

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Committee: Student Publications, Incorporated (SPI Board)

Report Year: Academic Year 2014-2015

Committee Chair(s)	Robert Nichols
Committee Members	Faculty: Dan Anderson, Richard Valentine, Judy Polumbaum Staff: Paul Jensen, Vanessa Shelton Students: Robert Nichols, Casey Levigne Alumni: Annette Schulte, Steve Batterson, Randy Evans
Committee Charge	<p>The Board appoints the publisher and editor of the <i>Daily Iowan</i>; approves the annual editorial budget of the <i>Daily Iowan</i>; hears monthly reports from the publisher regarding financial, business and legal matters, hirings and promotions, meetings with legal counsel; ensures that the publisher fulfills his or her contractual responsibilities; evaluates the publisher's performance annually, decides on compensation; hears a monthly report from the editor considering activities and expenditures; and carries the responsibility to consider disciplinary actions involving the editor should it become necessary.</p>
Current Year Meeting Dates	9/18/14, 10/16/14, 11/20/14, 2/19/15, 3/9/15, 4/16/15, 5/7/15
Please indicate the typical frequency of meetings (e.g., first Tuesday of month at 4 pm). If there are subcommittees, please indicate the frequency of those meetings, too.	<p>The meetings are usually Thursday 5:15PM-about 6:30PM with the exception of the Editor Selection Meeting that is often held the Monday before Spring Break (this meeting can be quite lengthy depending upon the number of candidates and the ease in the selection). There are four subcommittees: Budget, Education, Elections, and Publisher Selection that meet as needed, probably about 3 times during the year.</p>
Current Year Activities	<p>Received monthly reports from the editor and publisher, picked scholarship winners, selected the editor for the next year, met with the auditors, approved the budget for next year, much discussion on ways to raise revenue and cut expenses, evaluate the publisher and extend the publisher's contract, discussed the future of the DI and the relation of the print media to the electronic media and DI TV</p>
Topics your committee anticipates addressing during the coming year	Budget concerns, the role of the print media versus the electronic media and the DI TV
Other issues of concern	None

<p>What should we tell applicants for this committee regarding expectations of members (anticipated workload, existence of subcommittees, etc.)?</p>	<p>Members are expected to attend all meetings and to be on at least one subcommittee (mentioned above). No knowledge of the publishing business is necessary. All members are involved in the editor selection and depending upon your subcommittee assignment you may be involved in the selection of scholarship winners (this involves reading a number of applications and conducting interviews), helping formulate the next year's budget (probably four or five hourly meetings), or publisher evaluation (several hours of meetings).</p>
<p><i>Recommendations, if any, to the shared governance groups.</i></p>	<p>None</p>