Minutes
Commercial and Entertainment Arts Department Meeting
August 27, 2014

1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

2) Minutes of June 13, 2014: The minutes were previously approved via email.

3) Action:
   a. Introductions of new faculty. The CEA Department is pleased to welcome two new faculty members, John Hunyh and Sunil Thankamushy.
   b. Shared Lab Assistants. Steve Burgoon lead a discussion about staffing for the new DTC Shared Lab.
   c. New Full-time Faculty Hire Requests. The Department unanimously supports and prioritized the following requests:
      1. Professor, Graphic Design & Illustration (replacement position)
      2. Professor, Television (growth position)
   d. Adjunct Faculty Evaluation Schedule (see attached)
   e. Classroom visits for Dr. Scroggins. This item was discussed and faculty were reminded to submit classes for possible visitations.

4) Curriculum: Faculty were reminded of the May 31 deadline and encouraged to submit curriculum changes throughout the year and well in advance of the May 31 date.

5) Discussion:
   a. Faculty Association and Academic Senate representatives needed for fall semester.

6) Reports:
   a. Chair
      i. Division meeting 8/21/14: A handout was distributed and discussed. Of note, faculty were reminded that the Winter schedule was due August 1, and the Spring schedule is due September 2.
      ii. Budget report: No report.
   b. Faculty Association: No report.
   c. Academic Senate: No report.
   d. Animation and Gaming:
      i. Sunil Thankamushy: New Animation and Gaming professor hire.
         ▪ Sunil has worked for both Animation and Gaming companies such as Electronic Arts and Dreamworks
         ▪ Sunil was lead animator for some big hit games such as Medal of Honor and the Lost World of Jurassic Park
         ▪ He is currently teaching both Animation and Gaming courses this semester.
      ii. Elisa Phillips: Former Animation and Gaming certificate and degree graduate has just recently been hired as an animator for Rick and Morty, and Adult Swim Animation Studio show.
         ▪ Elisa is working as a colorist for the show
         ▪ She is hoping to move up the ranks into a lead animation position
         ▪ Elisa has reported that the software packages of ToonBoom Storyboard Pro and Harmony, which she learned here at Mt. SAC is what the Adult Swim Studio is using for her show, Rick and Morty.

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iii. We hosted an animation seminar and orientation for high school students that we articulate with over the summer intersession.
  - A huge thanks to Tammy Trujillo for allowing high school students in her classroom. The students were able to see the connection and collaboration between our radio and animation programs.
  - Industrial Design and Architecture also participated with presentations about their programs
  - Five students from this orientation mentioned that they were enrolling in our program for the 2014-15 school year.

e. Graphic Design and Illustration:

f. Photography:
  i. Greg Zajack’s Phot 10 students collaborated with Valerie Rackert’s Grap 10 students on projects during the summer intersession.

g. Radio:
  i. New equipment is in and/or arriving. The move to the new facilities in Bldg. 13 should happen in 3-4 weeks.
  ii. 90.1 Mt. Rock Radio made College Broadcasters Inc.’s Station Spotlight for the month of June.

h. Television:
  i. David Orona has been working as Senior Lead, Production Technology Specialist at Film Roman (produces The Simpsons).
  ii. The Television Program received a $30,000 endowment from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for TV scholarships, presented by Elle Fanning. Dan Smith attended the HFPA awards with the Foundation representative Marisa Fiero. The Foundation’s application was granted on the first attempt, which the other HFPA grant recipients indicated was unusual.

7). Information and Announcements:
   a. The Chairs requested that new adjunct faculty contact information be forward to the Chairs.
   b. 

8). The next meeting of the CEA department will be September 17, 2014 3:00-5:00 pm Bldg 13, Room 2465

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.