**Journalism Advisory Committee (hereinafter, JAC) Minutes**

**Meeting 9/07/2022, 4:15 PM**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

**In attendance:**

Eric Bonds,Chris Foss, Kimberley Kinsley, Farhang Rouhani, Sushma Subramanian

**I. Committee Organization: Elect Officers**

Kimberley was officially and unanimously elected as Committee Chair.

Chris was unanimously elected as Secretary for Fall 2022; Marie McAllister will take over in Jan. when she returns from sabbatical and Chris end his single-semester replacement duties

**II. Approve the Minutes, May 4, 2022**

Minutes were approved, with one abstention

**III. New Business**

a. The committee unanimously approved the annual Operating Procedures document supplied by Sushma. Updates from last year’s document included the paper’s new name, *The* *Weekly Ringer*; ENGL 380 is now JOUR 380; the Business Manager is now the Business Editor; Viewpoints is now Opinion; and new responsibilities for the Copy Editor are (1) editing the final layout of the newspaper and (2) assisting other editors with editing articles as needed.

b. Over the summer concerns about ensuring ad revenue stays with paper were resolved, so no action on this item was needed

c. Everybody should keep an eye out for any now-outdated reference to the old newspaper name (*Blue and Gray Press*) and report them to Kimberley

**IV.** **Old Business**

a. FOIA requests: The committee was briefed on a situation from last year when the paper’s FOIA request to OSCAR was denied, citing FERPA. The Student Press Law Center (SPLC) advised the paper that decision should be contested, but without access to a pro bono lawyer this was not possible. The committee will revisit this issue at the next meeting to explore what, if any, interventions it might make to prevent similar adverse FOIA decisions in the future.

b. Kimberley reminded everyone of the unique expectations of confidentiality regarding the information with which this particular committee typically must deal.

c. Kimberley has reviewed the handout (from UMW admin) regarding how to post minutes to the UFC website and has graciously agreed to perform this task for the very grateful secretary

**V.** **Announcements**

*The Weekly Ringer* is appearing this year in a smaller tabloid format

With the switch under the new gen ed to a fairly extensive list of options for Beyond the Classroom credit, there needs to be much stronger encouragement/recruitment where JOUR 380 (Practicum) is concerned, or there will not be a satisfactory pool of writers and stories.

For those interested, you can set up regular donations to SPLC on Amazon Smile.

**VI.** **Next Meeting**

Wed., Oct. 5, 4:15 p.m. on Zoom