

Minutes from Hollins Heritage Committee
Tuesday, 9/6 12pm-1pm.
Camp Younts

In attendance: Jeffery N. Bullock; Jean Fallon; Shelbie L. Wahl-Fouts; Felicity A. Mampe; Jeri L. Suarez; Maryke H. Barber; Ernest S. Zulia; William C. Krause; Beth S. Harris; Jean C. Holzinger; Sheyonn L. Baker; Jon D. Bohland

1. **Update on Summer Meetings with President Gray and Recent Developments**

- President Gray has been very clear in her support of the heritage committee. We have funding to send representatives to the USS (Universities Studying Slavery) conference at the end of September in Williamsburg. Jon, Jeffery, Beth, and Bill will attend the conference this year. The four participants hope to come back from the meeting with a number of concrete ideas for the coming year.
- The Reconciliation and Memorialization subcommittee is expected to provide recommendations for Founders' Day by mid-October to the president.
- Funding is in place to support some speakers and community activities.
- Peter Coogan has resigned from the committee over the summer.
- The recent report by Georgetown University to the President with recommendations for how to deal with their slave past was distributed to the committee. For example, a recommendation to rename campus buildings in honor of former slaves is something that was discussed last term by the HHC for our campus.
- President Gray mentioned some donor interest in creating a permanent memorial to Hollins slaves. The committee will be kept aware of these conversations as they develop.

2. **Concrete Plans and Priorities for the Coming Academic Year**

- There is now a shell for a website for the heritage community. Maryke volunteered to be in charge of beginning the process of designing and populating the website. Minutes will go up on the website. Maryke also requested a written description of the work being undertaken by the archival committee in order to inform the public of this ongoing effort. Links to articles and readings associated with universities and slavery can be shared on this website.
- Jeffrey and Sheyonn both expressed the need for regular outreach to our community members, both at Hollins and within the Greater Roanoke Valley. Sheyonn agreed to organize a meeting in the next six weeks with community members where members of the HHC would attend off campus.
- Felicity agreed to organize an evening event with the community as a whole to be held in early November. This event would likely be catered and would involve invites to key community allies.
- Shelbie agreed to work on strategies to liaison with SGA, Roundtable, and the student body.
- The memorialization and reconciliation subcommittee will work on Founders' Day recommendations as part of the next four meetings. The idea of a "teach in" as part of the Founders' Day events, similar to an event held recent by Georgetown University, was raised as a possible model for the type of event we could plan for that week.

3. **Meeting Schedule:**

The future meeting schedule is as follows:

- TH Sept 15 Subgroups
- TU Sept 20 Subgroups
- TU Oct 4 Full Group
- TU Oct 11 Subgroups
- TU Oct 18 Subgroups

TU Nov 1 Full Group

TU Nov 15 Subgroup

TU Dec 6 Full Group

Dates for events, community engagement sessions, etc. will be set within the next month and published on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 1pm.