Heritage Committee Meeting: Memorial Subcommittee

Thursday  |  September 7, 2017  |  Noon  |  Mary Rowland

In attendance:

- Karen Calloway
- Jennine Culligan
- Idella Glenn
- Jeffery Bullock
- Jon Bohland
- Nick Miller
- Kathleen Nolan

*** Also included via conference call: Sarita Herman. ***

SUBCOMMITTEE NEEDS:

- Confirm members of this subcommittee.
- Make sure that we have at least one student on this subcommittee.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHARGE:

- There is some money from SGA and from the Cocke family (and possibly from a donor?), which we are charged to “do something” with. (Bohland)
- We should be prepared to make a recommendation, in terms of our next steps, to Pareena Lawrence by the end of the academic year. (Bohland)

ADDITIONAL CONVERSATION:

- Bohland offered a summary of the archaeological project and discussions from the other subcommittee meeting in order to update Herman.
- Depending on what we decide to do for a memorial project, we will likely need to raise additional funds for this work. We should also make sure that our memorial work is informed by the archaeology project and its findings. (Glenn)
• It will be hard to compare the archaeological process at UVA to that of Hollins, particularly in terms of student involvement and/or student concerns, as they have been doing archaeological work for 20-25 years. Students have been involved, but to varying degrees. That being said, there were definitely varied reactions to conversations about the memorial that certainly warrant a conversation about cultural sensitivity. Regardless, process is the most important part of this work, and we need to be attentive to how that process might be unique to Hollins. (Herman)

SUBCOMMITTEE NEXT STEPS:
• We need, as a committee, to do research on other institutions. (Glenn)
• We will definitely learn about pitfalls from this, but we should not necessarily look to them for models. Need to do our own thing. (Herman)
• There is (or should be?) some money allocated to our committee for a few field trips to other institutions as we conduct this research. (Bohland)

ADDITIONAL CONVERSATION:
• Q&A with Herman about experiences in Charlottesville around memorialization.
• Concerns about lack of publicity for/access to Hollins Community scholarship.