Student Publication Committee Annual Report 2017-2018

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Address report To: Chancellor Cartwright, in care of Anna Ball, Faculty Fellow for Faculty Development

Attention to: Michelle Marsden

Report submitted by: Carl C. Stacy

Name of Committee: Student Publication Committee

Charge of Committee: Propose suggestions to the Chancellor’s office concerning the Student Publications and the Student Publications Committee/Board

Committee Members: Carl C. Stacy, Sandy Schiefer, Becky Diehl, Chelsea Lynn Rosner, Sandra Davidson, Karrington Scott

# of times committee met: twice

Major accomplishments or highlights:
Discussions on all of the possible recommendations that this committee can provide to the Chancellor’s office from complete disbandment to various levels of continuation.

Recommendations for next year:
1. It is our major recommendation that the committee is continued but completely "started from scratch".
2. We recommend that the committee have responsibility for all student-run media including the Maneater, MUTV and KCOU. Unfortunately, MUTV and KCOU will no longer be supported by student funds and will need to be supported some other way such as advertisements as is done with the Maneater. Student run media allows students that are not journalism students to participate in media outlets. (KOMU, KBIA and the Missourian are labs specifically for journalism students in addition to Community resources). There are 200 students involved in the Maneater, 200 students involved in KCOU and 130 students involved in MUTV. If these students are not journalism students they may have no other opportunities within the university to participate in media.
3. It is our recommendation that the committee go a little beyond giving recommendations and assure there is advice/wisdom for student run media. The committee needs to be a resource to allow freedom of speech and expression at the same time we assure students know how to prevent being questioned about libel or inappropriate discussions. In order for this to work we recommend that the committee members be primarily from the law school, journalism, business school and perhaps faculty involved in the writing-Intensive curriculum.
4. Finally we recommend that there be some sort of event in the fall where persons from the student-run media outlets are invited to get students involved. How this will be done is entirely the decision of next year’s committee.

Additional information that can be included is any useful information helpful for someone who is contemplating joining this committee and keep in mind that this report will be available publicly online so any confidential information should not be included.