

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Committee: Daily Iowan Student Publications, Inc.

Report Year: 2016-2017

Committee Chair(s)	Emily Henningsen
Committee Members	<p>Faculty representatives: David Dowling, Michael Moore, John Logsdon</p> <p>Staff representatives: Paul Jensen and Vanessa Shelton</p> <p>Student representatives: Emily Henningsen, Christian Sandoval, Ashleigh Wallace</p> <p>Alumni representatives: Randy Evans, Annette Schulte, Steve Batterson</p>
Committee Charge	<p>The Board appoints the publisher and editor of The Daily Iowan news organization; approves the annual operations budget; reviews monthly publisher reports regarding financial, staffing, business and legal matters; supervises and evaluates the publisher; The DI editor presents updates on activities and expenditures to the Board. While the editor reports to the Publisher, the Board considers performance and disciplinary matters involving the editor, as warranted.</p>
Current Year Meeting Dates	<p>2016: September 15th, October 20th, November 17th</p> <p>2017: January 26th, February 16th, March 6th, May 4th</p>
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>Meetings are typically monthly while classes are in session beginning at 5:15 p.m. and ending 6:30 p.m. In March, the meeting is held in conjunction with selection of the editor on the Monday before Spring Break and can last 2-3 hours, depending on the number of candidates. Four subcommittees of the Board – Education, Budget, Elections and Publisher Evaluation - meet as needed, about three times annually.</p>
Current Year Activities	<p>In addition to routine business matters, the Board selected scholarship winners, interviewed candidates and selected the editor for the upcoming year, met with auditors, and approved the budget. The board offered suggestions to address financial issues, fundraising, and future developments of news media operations.</p> <p>The board was tasked this year with the unique opportunity to select a new publisher following the retirement of Bill Casey after 40+ years. The Board developed a job description and places to post the job ad, reviewed applications regularly, discussed and selected final candidates and conducted interviews with those candidates to hire a new publisher.</p>

Topics your committee anticipates addressing during the coming year	<i>Budget concerns and raising revenue, the roles of news media and their staffs, equipment, performance incentives and continuous review of new publisher, how to keep up with rapid changes in technology and news presentation, potential new revenue sources</i>
Other issues of concern	None
What should we tell applicants for this committee regarding expectations of members (anticipated workload, existence of subcommittees, etc.)?	Members are expected to attend all meetings and to be on at least one subcommittee, as listed above. Subcommittee assignments may take from one to five hourly meetings, scheduled to fit the members' schedules. Knowledge of news media operations is not necessary. Business operational oversight is a prominent role of the board.
<i>Recommendations, if any, to the shared governance groups.</i>	None