MEMORANDUM

TO: Lucy Dalglish
Dean, Philip Merrill College of Journalism

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Modify the Curriculum of the B.A. in Journalism (PCC log no. 11071)

The proposal to modify the curriculum of the B.A. in Journalism has been administratively approved. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective Fall 2012. The College should ensure that the change is fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, including the program's four-year plan (contact Lisa Kiely at lkiely@umd.edu for more information), and that all advisors are informed.

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Enclosure

cc: William Idsardi, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
Reka Montfort, University Senate
Erin Howard, Division of Information Technology
Donna Williams, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
Anne Turkos, University Archives
Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
Robert Gaines, Office of Undergraduate Studies
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM/UNIT PROPOSAL

- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.
- Please submit the signed form to the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.

College/School: Philip Merrill College of Journalism
Please also add College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits: JOUR / 01203400

Department/Program:
Please also add Department/Program Unit Code-Last 7 digits: JOUR / 1340101

Type of Action (choose one):

X Curriculum change (including informal specializations) New academic degree/award program
Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration New Professional Studies award iteration
Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration New Minor
Suspend/delete program Other

Italics indicate that the proposed program action must be presented to the full University Senate for consideration.

Summary of Proposed Action:

This is a change in the course number, prerequisite requirement and number of credits offered for our required internship course, which affects students matriculating in fall 2012. The course number for the new internship course is JOUR 396. The prerequisite is a grade of C- in either JOUR 320 or JOUR 360. JOUR 396 is a two-credit course that requires students to work a minimum of 90 hours in a newsroom over a minimum of 10 weeks during the fall and spring semesters and eight weeks over the summer. JOUR 399, the current internship course, required 135 hours over 10 weeks and awarded a single credit. This change was made to bring the College of Journalism’s internship course in line with other internships offered on campus. See attached document for fuller description.

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APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair ____________________________
2. Department Chair ____________________________
3. College/School PCC Chair Carl S Stepp ____________________________ 6/11/12
4. Dean KeviN tLose ____________________________ 6/11/12
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required) ____________________________
6. Chair, Senate PCC ____________________________
7. University Senate Chair (if required) ____________________________
8. Senior Vice President and Provost Lynn J Glenn ____________________________ 6/12/12
Explanation of Change of the Journalism Internship Course Number and Number of Credits:

The College of Journalism’s professional internship course has been a one-credit course for at least a decade. It was capped at a single credit so the College could balance the internship requirement with the other Journalism courses and meet ACEJMC accreditation standards. At that time, the College’s overall course requirements were set at 42 credit hours.

In 2011, the College moved forward with an approved updated curriculum that dropped our course requirements from 42 credit hours to 41. However, the College learned this spring that its internship course was not in sync with others on campus, which offered one credit per 45 hours of work. The College PCC voted to bring the internship requirement in line with campus standards, increasing the number of credits for the course to two and returning the overall course requirements back to 42 credit hours. The internship course was modified so that students work 90 hours during a semester, rather than 135, but other aspects of the internship course are the same: students must work in a newsroom over a 10-week period in the fall and spring semesters and eight weeks in the summer; students must still submit time sheets, write about their internships experiences, meet with the internship director and be evaluated by their host newsrooms. All the changes were adopted by the College Assembly in spring 2012 semester.

Although this additional credit hour raises the College’s overall requirements to 42 credit hours, it is well within our accreditation standards.

The College PCC voted to give the two-credit course a new number, JOUR 396, which the College requests to have hard-numbered for fall 2012. The only other slight change is the prerequisite grade of C- in either JOUR 320 or JOUR 360, reflecting the change to +/- grading. (The current prerequisite is a grade of C in either course.)