

## Telecommunications Faculty Meeting – Friday, January 27, 2023

### In Attendance:

Krishna Jayakar	Marie Hardin	Linda Feltman
Ben Cramer	Scott Myrick	Chris Ali
Andrea Miller	Catie Grant	David Norloff
Matt Jackson	Anne Doris	Yael Warshel
Bill Hallman		

### Announcements:

- Congratulations to David Norloff on becoming the new Media Cluster Coordinator!
  - David will be advising students through the undergrad program.
- There will be a Faculty Showcase 30 minutes prior to the next department meeting.

### Courses and Prerequisites:

- Department Head meeting addressed “Do we want to make a “C” a requirement to continue to harder courses?”
  - Course 282 and like are up for discussion.
  - Everyone agrees to insist on a “C” or above on lower-level courses.
  - May throw off the next semester’s schedule for the student but the student would be aware prior to taking the course.

### Student Learning Assessment Report (2021-2022):

- Deadline for the department’s response is January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - Looking to see if the department is responsive to feedback and moving curriculum forward.
- Structure of the SLA:
  - 10 or 11 learning objectives for accreditation.
  - Every 3 years they rotate through a list of objectives.
- Ann sees a difference in comments within the report about students not taking the easiest route.
  - She suggests students do solve for the easiest options and students should be encouraged to take on the more challenging topics or questions.
- How do we address the second comments on workforce issues?
  - Using laboring below the line as an example.
    - Could be used in ethics or management.
  - Focus on how we can apply the suggestions throughout the curriculum.
- Matt suggests we should be involving Alumni in other ways to review curriculum, look at gaps that may need covered, and give advice/suggestions.
  - Suggests something along the lines of a curricular retreat.

### Budget Update by Dean Hardin

- Previous Budget Model:
  - Incremental Budget

- Gave a pot of money in 1995 and has essentially stayed the same.
- Has not grown with the Bellisario College enrollment growth.
- New Budget Model:
  - Activity Based Budget
    - Driven by student credit hours and enrollment.
  - Some units will experience an increased budget and some a decreased budget.
    - Bellisario College will experience an increase!
  - “Short term” – to address changes and fix the \$140 million deficit.
    - Cuts limited to only 4%.
    - Increases are limited, as well.
- Issues:
  - Expenditure is around \$22 million.
  - New budget is increasing the budget funds from \$18 million to \$19-ish million.
    - Previously used carry forwards (savings) to cover the difference.
  - Dean Hardin will be meeting with the provost about the difference in funds.
- Dean Hardin will meet with more answers and insight roughly at the end of February 2023, after meeting with the provost.
- Bellisario College of Communications:
  - Enrollment is increasing and will be incentivized with the new model.
    - Currently the 6<sup>th</sup> largest in the university for enrollment.
  - Will have one of the largest proportional increases when the model is fully realized.
  - General Education portfolio is great.
  - Head count across the college is healthy.
  - No low performing programs.
  - Continuous accreditation since 1949.
  - Each department has tremendous strengths.
  - Lifelong learning and non-credit hours still bring in revenue, depending on how they are designed.
  - Think about possibilities for in-residence professional master programs.
  - Proportion of fac/staff who receive fac/staff university faculty awards is higher than any other unit at UP.
- Q&A:
  - Collaboration across units - any concerns on that being limited?
    - May be painful because of how allocation will be split with the split of credit hours.
  - What advice do you have for departments?
    - Start planning and dreaming.
    - Make sure we have healthy enrollments in courses and majors.
      - Look at our current requirements.
    - Healthy, attractive, and relevant curriculum.

## Telecommunications Faculty Meeting – Friday, February 24, 2023

### In Attendance:

Krishna Jayakar	Linda Feltman	David Norloff
Scott Myrick	Chris Ali	Yael Warshel
Andrea Miller	Catie Grant	Bill Hallman
Matt Jackson	Anne Doris	Sascha Meinrath

### Faculty Showcase:

- Bill Hallman, 46 Live, & the live cast of “THON.”
  - History - A four credit course to show in class, evolved to student run production.
  - Events - Thon, Thon 5k, 100 days till thon, Thon showcase, Family carnival.
  - Teams - 93 members - Tech, vid production, social media, hosts
  - Recruiting - No experience, student lead training, open to any major.
  - Go Pro - NBC, sports production, marvel, electro sound sys, WHY, camera operations, game creek video, MLB/NHL
  - Grew from corner suite to behind stage Co-production - Suite turned into a specialized area for 46live hosts area!
  - Metrics
    - 212,442 total views
      - 184,786 unique viewers
      - Final hour 15,603 at any one time
      - Average watch of 28:51 minutes
      - Almost 90% mobile
      - Multiple country views
  - Engaged Learning - Production, broadcast engineering, on-air experience, business development, copyright, and broadcast law.

