University Standing Committee on Speakers and Lectures

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. March 25, 2019 Faculty Research Commons D.H. Hill Library

Committee members present (check applicable):

Phil Sannes	Х	Kristin Koch	Х
Kimberly Allen	Х	Lossie Rooney	Х
Todd See		Katharine Stewart	Х
Dorianne Laux			
Sheri Schwab	Х		
Marian Fragola	Х		
Kari Lewis			

The meeting was called to order. It was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting could conduct business.

- 1. Open Meeting Reminder
 - a) Dr. Katharine Stewart reviewed the rules regarding the open meeting law.
- 2. Introductions
 - a) Committee members introduced themselves and their roles within the University.
- 3. Review and Approval of January 18, 2019
 - a) The minutes for January 19, 2019 were approved & seconded.
- 4. Planning for Michelle Alexander
 - a) Dr. Stewart stated the Provost enthusiastically approved Michele Alexander coming to campus and stated it would be really good if Ms. Alexander could do more than speak while on campus. The Harrelson fund has an approximate balance of \$37,000, and Ms. Alexanders' fee could be \$25-27,000. The committee will probably need to think about seeking partners if thinking about having Ms. Alexander here for a day of activities versus a talk. The committee would like to host Ms. Alexander in fall 2019 if her schedule permits. Ms. Fragola stated the most popular subject request from students is religion, and if Ms. Alexander does have a new book on that topic it would be timely. Dr. Stewart would like assistance with planning this event. Ms. Fragola and other committee members expressed interest and agreed to form a subcommittee.
- 5. Review compiled list of past speakers on campus
 - a) Ms. Fragola shared a non-exhaustive list of speakers and lecturers, and shared a concern about the cost to students and moral guidelines for fees.
- 6. Learning more about groups who may wish to partner with our committee
 - a) The Libraries and GES will bring Margaret Atwood to campus on Nov 15 to do a public talk.

<u>to do</u>

- Dr. Stewart and Ms. Banks will contact Ms. Alexander's agent to determine her fee and also reach out to potential campus partners to determine if there is interest and funding available to help support her visit.
- Ms. Fragola will find out if Ms. Alexander has a new book coming out and may be on tour in the fall.
- Committee members should think of five names of people they would like to invite to campus
- Create Google sheet to build to track speakers/fees, people that are doing things outside the box, and potential campus partners.
- Next meeting: schedule for week of May 13