

IUP CHAPTER
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2015, 5 p.m., Stabely 101

Attendance:

Allyson Null, Tiffany Catherman, Jed Johnson (Vice Chair of promotions committee), Alexa Titchen (promotion committees chair), Kirsten Schlorff (treasurer), Isaiah Warfield (secretary), Ethan Brogan (vice president), Kandace Mecham (president), David Loomis (faculty adviser)

Note-taker: Isaiah Warfield

Convened: 5:03 p.m.

SPJ Activity: Which sentence is correct?

- A) The horse that the reporter rode this morning will race.
- B) The horse which the reporter rode this morning will race.
- C) The horse, that the reporter rode this morning, will race.

The correct answer is letter A.

Agenda:

1. Tour of the New York Times
 - a. Kandace discussed with SPJ that the tour of *The New York Times* will not be happening because SPJ would not have accessibility to the newsroom. Loomis proposed to go to *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* or *Indiana Gazette* for SPJ instead. Kandace asked SPJ members if they were interested in going to one of the newspapers closer to IUP, and if so when?
 - b. Jed proposed early morning would be a good time to visit the *Indiana Gazette* and SPJ agreed to travel to *Indiana Gazette* or *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* on Wednesdays.
 - c. Kandace questioned which newspaper SPJ would prefer to go to, and SPJ preferred *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.
 - d. Loomis questioned SPJ and asked, why do we want to go see a newspaper printing plant? Also, what's the purpose of this road trip if we can't see the newsroom?
 - i. Kandace responded that she wanted to see how the newsroom functions, as well as the atmosphere.

- e. Loomis brought up the fact that *The Pittsburgh Tribune Review* is another alternative.
 - i. Kandace preferred to go to *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* due to fact that it's more liberal.
 - ii. Loomis suggested that we could find a way to go to both *The Pittsburgh Tribune Review* and *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.
 - iii. Loomis asked when SPJ wants to see the newspapers, when people are there or when people are not there.
 - iv. Kandace stated that she would rather see the newspapers when people are there, and everyone in SPJ agreed with her.
 - v. Loomis asked how many newspapers SPJ wants to visit.
 - i. Kandace believed that it would be great to see two newspapers in one day. Kandace asked if Loomis could contact some people in the newspapers, and Loomis said he would report back to SPJ on the next meeting.
- 2. The Recruiting Event known as the EXPO
 - a. Kandace informed SPJ that it's on October 10, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Also, Loomis is looking for volunteers to help him recruit for the Journalism department.
 - b. Ethan, Jed, and Kandace are interested in volunteering for the EXPO.
- 3. Coffee and Donut Stand in Journalism department
 - a. Kandace informed SPJ that she and Ethan had set up a coffee and donut stand last week, and was able to bring two new members to SPJ. Ten students signed up to join the email list.
- 4. Tutoring
 - a. Kandace told SPJ that next week were midterms and asked if anyone was interested in tutoring students for the Journalism department.
 - b. Ethan said it would be better to tutor people on Monday, October 5.
 - c. Kandace stated that tutoring would take place in the Journalism department. Kandace asked Loomis if SPJ could obtain a room for tutoring.
 - i. Loomis responded that it depends on the time and day, but its likely SPJ could find a room in the Journalism department.
 - ii. Kandace suggested that it might be easier to have tutoring in the library.
 - iii. Ethan suggested that SPJ could start tutoring Monday, October 5 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Stabely 101.
 - d. Loomis asked if it would be easier to tutor in Davis Hall for journalism students.
 - e. Kandace and Ethan agreed that it would be easier and a great alternative, if there are classrooms available during the time they want to start tutoring.
 - f. Loomis said he would send out an email and determine whether or not any rooms are open at Davis Hall.
 - g. Loomis asked SPJ what type of material will be provided by SPJ.

- i. Kandace said AP Style books and other generic books.
5. SPJ Cookout
 - a. SPJ agreed on Sunday at 5:00
 - b. Kandace informed SPJ to bring food and donations for the funding of SPJ.
6. Radio Program
 - a. Loomis told SPJ that a radio program does news on Sunday and is displayed on the Hawkeye. Also, how the radio program is interested in having news stories from students because they have to meet their requirement for public relations.
 - b. Loomis informed SPJ to discuss story ideas, more particularly local studies.
 - c. Interested radio-group members included Allyson Null, Jed Johnson and others.
7. Next meeting: October 14, 5-6 p.m., Stabely 101
8. Adjourn: 5:32 p.m.

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