Minutes

Department of Communication Studies and Foreign Languages

Fernando Mayoral, Chair

Friday, January 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

 Via Zoom

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| **Guests** |  |  |  |
| Jane Charles | 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 | x |  |  |
| Carol Roark | x  |  |  |
| Norm Toback | x  |  |  |
| Jim Acton | x |  |  |
| Ladan Jalinousi | x |  |  |
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| Myra Walters | x |

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# Call to order

## Chair Fernando Mayoral calls the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

# Approval of minutes

## Faculty members review the December minutes.

## Dani Peterson moves to approve the minutes.

## Alessandro Cesarano seconds the motion.

## December minutes are approved.

# Reports from the Department

## A. Jamie Votraw reports on the Battle of the Bucs

1. Votraw mentions that the Battle of the Bucs is scheduled for April 5 at 3:30 p.m. in the Rush Auditorium.

2. Votraw mentions that she secured an additional $500 in grant money. She now has $1,000 to be used for student awards, etc.

3. Mayoral asks how this event will be advertised. Votraw says she will reach out to Student Engagement regarding a campus banner to promote the Battle of the Bucs and will send an email to our group.

4. Votraw mentions that students will be allowed to do informative or persuasive speeches this year.

5. Votraw mentions that she is inviting an outside speaker as a “celebrity guest judge” for the judging panel. She adds that this is still in the works, but has secured a $250 honorarium to do so.

6. Summary asks if there is a stipend for the fall. Jamie says she isn’t sure yet.

 B. Bill Kelvin reports on Professional Development

1. Kelvin mentions that he is trying to work out a date with Joe Van Gaalen, who will review the fall semester assessment results at our Professional Development Meeting.

2. Kelvin adds that, among other things, we will discuss the Informative Speech Rubric, specifically oral citations, support, and attire.

3. Roark offers that we should not relax the dress standards.

 C. Katie O’Connor reports on the Creative Capstone program.

1. O’Connor mentions that the next Behind the Research event titled “Love and Pleasure” will be held on January 25, followed by “Hunger” on January 27.

2. O’Connor mentions that she is applying for a $500 Creative Capstone grant.

 D. Alessandro Cesarano reports on the Italian Program

 1. Cesarano mentions that the Italian Club currently has 26 members.

2. Cesarano offers that 14 students attended yesterday’s event on the Lee Campus.

3. Cesarano mentions that the Italian Club will meet on the Charlotte Campus next week. He invites us to attend. Mayoral asks if he will feed us. Cesarano says yes.

4. Cesarano shares the website for the Italian Club: [www.italianatfsw.com](http://www.italianatfsw.com)

IV. Guest Speaker Jane Charles, Information Literacy & Assessment Librarian

A. Charles says to encourage students, especially Capstone students, to attend literacy events and to check out Micro Works that include a variety of library-related topics and are available via ZOOM.

B. Charles encourages the group to go to the online database in Canvas to become familiar with Academic Search Ultimate, which has a collection of almost 6,000 journals.

1. Without elaborating, Charles suggests that Florida’s governor is exceeding his authority by banning access to certain reading material available to students via the online database. She adds that we should share our concerns with Dr. Hodges, FSW’s Director of Library Services.

# V. Announcements

A. Fernando speaks briefly about his pending retirement, saying he was leaving after graduation this semester. He says he was hired to teach, not to be an administrator, and that his teaching career has been a wonderful experience. He says it doesn’t get any better than helping a struggling student succeed.

B. Evan mentions that the Flex/Hybrid section of MMC 1000 (Mass Media Communication) he was offering for Spring 2023 didn’t make enrollment and was canceled.

C. Dani mentions that Dr. Wendy Chase’s summer course HUM 2020 will include a two-week trip to France.

# VI. Other business

## No new business is mentioned.

# VII. Meeting adjourns

## Dani Peterson motions to adjourn the meeting.

## Bill Kelvin seconds the motion.

## Fernando Mayoral adjourns the meeting at 11:03 am.

(Minutes respectfully submitted by James Acton).