



**Committee on Student Communication – Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 18, 11:00 a.m., 455 Student Center West**

Members Present

Bryce McNeil (Director, Student Media), Wakesha Henley (Business Coordinator, Student Media), Daniel Varitek (*The Signal* Editor-in-Chief), Mabel Padilla (Undergraduate student at-large), Meredith Pruden (Graduate student at-large), Raina Morris (Album 88 General Manager), Alexandria White (Neo Network General Manager), Jody Brooks (faculty member, College of Arts & Sciences), Anna Sandy (teleconferencing) (*New South* Editor-in-Chief)

Members Absent

Jeannie Barrett (ex-officio), Boyd Beckwith (Senior Director, Student Center), Cayce Tiedemann (*Underground* Editor-in-Chief), Moraima Ivory (faculty member, College of Arts & Sciences)

Guest(s)

Casey Williams (Technical Adviser, Neo Network), Rebecca McGee (sitting in for Moraima Ivory) (faculty member, College of Arts & Sciences)

Call to order

Bryce McNeil called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

CSC Bylaws

Bryce reviewed the recent changes in personnel that affected the office of the Student Center. Due to the new structure with the Division of Student Success, he reported that the reporting structure would need updating in the CSC bylaws. The members agreed to review the bylaws and bring feedback to the November meeting.

Media Head Updates

The Signal- Daniel reported an increase in staff participation (more than double) and decrease in turnover rate by 5%. The staff was nominated for a number of CMA Pinnacle and ACP individual awards, including Reporter of the Year (Will Solomons). Five members from Signal staff would represent the paper at the upcoming national College Media Convention.

Album 88- Raina reported a high turnout for the first orientation for Album 88 in the Fall semester with over 30 students attending. The first round of legal sessions were scheduled to be complete by the end of the week. The staff had finalized the template for podcast applications and were working on promotional clips with the crossover from digital to analog. Raina has already begun to look at vendors and performers for WRASFest in 2020.

Neo Network- Alex reported that she is working on promoting NeoN. The Panther Report News recording schedule has shifted from Fridays to Thursdays. The NeoN website was nominated for an Online Pacemaker

and the staff was nominated for four College Broadcasters Inc. (CBI) awards.

New South- Anna reported via conference call that the staff attended the Brooklyn Bookfest and made several contacts. The staff was scheduling a launch party for their fall issue and would soon open up submissions for their 2020 contest.

Underground- Bryce reported that the staff was reviewing submissions; holding a meeting at the time of the CSC meeting. The issue was scheduled to go to print in November.

Bryce added that three of the five Student Media leaders would attend the national College Media Convention in Washington, D.C. Daniel, Ada Wood and Will Solomons were scheduled to attend the political track which will give direction of merging politics and journalism.

Other Business/Announcements

Album 88 was scheduled to send three students to the CBI conference in St. Louis in October. The Modern Media Conference in Decatur was a success with over 50 students in attendance. The students had the opportunity to listen to the speakers and sit at a more intimate roundtable afterwards. There was a low turnout at the Atlanta campus for the Friday segment but a full ballroom for the keynote speaker, Killer Mike on Thursday, October 17.

Rebecca reported that the Law School has a room dedicated to podcasting. She and Raina agreed to have further discussions about possibly streaming Law School content online and on the radio. Jody added that the English department has a class dedicated to teaching students how to podcast, which could provide a good feeder to Student Media.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for November 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in 455 Student Center West.