



**Committee on Student Communication – Meeting minutes
Friday, March 2, 2018, 10:00 a.m., 25 Park Place, Room 2325**

Members Present

Boyd Beckwith (Senior Director, Student Center), Katie Leaman (GSTV General Manager), Alec Prevett (*Underground* Editor-in-Chief), Bryce McNeil (Assistant Director for Student Media), Spencer Vaughan (Album 88 General Manager), Anna Sandy (*New South* Editor-in-Chief), Meredith Pruden (General student at-large), Christina Maxouris (*The Signal* Editor-in-Chief), Jody Brooks (faculty, at-large), Varsha Iyer (undergraduate student, at-large)

Members Absent

Jeannie Barrett (ex-officio), Faculty, Communication (vacant), Graduate student at-large (vacant), Nicole Motahari (Digital Media Group General Manager),

Guest

Taylor Dudley (Digital Media Group Social Media Manager)

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Boyd Beckwith at 10:02 a.m.

FY2019 Budget Allocation

The committee unanimously voted to confirm the FY2019 budgets to be presented that afternoon to the Student Activity Fee Committee. Bryce reminded all media heads that were invited to attend that presentation as their schedule allowed.

Media Heads Update

GSTV- Katie reported that the *Panther Report* team was now in full swing with a full-length episode production and release schedule. The show *Panther Politics* was still in development. The production team was still in the editing phase for an April 1st release for the short film *Bad Direction* and web series *Dirt*. The *Prime Time Sportz* team was travelling to New Orleans to cover the basketball teams in the Sun Belt tournament.

Underground- Alec reported that the submission window for the latest issue had closed with over 200 submissions received; the poetry and art categories receiving the bulk of these. The journal has shifted to the professional plan on Submittable to accompany the uptick in submissions. The production stage of the issue would be complete within a week.

New South- Anna reported that the staff was still working on the next issue with a targeted release month of April. The national writing contest would conclude at the end of March. The staff was travelling to Tampa to attend the Association of Writers and Writing Programs convention in Tampa next week. In addition to attending sessions and promoting the writing contest, they would be hosting a joint offsite reading with Publishing Genius and Muse/A.

Album 88- Spencer reported that WRASFest would be April 14 at the Mammal Gallery and the number of bands participating was up to seven. The designs for T-shirts were in the works. Four students (Spencer, Stephanie Bivins, Chris Hoyt and Thomas Palmer) would be attending South by Southwest during Spring Break.

The Signal- Christina reported that there were six print editions remaining. The staff was preparing to host the SGA debates after Spring Break; the SGA issue was on newsstands at the time. Christina was working with Danny Varitek on introducing interactive features to *The Signal* website. In addition to several individual rankings, the newspaper ranked 1st in both the Georgia College Press Association and Southeast Journalism Conference's general excellence categories, and the website ranked 1st at SEJC.

Digital Media Group- Taylor reported that Nicole was meeting with Danny to discuss ways to streamline the mobile application's functions. She favored the budget presentation's approach to shifting podcast management to other media groups, as there were now only two students remaining with interest under the current model.

The meeting was adjourned and the committee interviewed candidates for media head applicants for FY2019. The next meeting was scheduled for April 6, 2018 at 258 Student Center West.