

Journalism Advisory Committee
Meeting on November 17, 2021

Present at the meeting:

Steven Harris, Chair (History and American Studies); Kimberley Kinsley (College of Business); Jennifer Mailloux, Secretary (Psychological Science); Marie McAllister (English and Linguistics); and Sushma Subramanian (Communication and Digital Studies, ex officio)

Business of the meeting:

- Noted that the minutes of the committee's previous meeting were accepted via electronic vote prior to the current meeting.

- The committee took a formal vote on the proposed change to disburse funding for the *Blue & Gray Press* through Academic Affairs, and to have the instructor of ENGL: Practicum Journalism be the signatory for financial disbursements. All were in favor.

- To ensure oversight of the *Blue & Gray Press* by a tenure-track faculty advisor, specifically, the instructor of ENGL 380: Practicum Journalism, the committee discussed changes to the wording of the organization's constitution to be suggested to the editorial board. Borrowing some language from the organization's current operating procedure, these suggested changes to the *Blue & Gray Press* Constitution are illustrated below. A formal vote was taken to approve these changes; all were in favor.

Article VI. ADVISOR

Section 1. ~~The Club Officers shall unanimously agree upon and appoint an advisor no later than April 1 to serve a one-year term.~~ The Advisor will be the instructor of record for ENGL 380: Practicum Journalism.

~~Section 2. The Club Advisor must be a UMW faculty member or administrator.~~

Section 32. The Club Advisor's duties shall include:

- a. Meeting with the club officers on a regular basis.
- b. Attending club meetings and club activities as needed.
- c. Staying updated on club issues and intentions.
- d. Meeting with the Treasurer on a regular basis to review account balances and financial transactions, **and acting as the signatory.**
- e. Assisting with the implementation of an officer transition program.

Section 43. The Advisor shall be an ex-officio member of the club, and as such, shall not have voting rights.

Section 54. The Advisor shall have veto power over any decision made by the club which is in direct violation of University policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Mailloux
Journalism Advisory Committee Secretary