

Minutes – Student Media Board, Morehead State University
December 4, 2009, 8 a.m.

Present: Tim Creekmore, Calvin Lindell, Lola Aagaard, Carlo Angerer,
Kate Jennings, Scott Niles, Joan Atkins, Gary Cornett

Actions:

- The committee approved minutes from the previous meeting.
- Atkins introduces Betty Chaney as the only candidate for the editor position at the Trail Blazer. Chaney would replace Carlo Angerer, who is graduating in December.
- Atkins stated that Chaney's GPA meets the charter's guidelines.
- The committee proceeded to interview Chaney:
 - Angerer asked what things Chaney would like to focus on if hired. Chaney said she would continue the paper's current direction, but focus on helping staff writers meet their deadlines, and work with them to improve their writing and editing skills.
 - Lindell asked if Chaney's 16 hour class schedule would affect her ability to perform as editor. Chaney said that while the workload would be greater as editor, she feels confident that she has the skills and dedication to perform the job well. Moreover, she stated that the majority of her course load is non-major classes that won't be as demanding as classes pertaining to her major.
 - Aagaard asked if Chaney oversaw student writers in the past, and if she ever had to pull a story that wasn't up to par. Chaney said she does manage students, and while she hasn't pulled any stories this past semester, she did so once while she was an intern.
- With no further questions, Chaney left the room, and the committee voted unanimously to hire Chaney as the next Trail Blazer editor.
- Creekmore said that Scott Goforth is applying to be the Assignment Editor for NewsCenter. While he was not able to attend, Creekmore attested to Goforth's ability to perform the job.
- Aagaard moved, and Angerer seconded to end discussion and vote on Goforth. The committee voted unanimously to hire Goforth as the next Assignment Editor for NewsCenter.
- Lindell stated that the committee has not had a chance to discuss the budget, primarily because Atkins, who best understands the budget, has not been able to attend many meetings this semester due to a family illness.
- Atkins noted that the University sets aside a certain amount of money annually for the Trail Blazer, and the paper must pay it back through revenue.
- Atkins said the paper is currently in the red.
- Atkins said she heard that the University intends to revise the budgeting system to make it easier to purchase items and track expenditures.
- Lindell said that early in the Spring semester, he would like the committee to take a closer look at the budget, and to review the charter.
- With no new business to report, the committee adjourned.