Inclusion Committee   April 5, 2016 at 5 pm   North Seminar Room

Present: Abraham Aiyash (JMCSS), Robert Brathwaite (faculty), Funmbi Elemo (faculty), Ben Schroff (Stonewall), Sherman Garnett (Dean), Emelia Hammond (staff), Louise Jezierski (faculty), Curtis Stokes (faculty).

Agenda:

1. Meeting minutes from March 3rd 2016 to be approved

2. Parade of Honors procedures finalized

3. JMC Bylaws to be written during summer 2016

4. Dr. Robert L. Green visits JMC in Fall semester 2016

5. Other Business added:

   A. Prof. Brathwaite presents on 2016-2017 speaker series;

   B. Prof. Stokes presents updates on the Race Conference for spring 2017;

   C. Dean Garnett announces that Dr. Peters is joining the Faculty ¼.

1. Meeting minutes from March 3rd were approved with the correction that the selection of Co-chairs was Curtis Stokes and Louise Jezierski, both faculty.

2. Parade of Honors will be held on April 28th at 7 pm. Updates provided by Dean Garnett:

   To streamline the time, freshmen awards like UDS, ADS, and Cummings Award from fall semester will be moved to separate recognition in the fall. To streamline we are collecting short bios for students. But there are two big groups, including Phi Beta Kappa and Study Abroad scholarships – these names will be listed and everyone may come up. The Garfinkel Award will be moved from Commencement to Parade of Honors. It is difficult to match faculty introductions to particular students. Big paper awards like the Ron Dorr Award will be presented on stage with 3-4 sentences about the paper read. We need to get feedback on a number of other awards such as achievement awards, both group and individual. If we come across an issue where a student may receive up to 7 awards, these may be combined and the student may come up once. We need to have a written script for these awards, for example, a description of student senate for introduction. We may need feedback on agreement over just what constitutes major awards. Julia will standardize the script and send it to us. Another question is whether we need different awards to capture the contributions of students in different ways.
3. By-laws formulation.

Drafts of by-laws will be written by Professors Stokes and Jezierski over the summer of 2016 for review by the inclusion committee and faculty early in fall semester 2016. Models from other residential colleges will be reviewed. For example, the Dean does not sit on the inclusion committee in Lyman Briggs College.

4. Updates on Dr. Robert Green’s visit to JMC next Fall, His book, At the Crossroads of Fear and Freedom will be considered for a summer book choice. He will be available to provide co-curricular events and other input for MC201 for issues of race and social policy.

5. A. Updates on speaker series. Prof. Brathwaite provided a separate handout and the expectation is to have two or three events per semester. Goals include themed format so the lectures are coordinated. We are considering sponsorship for the series. Funding will require about $1500 each semester. Student input on the themes and speakers must be inclusive. The theme should be decided at least a semester in advance and we need to decide upon criteria.

The Dean reminds us that Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi will also provide 8 lectures next year. See JMC Events Calendar for these public lectures: http://jmc.msu.edu/events/event.php?id=264

The Dean reminds us that in September of 2017 we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the college. And we should coordinate with Laura Casey, President of the JMC Alumni Association. Eight events around the country are being planned, perhaps one big party.

5. B. Updates on the Race Conference, Spring 2017. We might also consider a brand for this – an identity for the speaker series for Spring of 2017. The Dean can start with a nominal budget but we can find partners if need be.

5. C. Dean Garnet updates us on a new hire that is finalized. Dr. Tacuma Peters will start in the fall in tenure track, the line is located in PTCD and the position shared with Philosophy. Another candidate is presenting April 6th. HCW candidates will be considered by the committee next Monday. We consider the college’s need to further diversity to Chicano and Native American studies.

We adjourn at 6:30 pm expecting this to be the last meeting of the committee for the year.

Submitted by Co-chair, Louise Jezierski