



Department of Film and Mass Media Meeting

Meeting Date: 01.30.20

Attendance: M. Ajdinovic, G. Bagley, Z. Beckler, J. Bowen, T. Brown, S. Collins, K. Coronado, Y. DeBlois, D. Doyle, R. Jones, E. Kight, W. Kinnally, P. Kohl, L. Kritzer, J. McCully, L. Mills, T. Ritter, B. Sandler, K. Shults, K. Smith, N. Twardus, D. Yonts

Excused: R. Brunson, M. Gerstein, L. Ingle, J. Kunerth, P. Peters, L. Peterson, G. Rhodes, S. Rice, B. Rubenking, L. Speere, K. Voss

Unexcused: U. Stoeckl

What's been going on:

- **Zach Beckler, Yson DeBlois, and Kate Schults** have been reviewing over 500 short films for the 2020 Florida Film Festival, April 17-26.
- **Kim Voss** was the featured speaker at Beacon College's Salon Speaker Series.
- **Yson DeBlois, Kate Schults, and Nick Twardus** are advising the Sunspot Cinema Collective and organizing the *Night Shift: Doublethink* at the Orlando Museum of Art on March 20 (a reimagining of the museum space).
- **Barry Sandler's** former Feature/TV Writing student **Vincent Befe** is featured in the recent Final Draft magazine/blog, in the article, "A Writer's Journey." He discusses his background, career, and his upcoming feature film *SUBJECT*.
- **Alejandro Watson's** film *MHD* was accepted at the Brussels Independent Film Festival.

Meeting Minutes

The November 22, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Committees Activity

AESP – Steve Collins

A committee meeting is scheduled for January 31. The committee is looking at research and creative activity. The CBA agreement changed the way the annual reports are submitted. Annual reports are due May 7; however, if you are not able to complete your report by that date, you may ask for an extension. Send Will Kinnally an email. The spring SPoIs will not be available by the May 7th deadline.

Curriculum – Kevin Smith

Committee hasn't met this semester.

Policy & Planning – Kevin Smith

Key items they are working on: facility resource and use, summer course distribution, and instructor/lecturer promotion.

Promotion/Recruitment – Kate Schults

Kate has taken over as the chair of the committee. The committee is looking at preparing a survey asking for feedback on the website.

Propose a new committee - Graduate Studies Committee – Will Kinnally

A new committee is needed to assist with graduate studies. Let Will know if you are interested in being on the committee.

Graduate Program – Will Kinnally for Phil Peters

- Recruiting at private schools.
- Recruitment is going very well; in January 2019, we had seven applications; this year, we have 33.

New Hires (1-year Visiting Lines)

- RTV will have a 1-year visiting appointment for the academic year 2020-2021. A full search will be held for a permanent position for the academic year 2021-2022 .
- Film has two open positions which are visiting for up to four years.

Brief Facility Updates

Jon Bowen & Yson DeBlois

- If you need academic equipment support, contact Jon.
- If you have any abnormal door issues, let Jon or Dylan know.
- The Film department applied for three tech fees but didn't get any.

Jim McCully and Dylan Yonts

- Won 1.5 tech fee; the News Room is getting an upgrade

NSCM Focus on “Metrics”

- FTIC Retention, Transfer Retention, 4-year Graduation Rate
- Ways to improve such as
 - o Faculty Advising – track interactions
 - o New Major Orientations & Open Houses
 - o Create an orientation-type webcourse for transfer students
 - o Identify high DFW courses
 - o Address enrollment bottlenecks
 - o Look at grade minimums for electives in major (i.e., “C”)

Course Designs & Redesigns

- FCTL – Summer conference submission deadline is March 13 (conference is May 4-7)
- Digital Learning Course Redesign Initiative Call for Proposals is February 10
<https://digitallearning.ucf.edu/ilab/cri/proposal-guidelines/>

Other Interests or Concerns

- Research the possibility of the Film and Mass Media having an Ethics course for students