

**IUP CHAPTER
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

October 14, 2015, 5 p.m., Stabely 101

Attendance:

Allyson Null, Andrea Mowers, Evan Sakowicz, Ryan Dougherty, Tiffany Catherman, Selina Colon, Jed Johnson (Vice Chair of promotions committee), Alexa Titchen (promotion committees chair), Isaiah Warfield (secretary), Ethan Brogan (vice president), Kandace Mecham (president), David Loomis (faculty adviser)

Note-taker: Isaiah Warfield

Convened: 5:04 p.m.

SPJ Activity: Which sentence is correct?

- A) The company has more than 25 employees.
- B) The company has over 25 employees.
- C) The company has more than twenty-five employees.

The correct answer is letter A.

Agenda:

1. The SPJ Cookout
 - a. SPJ agreed to have the SPJ Cookout on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. Host: Kandace, at her home.
2. WIUP-FM Radio news program
 - a. Kandace informed SPJ that there would be a radio group meeting right after SPJ in Stabely 101. Also, anyone interested in attending the radio meeting is welcome..
3. Oct. 10 EXPO Recruiting Event known
 - a. Kandace informed SPJ that last week, she and Jed volunteered for the EXPO. They were able to gather six perspective students' information. The next EXPO will be November 7. Kandace asked if anyone was interested in volunteering on this day.
 - b. Ethan said he would be interested in volunteering for the EXPO.
 - c. Loomis reported that JRNL EXPO student volunteers outnumbered students volunteering for other academic disciplines represented at the Sutton Hall event.

4. Tutoring
 - a. Kandace told SPJ that the tutoring session was held, but no students attended the event. Kandace asked SPJ if there were other ways to promote tutoring for Final exams.
 - b. Ethan suggested that we could have more announcements in classes to promote tutoring from SPJ. Also, he thought it would be better to move tutoring days to either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.
 - c. Kandace asked whether Loomis was willing to offer extra credit to his students for attending the tutoring session.
 - d. Loomis stated that he was reluctant to do that because he preferred that students choose tutoring out of need, not for grade-padding.
 - e. Loomis said JRNL faculty were planning to boost tutoring services for majors, and SPJ could lead the way.
5. Communications Media TV News
 - a. Kandace asked if SPJ was interested in anchoring IUP-TV news programs.
 - b. Loomis suggested that JRNL students who seek the position without COMM experience should emphasize their content-generating skill over the technical skills of broadcasting.
 - c. Allyson responded that if individuals from SPJ could provide content material, it would be welcomed by COMM news.
6. Get Down @ the Brown annual fundraiser
 - a. Loomis said the annual benefit raises money for SPJ's scholarship programs. It usually is scheduled around IUPatty's. SPJ last year collected \$500. Loomis asked SPJ members to nominate performers, including hula-hoopers and musicians
 - b. Evan said he knew a hula-hooper who would be able to perform at the fundraiser.
 - c. Ethan and Evan suggested that their bands could play. Ethan's band is called "The White Crayons" and Evan's band is called "Here's to Toga."
 - d. Tiffany said her roommate is in band, and she knows a lot of people in bands
 - e. Loomis reminded the fundraiser is a benefit, so there's no money paid to performers.
 - f. Loomis asked that nominations of performers include samples of their music.
7. The Indiana Gazette Tour
 - a. Kandace quickly informed SPJ that she trying to reach Gazette executive editor Eric Ebeling about touring the newspaper, but has not received a response. Kandace and SPJ agreed to schedule the tour on a Wednesday at noon, as soon as Kandace receives a response.
8. Next meeting: Oct. 28, 5-6 p.m., Stabely 101
9. Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.