



Film and Mass Media Program Meeting

Meeting Date: 12/03/20

Start: 10:33 a.m.

End: 11:40 a.m.

Attendance: M. Ajdinovic, Z. Beckler, J. Bowen, T. Brown, R. Brunson, S. Collins, K. Coronado, D. Doyle, M. Gerstein, W. Kinnally, P. Kohl, E. Kritzer, J. Kunerth, L. Mills, P. Peters, T. Ritter, B. Rubenking, K. Shults, L. Speere, N. Twardus, B. Sandler, K. Smith, K. Voss, D. Yonts

Absent: G. Bagley (Unexcused), R. Jones (Unexcused), E. Kight (Excused), L. Peterson (Excused), G. Rhodes (Unexcused), U. Stoeckl (Unexcused)

What's been going on:

- Good News -

- * **Julian Baner**, a recent MFA graduate, has a new film, *Some Southern Waters*, which can be seen on Amazon Prime.

Review of Previous Minutes

Tim Ritter made a motion to approve the 10/30/20 meeting minutes. Phil Peters seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

General Topics

- F&MM Committees – Will put on hold until January
- New Hires
 - 2 Visiting Film Instructor/Lecturer positions – Kate Shults is the search committee chair. The committee is interview seven candidates. If possible, please attend the teaching presentation. Phil Peters gave a 'shout-out' to Kate for running a smooth search committee; GOOD WORK!
 - 1 Broadcast Production Specialist I position (Yson's former position) – Interviewing three candidates.
- New Hires – Prospects for Spring Searches
 - 2 Instructor/Lecturer positions in the R-TV program
 - Putting a committee together for fall hires
 - Likely one committee for both positions

Academic and General Office Topics

- Shark Tank* RTV Internship is continuing for spring/summer
 - Received 11 or 12 applicants who applied
 - Clay Newbill approved four students for spring and summer
- Film Capstone Grants
 - Grants to senior-level students
 - One \$500 winner
 - Four \$250 winners
- Spring Scheduling – largely completed (although we do have some holes to fill)
 - Thanks to the program coordinators
 - Rick Brunson stated that students are asking what does mixed-mode mean.
 - Let the students know to prepare to come to class

- The mode will be up to the faculty
 - Make sure the students keep in contact with their instructors
- d. Student Feedback Survey Focusing on COVID-19 availability
- A survey link has been sent out
 - The survey is unanimous
 - The survey is not for evaluation; rather than information only
- e. F&MM Ethics Course
- Offer as an elective course covering all three programs.
 - Need people who want to work on building the course.
 - i. Barry Sandler volunteered for Film
 - ii. Jeff Kunerth volunteered for Journalism
 - iii. No one volunteered for Radio-Television (If you are interested, please let Will know)
- f. Spring Break
- April 11 – 18, 2021
 - Following that, the university will be all remote again

Graduate Program (Lisa Mills)

- a. Graduations
- Two MFA graduates
 - Alejandro Watson
 - Jim Mitchell
- b. Critiques
- The critique schedule was sent out
 - Critique is December 4
 - First-year students are presenting from 9 am – noon
 - Advance students are presenting from 1 pm – 5 pm
- c. General Information
- Six feature films will be produced in the summer
 - Recruiting now for fall 2021; deadline is January 15
 - Received three completed applications from new students
 - Seven applications in process
 - Seven to ten new students are communicating with Kelsey Loftus

Facility Updates

- a. Dylan & Jim
- Constantly cleaning the areas
 - Looking at adjusting production hours
 - May not have weekend hours
 - Badging access to rooms NSCM 211A, 211B, 228, 233B
 - All keys to these rooms need to be turned into Debbie
 - Lance Speere suggested production studio maintain the set policy that was used over the Thanksgiving holiday. Everyone agreed.
- b. Jon
- Nothing to report

Bringing 2020 to a close

- Thank you for everything you did to make the semester a success!
- Any positive things that happened in the semester?
 - Rick Brunson gave a 'shout-out' to Katie Coronado
 - Amount of resilience the students had
 - Was impressed by the senior portfolios
- Tim Brown thanked Kevin smith for helping him with his new course
- Will Kinnally thanked Milos for taking on an overload course
- All program coordinators have been awesome!

Next F&MM program meeting – TBD

Minutes submitted by D. Doyle