### Student Behavior & Threats:

- Behavioral threat management team and student conduct team handle situations

### Bellisario Statement of Community:

- <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:bba968d8-ad29-3301-9d78-009f0391f6b1>
- Supported by department members!

### Bellisario Diversity Statement:

- <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:6cbcbf42-b53d-335a-8b35-5c20d17582f5>
- Supported by department members!

### International & Embedded Courses:

- Comm 491
  - **Need to be in SP24 and/or FA24 or it will be eliminated!**
  - 2-year grace to retain.
  - 3 credits in International Telecommunications.
- Comm 491A
  - Students pay a portion of the trip.
  - Matt says we need to have our students exposed to international.

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- Matt maybe be open to teaching in SP24.
- Guyana, Czech Republic, Cuba, Hungary have been locations previously.
- 493 - Linda wants to make it interactive in combination with music.
- What to consider? - What to accomplish, are there entities to partner with, logistics of locations, if students be excited to sign up.
- Minimum of 2 faculty no matter the amount of student.

### Starfish:

- “One Flag” issues will only be reviewed from Advising.
  - Recommended to reach out to the student individually if you don’t hear anything.
- Do not use advisor help flags unless there is a crisis.
- Support in language, math, economics, and stat courses can be sent to tutoring.
- Need to figure out how to handle students who won’t respond when there are issues.
  - Will discuss in the March meeting.

### Announcements:

- OTTX Membership
  - New membership provided by the college.
  - Students
    - Access to internship and job placement.
  - Faculty
    - Provides research and can participate in round tables.
- **Next faculty meeting**
  - **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm**
  - Dean Hardin is coming in to announce a budget update.
  - Ben Cramer will share information about the new course he’s developing!

## Telecommunications Faculty Meeting – Friday, March 31, 2023

### In Attendance:

Krishna Jayakar	Linda Feltman	Sascha Meinrath
Scott Myrick	Bill Hallman	Catie Grant
Andrea Miller	Catie Grant	Marie Hardin
Matt Jackson	Ben Cramer	

### Faculty Showcase:

- Ben Cramer: Comm 489W Telecommunications and Democracy
  - Cap stones course used as a wrap up for senior Telecommunication Majors.
  - Writing intensive course in any Advanced Telecommunications topics.
    - Ben has previously created topics in environment, big data, and surveillance privacy.
  - Telecommunications and Democracy starting in Fall 2023.
    - **Main topics:** free speech, telecom law (section 230 & 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment), threats to democracy, media literacy, philosophy, and social platforms not taking responsibility for what people say.
    - **Subtopic Suggestions:** Democratic theory (Ancient Greeks), US Constitution (1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Amendments), Free Speech Theory, Mis/disinformation, Chilled rights, Cold War Laws, Keeping Democracy alive in America, Policies for media platforms banning content or people.
    - Comm 110 is the basis for this course and will focus on domestic issues only.

### Budget Update with Dean Marie Hardin:

- President Neeli Bendapudi will visit the Bellisario College at 1:00 p.m. on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - [Zoom Link](#) or [RSVP Link](#)
- Bellisario may need to tighten down more in 24/25 than 23/24.
  - i.e. programs on temporary pause, hold on backfilling positions, cancel under enrolled courses, etc.
- The provost is allowing the College to use carry forwards, endowment money will not be touched by the university, and there is not enough ROI to offer early retirement.

### Key Notes:

- Reminder to complete the Values and Ethics Compliance training!
- Krishna wants everyone to start thinking about curriculum revision, opportunities for the best possible new hires, and new programs (MPS or MS offered via World Campus).
  - Planning a full day retreat, late summer, to discuss the items above.
- Catie has students showing short docs on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, in the cinema.
- **Next Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> will be rescheduled after Krishna sends out a poll for availability!**