

Minutes, Deans and Chairs Meeting

March 1, 2021, via Zoom

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Spiro Kiouisis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

COVID-19 Update

- Kiouisis shared that UF news is all positive.
- UF increasing their efforts with migrant communities and
- Efficacy rate is promising
- Recharge day was very successful. The next one is Wed., March 24.

WUFT/FPREN/INC System Improvements

- Wright discussed systems hardening and resilience project using grant funding, scheduled to happen this summer.
- Building out a new technical center and identified opportunity to create upgraded live content generation in the INC.
- Lowe discussed flexible set in the newsroom rather than just “what’s happening now in the INC” for live standups for newscast. New set up would enable to have live feeds elsewhere. Movable pieces to allow for flexibility in productions and will also allow more accessibility. It will be a dynamic environment.
- She said there will also be a new control room in 3334.
- Wright said the productions students will now be in the same space as the journalists.
- Wright discussed the CPB grant request to expand FPREN to additional states in the SE United States. There will be the opportunity for senior level students and graduate students to work on this.
- The tower array on Tower Rd. is aging and a cell company is interested in building new towers, including all of the WRUF equipment in that new build. The parcel is in an area near a population center and also I75. This project will actually remove towers from the airspace since it is going from 4 to 2 and relocating the towers to a better part of the parcel to allow for possible future development.

Open Discussion

- Admissions decisions were sent out on Friday. UF admitted 15k, expecting 6k to attend.
- Lowe discussed the Scripps Howard internship program. UF is being invited back into the program. One student receives a \$3,500 stipend for their internship in a news operation and they receive \$500 once the internship is complete.
- Bennett mentioned search for student commencement speaker.
- Kiouisis mentioned need for commencement marshals and check—in staff.

Kiouisis thanked the Deans and Chairs and closed the meeting.

Attendees: Spiro Kiouisis, Robyn Goodman, Randy Bennett, Dave Ostroff, Keisha Reynolds, Margaret Gaylord, Tom Kelleher, Ted Spiker, Marcia DiStaso, Mira Lowe, Jeff Pole, Randy Wright, Hub Brown, James Babanikos

Meeting Adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Fitzpatrick