of this department and the English department], and how this pathway might include all of the pre-requisite courses for FGCU’s program.)

## Department faculty members remind Kuhn and Page of the current name of SPC 1017 of “Fundamentals of Communication Studies”, which is not updated in all of the Pathways paperwork.

# Reports from the Department

## Dr. Alessandro Cesarano gives an update on the Italian Club and the Italian Program

### In collaboration with the Center for International Education, Cesarano will be giving a series of lectures called “Italian Cultures for Beginners”. This will be given on Fridays, both on campus and through Zoom.

### In collaboration with FATI (Florida Association of Teachers of Italian), Cesarano is helping to coordinate Ciaoitalia Sarasota, a symposium for Italian language and culture.

#### This will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th.

#### Cesarano has FEE funding to invite some faculty and students from FSW to this event. (If interested, speak to Cesarano or Wendie Thompson about attending this event.)

## Dr. Jennifer Summary gives an update on Battle of the Buccaneers and the OER SPC 2608.

### Summary gives the following information about the Battle of the Buccaneers: the five finalists have been selected, information needs to be put on Banner for promotion, at the even there will be door prizes, and the judges will be Whitney Rhyne, Dr. Evan Johnson, and Bobby MacPhail. The even will take place on Wednesday, April 13th. Summary encourages everyone to arrive early.

### Summary announces that Jamie Votraw, Katharine O’Connor, and William Kelvin will be collaborating to develop an OER SPC 2608 course.

## Professor Fernando Mayoral gives report on the Learning Assessment Committee.

### Jennifer Summary was elected to be the LAC chair starting Fall 2022.

### Mayoral informs the department that due to Summary’s new position, there needs to be a new LAC coordinator for Communication Studies.

### Summary nominates William Kelvin. O’Connor and Johnson second the motion (at the same time). The motion passes.

### Kelvin is the LAC coordinator for Communication Studies starting Fall 2022.

# Announcements

## Happy Birthday to Bobby MacPhail.

## Reminder: Battle of the Buccaneers will be on April 13, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

## The department (and their families) are invited the men’s baseball game on April 23, at the City of Palms Park.

### The game is at 1:00 pm, and more information will be given later about parking, which door to enter, and any other information.

## If you are teaching any courses over the summer, please send all syllabi to Mayoral. (Currently, Dr. Page is waiting for the current courses to fill before opening any more courses during the summer semester.)

## Dani Peterson was elected to chair the General Education Advisory Council (GEAC) starting in Fall 2022.

# Other business

## Summary reminds the Communication Studies faculty that there will be meeting to review the assessment rubric on May 2nd.

# Meeting adjourns

## Johnson moves to adjourn the meeting.

## Kelvin seconds the motion.

## All vote in favor.

## Mayoral adjourns the meeting at 11:06 am.

(Minutes respectfully submitted by Dani Peterson.)