

IUP CHAPTER
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Dec. 2, 2015, 5 p.m., Stabley 101

Attendance:

Allyson Null, Andrea Mowers, Evan Sakowicz, Jed Johnson (Vice Chair of promotions committee), Alexa Titchen (Promotions 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 Grammar Slam Activity: Which sentence is correct?

Agenda:

1. Jake William and Bill Harder Scholarship fliers
 - a. Kandace showed SPJ the finished fliers promoting the Jake William and Bill Harder scholarships and said she wanted SPJ members to post them in the Journalism department. Kandace asked SPJ members to make announcements about the scholarships in their classes.
 - b. Jed asked whether SPJ would post fliers in the new building, and Kandace said yes. Jed said he would announce the scholarships in his News Reporting class this coming week.
 - c. Other SPJ members said they would announce the Jake Williams and Bill Harder scholarships in their Journalism classes.
 - d. Alexa asked whether there was a deadline for submitting applications (brief explanatory descriptions) for scholarship money essay. Loomis said there were no deadlines.
2. Book Donations
 - a. Kandace presented SPJ the finished fliers for the Jake Williams Lending Library journalism-textbook-donation initiative and said SPJ members should announce the SPJ book-donation drive in their Journalism classes. A couple of SPJ members said they would donate their used textbooks.
 - b. Kandace announced that SPJ is accepting book donations this semester for donations to students who need them next semester.
3. Planned Road Trip to Pittsburgh news media

- a. Kandace provided SPJ members with a sign-up sheet for the road trip upgrade – from The Indiana Gazette idea earlier this semester to the revised Pittsburgh news media road trip plan. Kandace said that this should be announced in classes as well. Kandace said the more students, the more likely the road trip will happen. Dr. Loomis said other news media and other universities from western Pa. may join the road trip.
 - b. This possible road trip would take place in April 2016.
4. Broadcast Radio
 - a. Kandace said will she train for Broadcast Radio during the semester Break so she can assist SPJ members interested in reviving The Hawk Report local-news program on WIUP-FM (90.1).
 - b. Loomis suggested the students interested in preparing stories for broadcast should experiment with Audacity (a free audio-editing download). Ethan said the software program was easy to use.
 - c. Alyssa, Andrea, Kandace, Alexa and Jed said they would be in town during winter break and could train for broadcast work at IUP/WIUP-FM in spring 2016.
5. Stories at SPJ meetings
 - a. Ethan emailed SPJ members on Dec. 2 to suggest that they bring class assignments to SPJ for editing. Ethan and Jed brought story copy for editing. (Jed: Lyme disease; Ethan: a fictional story.
6. Lee Vest
 - a. Loomis moved that SPJ extend official thanks and appreciation to the journalism department's secretary for her tireless support of all things SPJ.
 - b. The motion was approved by acclamation.
7. Next meeting: January 27, 5-6 p.m., Stabley 101
8. Adjourn: 5:54 p.m.