UNCW Communication Studies Society Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009

Roll Call:

Kelly Padykula, Sean McBride, Amanda Frasca, Hayley Lovitt, Taylor Bailey, Brent Kight, Amy Beam, Adam Jackson, Brie Golden, Mike Pandich, Cynthia Hynes, Shannon Blake, Allyson Corbin, Nicole Doherty, Michelle Billick, Ryan Young, Ashton Young, Melissa Carlo, Sam Johnson, Sara Teeter, Nishtha Sharma, Cristina Montero, Katie White, Katie Anderton, Ronda Jackson, Kristine Stromeyer, Lacey Inman, Brezny Qualls, Camille Spicer, Dorothy Adkins, Emilee Dawes, Lindsey Champion, Allison Day, Susan Surey, Maegan Bendt, Kat Newton, Ashley Scales, Cassidi Long, Jess Smith, Caitlin McCusker, Amanda Baker, Jessica Costanza, Hannah Cherry, Carolina Mahar, Katie Guttenberg, Stephanie Celenza, Jeanette Tavares, Erica Tucker, Brittney Sito, Monica Tockman, Margit Weinberg, Meghan French, Monique Williams

Meeting Started by President Sean McBride at 7:03 p.m.

1. Food!

- Special thanks to Meghan French, Emilee Dawes, Camille Spicer, Stephanie Celenza, Brezny Qualls, Amy Beam, Kat Newton, Margit Weinberg, and Wendy Fulk for bringing food!

2. President Sean McBride introduced our "ALL ACCESS: Media Panel; From Backstage to Cover Page."

a. Al Inman, News 14 Carolina

- Al Inman is Media Editor for News 14 Carolina in Raleigh. Al graduated from UNCW in May 2008 with a B.A. in Communication Studies and a minor in Spanish. During his time at UNCW, Al was a member of CSS and served as Publicity Chair during 2007-2008. He completed an internship with WECT which turned into a part-time job filming various sporting events live to tape. Now at News 14 Carolina, Al's job as Media Editor entails cutting and editing video to be played on air as well as taking in live feeds from areas around the state. Al hopes to take his experience and eventually transition into photography for the station. http://news14.com

b. Meghan Packer, WWAY

- Meghan Packer is a reporter and anchor at WWAY in Wilmington. Meghan graduated from Elon University in 2007 and immediately began working at WWAY. Meghan was very active in Elon's broadcast program and received several honors and awards there, including being named College Anchor of the Year by the Broadcast Education

Association in 2007. Meghan is a general assignment reporter and is co-anchor during the 11pm newscast. Meghan is from Philadelphia and enjoys golf, spending time with family and friends and volunteering at a nursing home in her spare time. http://www.wwaytv3.com

c. Chris Wilkerson, *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*

- Chris Wilkerson is the Editor of the *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*. Chris is a 15-year veteran of the newspaper industry and has a bachelor's degree in Journalism from Auburn University. In his career, Chris was a reporter and copy editor for several small daily newspapers for about 10 years before moving to business newspapers. Chris was a business editor in Atlanta before moving here four years ago. As Editor for the *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*, he works for a bi-weekly business-focused newspaper covering Southeastern North Carolina. The paper publishes news and features on industries like healthcare, banking and finance, technology, retail and others. http://www.wilmingtonbiz.com

d. Amy Hotz, Wilmington *Star-News*

- Amy Hotz is a Staff Writer for the Wilmington *Star-News*. Amy is a Wilmington native and graduated from UNCW in 1998 with a B.A. in English and a minor in Spanish. During her time at UNCW, Amy interned for the *Pender Post* and the Writing/Reading Place. After her graduation, Amy began freelancing for the *Star-News* and was hired as a full-time writer in 2000. Amy has placed in several state and national writing contests. Amy worked as the Pender County reporter before being asked to launch *Currents*, the paper's entertainment magazine. Today, Amy's main beats are the local film industry and outdoor adventure. http://www.starnewsonline.com

3. President Sean McBride led a Question & Answer Session.

Meeting ended at 8:17 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2009, in Leutze 143 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Minutes by CSS Secretary Kelly Padykula and Faculty Advisor Jennifer Chin.