



Speakers and Lectures Committee  
Tuesday, November 5, 2024  
2:00 -3:00 pm via Zoom

Facilitator: Dr. Melvin “Jai” Jackson (Chair)

Members Present: Jai Jackson, John Britt, Will Boone, Scott Belcher.

Members Absent: Harriett Edwards, Meghan Manfra, David Berube, Syd Fryer, David Woodbury.

Ex-Officio Present: Diane Chapman

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Melvin “Jai” Jackson, Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty Engagement, at 2:05 p.m., with a quorum present. Dr. Jackson noted that the meeting would be recorded solely for minute-taking purposes and would not be publicly shared.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the [October 17, 2024](#) meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Discussions:**

1. [Dr. Keisha Ray](#) -Dr. Jackson confirmed Dr. Keisha Ray will speak on campus on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center's Washington Sankofa Room (#126).
  - a. A reception and book signing are planned to follow her talk pending Dr. Ray's agreement.
  - b. Dr. Jackson has asked the African American Cultural Center about reserving the gallery for the reception.
  - c. The Office for Faculty Excellence and the Provost's Office have been contacted to support marketing efforts, including digital billboards and other promotional materials.
2. [Ayesha Rascoe](#) - Dr. Jackson is awaiting a response from Rascoe's representation regarding her availability.
3. [Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer](#) - Dr. Kimmerer's schedule is currently unavailable as she is on the road, but Dr. Jackson will follow up when possible.
4. **Potential Partnerships**
  - a. The committee will partner with the Black History Month Committee to help promote Dr. Ray's event via flyers, websites, and other media.
  - b. Additional partnerships with faculty, groups or departments to encourage student attendance and engagement are welcomed.
5. **Potential Event with Dr. Graham Ambrose**
  - a. Progress continues on Dr. Ambrose's campus-wide panel and workshops on inclusive governance. He is collaborating with the CHASS Office of Communications and Marketing to finalize marketing materials which is expected to be ready for the committee to review before Thanksgiving.
6. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.
7. **Next Meeting**

TBD