



Speakers and Lectures Committee
Monday, February 17, 2025
11:00 -12:00 pm via Zoom

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

Members Present: Jai Jackson, Scott Belcher, Syd Fryer

Members Absent: Harriett Edwards, Meghan Manfra, David Berube, David Woodbury, John Britt, Will Boone.

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 11:05 p.m. 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 for the [November 5, 2024](#) could not be approved as a quorum was not present at the meeting. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting for approval.

Discussions:

1. Dr. Jackson gave updates on [Dr. Keisha Ray](#)'s visit to campus.
 - a. Advertising for this event went out early November including save-the-dates. Academic partners were contacted (i.e.-Associate Deans and Department Heads), individual and center faculty members and The Academy for Global One Health informing them of this event.
 - b. RSVP forms were sent out to the same departments and individuals along with various campus student groups.
 - c. Other Groups that were invited to this event include:
 - i. The School of Medicine at UNC, Duke and NC State.
 - ii. The Center for Health Equity and the Center for Black Health Equity (Durham, NC).
 - iii. The Department of Health and Human Services (in Durham, Johnston and Wake Counties).
2. The NC State African American Cultural Center and DASA included this event on their websites and in their promotional materials.
3. The event will be located in the Sankofa Room of the Witherspoon Student Center.
 - a. The reception and book signing will immediately follow the event upstairs on the second floor in the Art Gallery.
 - b. Itinerary of the event:
 - i. [Dr. Keisha S. Ray Itinerary](#)

4. Granting vs. Planning Committee

- a. A suggestion was made from shifting the Speakers and Lectures Committee from planning events to sponsoring events and collaborating with other organizations on campus.
 - i. This will allow the committee to collaborate more with other campus organizations, rather than focusing solely on event planning, to create a greater impact on our campus community.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.