



Speakers and Lectures Committee
Thursday, October 17, 2024
1:00 -2:00 pm via Zoom

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

Members Present: Jai Jackson, Will Boone, David Woodbury, Scott Belcher, David Berube.

Members Absent: Harriett Edwards, Meghan Manfra, John Britt, Syd Fryer, Diane Chapman

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Melvin “Jai” Jackson, Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty Engagement, at 1:05 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 [September 19, 2024](#) meeting were reviewed and approved.

Discussions:

1. [Dr. Keisha Ray](#) -Dr. Jackson confirmed Dr. Ray’s interest in visiting the campus, with a reservation in Witherspoon Student Center's Washington Sankofa Room (#126) on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
2. Partnerships with the departments below have been established and each will provide co-sponsorship and promotional support.
 - a. Global One Health
 - b. Data Science
 - c. Campus Health
3. [Ayesha Rascoe](#) - Dr. Jackson has not yet received a response from Ayesha Rascoe but plans to follow up shortly.
4. [Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer](#) - Dr. Jackson has heard back from Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer who suggested scheduling a visit for Fall 2025. Dr. Jackson will provide potential dates.
5. **Potential Event with Dr. Graham Ambrose**
 - a. Dr. Ambrose, Assistant Professor in CHASS’s School of Public and International Affairs, proposed a collaboration for a campus-wide panel discussion and workshops on inclusive governance. He requested \$5,000 for materials and refreshments, plus up to \$500 for modest travel expenses for guest authors. Dr. Jackson confirmed interest from the Office for Equal Opportunity for event coordination support, with a tentative date of late January 2025. The committee voted unanimously to approve funding, pending a detailed calendar and action/marketing plan from Dr. Ambrose.
6. **Black History Month Event Collaboration**
 - a. Dr. Jackson coordinated with the Black History Month Committee, who agreed to co-promote Dr. Ray’s event. Additionally, NC State’s University Marketing Department and the Provost’s Office Marketing Department will assist with digital promotion.

7. Financial Summary

- a. The Harrelson Endowment Fund has a balance of \$40,000. The committee approved \$5,000 for Dr. Ambrose's event, contingent on receiving a calendar and marketing plan.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.