Hollins Heritage Committee
Meeting – Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018


- Both President Lawrence and VPAA Hammer have provided feedback on the current draft for a new name (the Hollins University Working Group on Slavery and its Contemporary Legacies) and mission. In early March, Jon and Idella will have another meeting with them to come up with a final version. So far, the feedback has been good. As evidence of the group’s value, Jon notes that enrollment in the J-Term course and in the field school have both exceeded their cap. Note: we have been told the group will have limited funds going forward.

- Kathleen has worked with FEC to try to clarify for its members the difference between our group and the Diversity Initiatives Advisory Board (DIAB). Idella will visit FEC and offer this perspective one more time.

- Students from the J-Term course will be presenting on their experience during the afternoon of the inauguration.

- A student from the J-Term Course will be working on finding student activists on campuses for schools we’d like to invite to the USS Conference.

- Paris, Robin and Nick will work together on social media for the conference.

- Instead of a Thursday night speaker, Jon is suggesting the group present information on our findings and activities so far in a large open forum. This will be marketed to the campus community, and will also be open to conference registrants (6 p.m. Thursday 4/12, reception following).

- Registration for the conference is about 30. Bill will send an invitation to 25 non-USS schools. Registration will be advertised to campus and the community starting March 1.

- Some registrants interested in presenting have been contacted; a few more need to be contacted. Delaine suggested using information from the Memorialization working group’s survey to broaden panel offerings at the conference beyond just what people are offering to present.

- The survey has been taken by most USS schools, Idella is still reaching out to those who have not responded.
• Paris will look into the possibility of putting up student activist guests at the apartments’ guest housing, or with other students. Other suggestions were Barbee House and the Alumni Cottages.

• Bill met with history professors at Roanoke College. He viewed their restoration project in preparation for arranging RC as a location for a Saturday morning conference field trip.