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Finding our collective Mizzou voice

How to determine our communication goals.

• What are the goals of the University?

• How can communications and marketing assist in those goals?
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How to determine strategy?

• What do we want known about Mizzou and by whom?

• How do we all contribute to telling that story
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There are thousands of stories to tell through all of our platforms. We look for those stories that contribute to Mizzou’s single voice. That is the only way we will be heard.
Functions of Central Communications

- Executive communications
- Media relations/Issues management
- Social media
- Support distributed communications team

- Internal communications
- Visual/multimedia production
- Web communications
- Marketing
- Emergency messaging
Contact us when:

- You have good news for the University to share
- You have potential bad news
- You need strategic advice for internal, public communications, social media, marketing events or brand and trademark questions
- You have feedback on institutional communications
What we’re looking to promote

• Examples of great work and great scholarship
• Fun visuals and personal stories
• Interesting Mizzou people to highlight
• Examples that align with our key messages
Some priority messages

• University for Missouri

• Research vision/quality of scholarship in a great variety of disciplines

• Student affordability

• Commitment to inclusivity

• Open for business/change
Designing the central communications office

1. Evaluate needs of the whole
2. Evaluate needs of each partner
3. Build in partnership
JOSCM’s goals

• Shift national reputation
• Drive enrollment
• Tell our story better
• Work closer with communicators throughout Mizzou
• Work closer with communicators at all four universities
Shift national reputation

- Build proof-based new story
- Build a national media strategy
- Social media campaigns
- Higher education strategy
- Build leadership brands
- Engage all communicators
- Shift narrative from 2015
Drive enrollment marketing

• 160over90 marketing, year 2
• Build in-house marketing team
• Improve website
Tell our story better

• Not storytelling for storytelling sake: What does it say about Mizzou?
• Show the human experience
• Show relevance
• Create/improve delivery channels to key audiences
• Multimedia elements are essential
• Create plans for internal/external communications using relevant channels
What’s coming:

• Recruiting
• Publication review, improvement and development plan for Mizzou and UM System
• Narrative shift planning
• Leadership brand planning
• 160/90 work on enrollment
• TPMC tool kit development
• RFP for new app

• Formation of task forces
• News websites
• Social media collaboration, planning
• Institutional messaging packets
• New homepage, gateway pages
• News channel to tell our own stories
Questions?