# **Speakers and Lectures Committee Minutes / via Zoom**

Date	09/21/2023 Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm						
Invitees / Attendance	P P P	Jai Jackson  Harriett Williams  William Bauer  Anurata Hridi	P P A	Brian Mathis  Jonathan Holloway  Diane Chapman  Meghan Manfra	A A	Lara Fountaine Gary Beckman Scott Belcher	
Action Items from last meeting	<ol> <li>The Meeting was called to order in Zoom at 11:05 a.m. with a quorum present.</li> <li>It was advised that the meeting would be recorded for use in capturing the Minutes and the recording would not be shared publicly.</li> <li>The August 31, 2023 meeting minutes could not be voted on due to non-quorum. The August and September meeting minutes will be voted on in the October meeting.</li> <li>Dr. Jackson gave updates to the Harrelson Endowment. As of 8-31-2023 the current amount in the Harrelson Endowment is \$31,826.35; this fund supports initiatives and events on campus through the committees work. These funds can be utilized to:         <ol> <li>Allow the committee to bring in their own speakers.</li> <li>Allow the committee to co-sponsor with other groups on campus to host speakers.</li> <li>Whenever the committee hosts events, they incur the entire costs (i.evenue, transportation, lodging, marketing, staffing, technology, etc.).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>						

## Potential Speakers for 2023-2024

- The committee discussed potential speakers for the 2023-2024 academic year.
  - A suggestion was made for the committee to think about bringing in speakers either in late Fall or for Spring endeavors.
    - Enough time needs to be given in order to bring in partnerships, to publicize and to speak to faculty members about ways to engage/incentivize the opportunity to their students with the speakers.
- Recommendations for potential speakers were given by committee members.

Name:	Current Institution:	Field of Expertise:	Recommender:
Johan Rockstrom	Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research	Climate Scientist	Scott Belcher
Mandy Cohan	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Internal Medicine / Population Health	Scott Belcher
Kal Penn	(former) White House office for Public Engagement	Public Engagement	Jai Jackson
Shoshana Zuboff	Harvard Business School	Social Psychology (Data)	Bill Bauer
Kurt Gray	UNC Chapel Hill	Social Psychology	Bill Bauer

- A suggestion was made for the committee to view the documentary on Breaking Boundaries by Johan Rockstrom on Netflix. <a href="https://www.netflix.com/title/81336476">https://www.netflix.com/title/81336476</a>
- Has the committee considered charging non NC State affiliated members to come hear speakers as a way to help fund/subsidize the cost of the committee bringing someone to campus?
  - The committee has not charged in the past; but can consider it and would have to look into working with Stewart Theatre and other individuals on campus to help set up the ticketing aspects.
  - Are there other individuals that the committee can think of that would stand out as potential speakers or has the committee heard of any events or speakers on campus from their perspective areas that this committee could engage and co-sponsor with?
  - Could the committee consider partnering next year with SA and OIED during Latinx Heritage month or MLK Commemoration event?
- A suggestion was made for the next meeting to solidify at least two individuals that the committee would like to reach out to for scheduling a speaking engagement in the Spring.
  - Dr. Jackson will reach out to MSA's director to find out who they are thinking about bringing in as a speaker for the MLK Commenoration and see if there is an opportunity for the committee to provide co-sponsorship.

### **Future Discussion Topics**

- A discussion came up last year on creating a speakers and lectures website that would live somewhere prominent at the University; where the committee would aggregate all of the speakers along with the promotional materials, this would provide a great resource for the campus community to have additional speakers that they may not be aware of.
  - Is this something that the campus needs? Is this something that the committee should pursue?

#### Nomination for Vice Chair

 Dr. Jackson asked if anyone would like to nominate someone or self nominate themselves to serve as Vice Chair for this year and become Chair of the committee next year (June 2024).  Dr. Jackson and Sunanda will create a Google form for nominations for Vice Chair, Self Nomination, or Declining the level of leadership and have it for discussion at our October meeting.

### **New Business**

Vice Chair nominations/vote.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.