

## **Minutes for Fall 2016 Task Force for Development of a Journal for Collaborative Student-Teacher Research Meeting**

Present: Brown (chair), Fitzpatrick, Leonard, Helgesen, Gabriel

### **Charge**

To research collaborative (between students and teachers) journals and other publications (both print and online) and make recommendations about the viability of a similar publication for Sigma Tau Delta.

### **Task**

Between July 15, 2016, and January 15, 2017, write a short report on Online Journals for Collaborative Research that includes:

- a brief literature review
- comparative analysis of the common structures and purposes
- opportunities and challenges of implementation
- potential revenue and costs

Once complete, the short report should be sent to the Communications Committee for discussion.

### **General Ideas**

To open the meeting, we discussed the breadth of projects that students and professors could submit, including service learning, directed studies, senior thesis, oral histories, creative writing, and these could come from both graduate and undergraduate students.

In a discussion about cost, we suggested it could begin online, then move to print, if possible and/or necessary.

We could ultimately get to the point where the issues could be themed.

### **Opportunities**

We discussed a number of opportunities, including the following list:

- Gives faculty recognition for the work they do
- Provides students another publication outlet (CV builder)
- Sigma Tai Delta exposure/credibility (academic and service)
- Give students another internship through our Publications area

### **Challenges**

- We also discussed a number of challenges, including the following list:
- Themes could deter submissions
- How do we measure success?
  - Numbers of submissions
  - Indexed by major databases
    - Can measure citations/references
  - Tiered rollout (one issue, moving to more)
- Who owns this?
- Need a peer review process

- Money
- Do we let them publish it elsewhere? Intellectual property questions

### **Potential revenue and costs**

We discussed the benefits and drawbacks, financially, including the following list:

- Online could save money; costs little
- Could combine with the *Review* in the beginning
- Print-on-demand for people who want print copies
- University advertising
- Could apply for grants

### **Report**

Brown will compile a short report to share with the Communications committee by January 2017.