

Society of Professional Journalists

IUP Chapter

Meeting minutes

September 21, 2009

9:45 p.m.

The Commonplace Coffeehouse

In Attendance:

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| 1. Alycia King, | 6. Natalie Schaefer, treasurer |
| 2. Ilona Globa, | 7. Alyssa Choiniere, |
| 3. Prof. David Loomis, adviser | 8. Karah Jenninngs, |
| 4. Melissa Thompson, vice president | 9. Ticairra Bazemore, secretary |
| 5. Mike Wilson, president | |

Business

- Welcomed new members and read the mission statement, gave a minor over view of what we do here at SPJ.
- Discussed Issue of the White Woods and our involvement with the story on the show.
- Due to lack of our own equipment we must use what the radio station has, we offered new and old members a place on the radio show.
- Discussed the Nov. 3 Bob Woodward speech that we will not be helping out with. We are still able to attend.
- Collaboration with IUP PRSSA chapter on Thursday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m., showing of “All the President’s Men” in Stouffer Hall’s Beard Auditorium -- a preview of Nov. 3 campus speech by Washington Post reporter and editor Bob Woodward. SPJ faculty adviser David Loomis and PRSSA faculty adviser Michele Papakie will be on a discussion panel following the film.
- Can popcorn be eaten during the film?
- In April 2010, SPJ President Mike Wilson should contact organizers of annual IUP Day to reserve a table for SPJ at the fall 2010 event.
- April 7, 2010, is the date scheduled for the SPJ symposium on the new Pennsylvania Right to Know Law. Invitees include attorneys from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association and possibly IUP President Tony Atwater. Also, the head of the state’s new agency created to administer the new law. Plus news media figures involved in the law’s drafting and enactment. Needed: SPJ members’ help in organizing and promoting the event.
- The symposium will be preceded by a dinner among SPJ members and symposium panelists.
- Schedule: dinner around 5-6:30 p.m.; symposium from 7-8:30 p.m.
- Possible venues TBA; Natalie Schaefer will update and advise

- Ticaorra Bazemore reported on her participation in the Sept. 17 Student Editors Interest Group annual meeting at the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association office in Harrisburg.
- Natalie Schaefer discussed her tentatively planned multidisciplinary symposium inviting professor's from different fields and presenting world issues... getting students to consider what is happening right now. Natalie is looking for help.
- J-Jobs Boot Camp plans were discussed. Planned to link SPJ students and Journalism majors to professionals in the field by inviting the professionals to campus to speak and answer questions.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 5, at the Commonplace Coffeehouse at 8 p.m.
- Proposal for discussion at Oct. 5 meeting: moving meeting place to the library

Adjourned: 9:12 pm