

Journalism Advisory Committee
Meeting on February 12, 2021

Present at the meeting:

Steven Harris (History and American Studies), Jennifer Mailloux (Psychological Science), Marjorie Och (Art and Art History), Judith Parker (English and Linguistics), Sushma Subramanian (Communication and Digital Studies, ex officio)

Business of the meeting:

- We reviewed, edited, and approved the minutes from our last meeting on January 14, 2021, which was attended by Juliette Landphair (Vice President for Student Affairs, ex officio), Sandrine Sutphin (Director of Student Activities and Engagement), and Anand Rao (Chair of and Professor in the Department of Communication and Digital Studies), in addition to the individuals listed above.
- We lauded the return of the *Blue & Gray Press*' print edition this spring semester. Last semester, the newspaper only appeared in its online edition. With the return to campus of more students, faculty, and staff this spring, we strongly support the physical presence of our community's student newspaper as a critical component of a vibrant culture of student journalism.
- We discussed progress on the issue of potential alternate funding for the *Blue & Gray Press* as a dedicated SAE (Office of Student Activities and Engagement) budget line which would require classification of the Blue & Gray Press as an organization under the purview of the SAE only and not as a club under ICA (Inter-Club Association). We await more information on the feasibility of such a classification, as well as how such a classification might be achieved, which Juliette offered to provide.
- We continued discussion of ensuring the independence of reporting and pedagogical integrity of the *Blue & Gray Press*, which might be best achieved by ensuring that the *Blue & Gray Press* faculty advisor be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member. The committee has resolved to support the independence of reporting and pedagogical integrity of the *Blue & Gray Press* by affirming these values through our presence and support of the faculty adviser, and continues to discuss additional ways of meeting these goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Mailloux
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