

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

University Standing Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Harrelson Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Year Covered by Report \_\_\_\_\_ 2015-2016 \_\_\_\_\_

Date Report Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ June 21, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of times committee met \_\_\_\_\_ 5 face-to-face meetings were held with additional business conducted via email.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The committee recommends that the Harrelson funds be held for an additional year, in order to accumulate a sufficient level of funding to bring in a national level speaker. Further, the committee notes that it is difficult to attract high quality speakers and bring them to campus, due to limited funds. It would be ideal if these funds could be combined with other funding sources. This proposal has been put forward by the committee to the Provost and the Committee on Committees (via Katharine Stewart).

## **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE**

The committee was given the charge, based on the language of the fund, to identify a speaker for the Harrelson Lecture during the 2015/2016 year. The committee suggested several speakers and then put out a call to all Faculty to solicit potential speakers. The committee prioritized the speaker list and the chair investigated the fees associated with those speakers. It was determined that, based on the funds available, none of the potential speakers identified were affordable with the current level of funds available. The committee voted to hold funds for one year, in order to gain additional funds for a speaker in the 2016/2017 year.

There was good discussion on how best to obtain additional funds, by speaking with the Provost about the possibility to combine funds with other sources to attract speakers. The committee was asked to express interest in serving as chair, though no one was able to commit at the time of the call.

The committee decided the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs will convene the first meeting of the fall semester 2016, at which time a chair will be elected.

## **RECOMMENDATION FOR REVISION OF CHARGE AND/OR MEMBERSHIP CONFIGURATION (if applicable)**

It was recommended that the incoming committee chair continue to work with the Provost Office to broaden the funds available to attract speakers to a high profile University wide lecture series.