



Film and Mass Media Program Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/07/21

Start: 12:30 p.m.

End: 1:52 p.m.

Attendance: E. Adelson, Z. Beckler, J. Bowen, R. Brunson, S. Collins, K. Coronado (via phone), B. Kalin, E. Kight, W. Kinnally, P. Kohl, L. Kritzer, E. Michael, J. McCully, L. Mills, A. Myerson, D. Orand, L. Peterson, T. Ritter, B. Rubenking, B. Sandler, H. Shah, M. Shanklin, K. Shults, K. Smith, L. Speere, U. Stoeckl, G. Varela, K. Voss, M. Walsh, D. Yonts

Absent: T. Brown (Excused), R. Jones (Excused), P. Peters (Excused)

What's been going on:

- Good News -

- * **Welcome: Giovanna Varela, Visiting Lecturer and Andrew Myerson, Graduate Assistant.**
- * **Rick Brunson** – the first story with the Orlando Sentinel partnership has been published.
- * **Erica Kight** – Molly Duerig, Spectrum journalist, has volunteered to help students in Knightly News. Great opportunity for NSCM and the students.
- * **Omar Young** - (BFA capstone grant winner 2019) – *It Takes Four Years to Grow Coffee* will be featured at the Film Festival.
- * **Omar Young** – editing food documentary show on Netflix.
- * **Lisa Kritzer** – speaking at *The Infiltrators* tonight for the Latin American Film series.
- * **Zach Beckler** presents at the Spooky Empire Horror Convention for multiple panels and hosts presentations for *Horror for Beginners*.
- * **Manuel Monsalve** – won the Dziga Vertov Award for Best Editing at the Miami Underground Film Festival.
- * **Fernan Lauro Gregorio** – received Best Pop Trio at the Miami Underground Film Festival for his music video *Falling in Love at the Wii Sports Resort* by Cannibal Kids.
- * **Congratulations to** Lisa Mills for winning the UCF Luminary Award.

Visit from the school director, Dr. Robert Littlefield

- Very interested in ideas on how to interface with faculty. Please send suggestions.
- Meetings expectation –
 - o UCF President and Provost want to rebuild the campus community. They want meetings to be face-to-face. If you have a personal or medical reason that inhibits you from attending scheduled meetings, contact OIE (Office of Institutional Equity).
 - o Program meetings are to be face-to-face. However, organizational meetings can be virtual.
 - o If you miss a class or office hours, contact your program coordinator and assistant director, and submit a LAPER for the time missed.
- Orientations are mixed-mode through January 2022 per the university policy.
- Staff searches
 - o The college has approved three staff searches:
 - Graduate Admissions Specialist – will be located Downtown and will support the MFA program
 - Administrative Coordinator I – will be located Downtown. This gives the Downtown campus two coordinators.
 - One coordinator will support the Communication program, and Lisa Myles (Finance)
 - One coordinator will support the Games and Interactive Media, FIEA, and Debbie Doyle (HR)
 - There are more positions that NSCM needs and will be working on getting them:

- Admissions Counselor for NASSC – this position has always been an OPS position, but it needs to be reclassified as a permanent position
- Production person –
- Communications Specialist
- The fringe rate increased for AY 2022 for faculty increased from 29% to 31%. Each college/program is responsible for the difference.
- NSCM had to cut one visiting line position to fund these hires.
- UCF President and Provost said UCF is not going to increase enrollment.
- Teaching loads may be increased for tenured faculty to a “2-3” – faculty are working on the policy.

Program Reports

- Journalism – Lance – nothing to report
- MPM – Will – nothing to report
- Film – Tim – nothing to report

Graduate Program Report – Lisa Kritzer

- Working on an inclusion requirement – all film students must take the course.
- Feature Film Production MFA Virtual fair is Friday, October 15th, 4 – 7 p.m.
- Diana Peralta, filmmaker, producer, and writer, will be at UCF on November 15th, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., VAB 132.
- Continuing to work on assessment and curriculum issues.
- Watch for a survey from Lisa Mills regarding GTA support for spring 2022. If you need a GTA, make sure you complete the survey.

Advising Report – Rebecca Morales

- The schedule is “live.”
- Open enrollment, by appointment, starts November 1st.
- If you receive an email from a student regarding a mentor, forward the email to Lisa Mills. If you know of anyone who could be a mentor, send names to Lisa as well.

Facilities

- Dylan and Jim
 - Students do not have Adobe on their own devices
- Jon and Devon
 - The software update will be completed by the end of October.
 - Had a meeting with Teresa Dorman and others regarding NSCM 148. Requesting the room be converted from a General Purpose classroom to a Film space so that we can control it. In addition, film and MPM could use the space.
 - Getting ready for productions.
 - Thanks, everyone, for tolerating the film production area changes.

NSCM Standing Committee Reports

- Policy and Planning – Steve Collins, Bridget Rubenking – working on AESP and reviewing By-Laws
- Awards and Recognition – Patrice Kohl, Ula Stoeckl – nothing to report
- Student Success – Barry Sandler, Rick Brunson – nothing to report
- Curriculum – Zach Beckler, Kevin Smith – nothing to report

Ad Hoc Committees

- Multidisciplinary undergraduate track brainstorming – Mills, Ritter, Kinnally, Speere – nothing to report
- Multidisciplinary graduate track brainstorming – Kritzer, Kalin, Coronado, Kight, Mills, Shults – nothing
- Film Searches – Kritzer, Stoeckl, Sandler, Kinnally, Sandoval – waiting for college to approve the advertisement

Other Items

- Student complaints are really up this semester. Two areas that need improvement:
 - o Student expectations of modality – communicate to the students what your expectations are; when you are meeting face-to-face; make sure it’s listed in your syllabus
 - o COVID – working with students who have been exposed or have COVID.
- Spring 2022 textbook orders are due **October 29th**.
- We need to recruit alumni for the NSCM Alumni Mentorship Program. If you see any changes that need to be made on the school’s website, contact www.nicholsonwebmaster@ucf.edu.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Doyle

REMINDERS

Film and Mass Media Program

Film Graduate Faculty
Film Program

November 4, 2021, 12:30 p.m., NSCM 148

TBD

November 18, 2021, 12:30 p.m., NSCM 148

MPM Program

October 28, 2021, 12:00 p.m., TBD

December 02, 2021, 2:00 p.m., TBD

Journalism Program

Journalism Senior Portfolio Committee

October 21, 2021, 12:00 p.m., TBD

December 2, 2021, 12:00 p.m., TBD

Veterans Day – HOLIDAY

Thursday, November 11, 2021