

MINUTES
UAF FACULTY SENATE UNIT CRITERIA COMMITTEE
February 24, 2015
Chancellor's Conference Room, 330 Signers' Hall

Members in attendance: Chris Coffman, Chris Hartman, David Maxwell (for 15 minutes), Steve Sparrow, Ping Lan (by phone), Sarah Hardy (by phone)

I. Housekeeping

- A. Chris Hartman will take notes and write the minutes
- B. Agenda approved unanimously
- C. Minutes from 1/20/16 approved unanimously with correction "(Correction from Chris to my comments on 1/20: IARC deleted "business service" from its special unit criteria in response to a request from the Provost's Office to define the term.)"
- D. Chris needs a sub to attend the Faculty Senate Administrative Committee meeting on Friday, March 27, 1-3 PM

Chris H. and Ping have classes, Sarah has a graduate student committee meeting. David Maxwell has volunteered, subject to checking a couple of things on his schedule.

II. Journalism Proposed Unit Criteria

Discussion. David noted that the changes mostly amount to adding or substituting professional journalism activities as scholarly activity. Chris H. commented that adding "and/or ..." sometimes [...] the rule of only adding to the Provost's Template. Chris C. clarified that units may add to but not alter the template.

Perhaps it would be good to look at what is done in other departments around the country?

We looked at the current journalism unit criteria to see what had been changed. It is very similar to what it was.

Brian arrived and explained. Some departments at other institutions **do** require scholarly research and academic activity, while others like ours concentrate on practical journalism, such that professional activities should count.

The changes they have made pertain mostly to updating language to make it stay relevant even after another five years passes, etc.

Chris C. will give Brian a couple of unimportant formatting things to clean up.

Motion to approve was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.