

## 1. Background

- a. Loss of FT hire
- b. PT stewardship of program was problematic
- c. Currently, no faculty member assigned to the courses

## 2. Curriculum changes agreed to, to-date

- a. Remove the AA from the catalog
- b. Retain the ADT, including updated COR to match current C-ID
- c. Revise ADT and courses to meet latest C-ID and TMC
  - i. In its new iteration, the ADT would have three journalism courses as required by the TMC:
    1. Journalism 011 (CID Jour 100), Intro to Mass Communications
    2. Journalism 001 (CID Jour 001), Intro to Reporting and Newswriting
    3. Journalism 061 (CID Jour 130) Practicum 1 (061 can be repeated as 062 to satisfy CID Jour 131).
    4. Remainder of requirements can be accomplished in other disciplines, eg Photography, Economics, Sociology, and English.
    5. There is a faculty member willing to shepherd courses and program through curriculum.
    6. Course sequence would be:
      - a. Fall Journ 011
      - b. Spring Journ 001
      - c. Fall 011 and 061/062
      - d. Spring 001 and 061/062
  - d. Identify/hire a current FT or adjunct faculty member or hire an adjunct faculty member

## 3. There is reticence on the part of the district to maintain a journalism program for at least the following reasons:

- a. Student interest is unknown (although anecdote suggests there is interest)
- b. Institutional bandwidth
- c. Lack of current faculty with identified expertise and/or pre-supposition that faculty able to teach these courses would not want to assume the risk of a course which might not meet enrollment minimums
- d. Unknown effect of a new program on existing programs (if there is even an effect)
- e. Interest in a new certificate in multi-media (although a journalism faculty would be needed for this certificate as well)
- f. VP Williams may have additional concerns.

## 4. Where are we now?

- a. Unknown faculty voice/position in favor of retaining ADT
- b. Admin does not seem in support and has suggested discontinuing the program with the promise of bringing it back at another date
- c. If journalism is to persist, a position by the senate on the necessity of the discipline and support of key steps to (re)support the program
- d. Journalism would benefit from institutional commitment

Asking the senate to consider taking a position in support of the reestablishment of a clear timeline dedicated to bringing back journalism, to include institutional support—

- Support of revamp of ADT and relevant CORs to match C-IDs;
- Support of robust inquiry to assess student interest to inform scheduling, hiring, and PR efforts;
- Support of a careful scaling of course offerings to re-offer courses in journalism as soon as F 2021 for introductory courses and F 2022 for the re-establishment of practicum.