

Journalism Advisory Committee  
Meeting on April 2, 2021

Present at the meeting:

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

Business of the meeting:

- We further discussed the issues of potential alternate funding for the *Blue & Gray Press*, and ensuring the independence of reporting and pedagogical integrity of the *Blue & Gray Press*, to identify next steps. Those steps include:

- Capitalizing on our role as supporters of the *Blue & Gray Press* by encouraging Giving Day donations to the organization.

- Complementing the committee's previous research on the organizational structure and financial support of student newspapers at COPLAC institutions by researching the same at certain non-COPLAC institutions suggested by the Student Press Law Center.

- Contemplating a way to ensure that the *Blue & Gray Press* advisor is a tenured or tenure-track faculty member appointed via the terms of their employment by considering possible, student-sanctioned amendments to the organization's constitution. Ensuring that the advisor is tenured or tenure-track will support the integrity of the pedagogical pursuits associated with the *Blue & Gray Press*.

- Clarifying our position on the current and alternate sources of funding for the *Blue & Gray Press*, as well as current and alternate options for oversight of the budget, to further our ongoing discussion with Juliette Landphair (Vice President for Student Affairs) and Sandrine Sutphin (Director of Student Activities and Engagement).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Mailloux  
Journalism Advisory Committee Secretary