

Hollins Heritage Committee

Archaeology & USS Conference Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Present: Jon Bohland, Beth Harris, Karen Callaway, Maryke Barber, Robin Lee, Paris Williams, Kathleen Nolan, Jeri Suarez, Nick Miller.

Jon:

- Idella, Jon and President Lawrence met with a member of the Cocke family. There are concerns from the family about the committee's work; we're trying to emphasize that the committee's focus is on locating and bringing out existing information, documents, etc. – not rendering judgment or interpreting history. Idella and Jon have another meeting coming up with the president to discuss the direction of the committee and administrative support.
- Kathleen & Jeri suggested that we involved both the President and VPAA Hammer in the April USS conference.
- On Oct. 29, members of the committee met with a group from the Hollins Community for a luncheon and update on the committee's work and future plans.

J-Term Course:

- Information sessions were well attended, hopefully enrollment will be good. Jon will convene a group of those directly involved in teaching the course to set the course calendar. Everyone is encouraged to submit suggestions about how students might be actively engaged in January.
- Paris emphasized that cultural competency should be part of the curriculum, as well as a consideration for the field work crew.

USS Conference:

- Attendance could range from 60-150, perhaps more if students and alumnae are interested. Jon will reserve larger spaces in case they are needed; Jeri will work with Jon on space and other logistics, including working with Chris Powell.
- Paris and Renee will create Facebook page; they suggest using this in particular to reach out to alumnae, especially alumnae of color.
- Paris is partnering with Lia Joseph ('16) on a panel about activism.
- Beth is working on a hotel room block.
- Suggestions from ?: using RADAR or a rented bus to bring people in from Roanoke downtown, one of the local schools, and/or other collection points.
- Maryke will work on registration/administration; Paris suggested asking BSA to help distribute materials and information during the conference.
- Suggestions for programming:
 - Build in space just for conversation (separate from panel time slots)
 - Include artistic/creative work: dance, spoken word poetry, the choir.
 - Consider which panels might work better as discussion round tables.

- Invite the Hollins Community, but in a way which does not require them to commit to discussing their families in front of strangers. Karen suggested talking to Grace Nichols.
- Notable attendees for the conference: the author of [*University, Court, and Slave, Alfred L. Brophy*](#), will be attending; there is also a Harvard fellow who wants to present.
- Jon will reach out to schools with a call for proposals for panels/round tables. He also wants to reach out to HBCU's