

University Standing Committee on Speakers and Lectures

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. March 19, 2020
Meeting held on Zoom Webconferencing

Committee members present (check applicable):

Marian Fragola	X	Kristin Koch	X
Troy Pinkins	X	Lossie Rooney	
James Brunet	X	Karessa Lattimore	X
Kevin Potter	X	Katharine Stewart	X
Todd See		Kimberly Allen	X
Sheri Schwab			
Kari Lewis			

The meeting was called to order by committee Chair Marian Fragola.

1. **Check in:** Marian asked how everyone was doing.
 - a. Krisitin said DASA has been working to keep student organizations updated, student events are cancelled through May 7, and they are working with Rave to make sure records are updated.
2. **Elkin Lecture:**
 - a. Thomas Hager-How to “Talk About Science in a Post-Truth World” was scheduled to come to campus on April 7, and the committee was planning to be one of the sponsors with the Parks Scholars. The event has been postponed and Mr. Hager is interested in coming back in the fall.
 - b. Status of information from David Wallace-Wells surveys; Kristin has shared some information with the committee and will resend feedback. Marian stated the Library has student workers that need hours and can assist if needed.
3. **Other Business:**
 - a. Marian asked if the committee should be planning now for a fall speaker. Troy said it is a good idea to start planning now, as it will give the committee plenty of time to think about which speaker to invite to campus.
 - b. Ibram X. Kendi was the 2020 MLK Speaker, Marian attended and stated he was a good speaker, very powerful and there was good student participation. Mr. Kendi was on the committee’s list of potential speakers and it’s good to know the committee was on track with speakers who are popular with the campus community.
 - c. Potential Fall Speakers
 - i. Jim said Dr. David Ho, was Times Magazine person of the year for his breakthrough AIDS research, and is on the front line with the coronavirus pandemic.
 - ii. Michelle Alexander was working on her new book in the spring when the committee invited her to speak, and she may be available to speak in the fall if she has finished her book.

- iii. Marian asked the committee to continue to think about speakers as we listen to NPR, other new sources.
- iv. Epigenetics and trauma, and how we deal with it is an interesting topic to Karessa, and could be a popular topic for the campus community.

4. Action Items:

- a. Marian will send a list of names of the potential speakers we've discussed.
- b. Kristin will send data from David Wallace-Wells event

5. Announcements:

- a. Troy is planning his annual fall conference on supply chain in October. The location will be on campus in Hunt Library or Talley.
- b. Careers in Energy Week is October 19-23, 2020.
- c. Katharine encouraged everyone to stay committed and continue to work on plans for the fall

6. Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.