

4/16/2021

# Physics DEI Committee: Meeting Minutes

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## Discussion Topics

- 1) Introduction - All **(5 mins)**
- 2) Approve previous minutes ([4/02](#)) - All **(5 mins)**
- 3) Announcements & Matters Arising **(15 mins)**
  - a) Letter to Office of Provost (234 signatures)
  - b) Movie screening: "[Can we talk? Difficult conversations with underrepresented people of color: sense of belongs and obstacles to STEM fields](#)"
  - c) MORE and CRLT Player workshops for Fall
  - d) Teaching Town Hall and associated survey
  - e) Sculpture honoring Elmer Imes
  - f) Proposal: renaming New Randall in honor of Homer Neal
- 4) Update from Research Subcommittee **(5-10 mins)**
- 5) Develop [list of recommended priorities](#) for next year **(15-20 mins)**
- 6) Feedback on this year's meeting for next year **(10 mins)**

**Thank you everyone for all your hard work this year!**

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- Introductions
- Previous minutes approved
- Announcements, Feedback, and Matters Arising
  - Letter regarding renaming Weiser Hall sent to President Mark Schlissel, Provost Susan Collins, and Dean Anne Curzan with 234 signatures from Physics, Applied Physics, and Astronomy
    - i) UPDATE (4/30): [Recent response from Anne Curzan](#)
  - Original movie screening time (May 7th) conflicts with Astronomy's commencement event. Next available time for movie screeners is in the Fall.

- CRLT Players workshop will be booked in late May/early June. Requesting the sketch "You don't belong here," which follows the experiences of a first generation, woman of color at U-M
- Had first consultation meeting with MORE organizers
  - i) Working on scheduling time in Fall
  - ii) Will later request input from faculty on the committee
  - iii) Currently Jennifer Ogilvie, David Gerdes, and Vanessa Sih working with Zana Kwaiser
- Working to schedule a townhall/workshop follow up event to the CRLT 'Teaching for Equity' event
  - i) Will pass on survey to capture ideas for the event (Jennifer or Rachel will send out soon)
  - ii) UPDATE (4/30): Discussion with the Curriculum Committee and Department Chair indicated that faculty participation would be low over spring/summer term. Recommended hosting during faculty meeting in Fall. Working to still have Graduate Student participation opportunity
- Elmer Imes sculpture update
  - i) U-M artwork committee not taking requests, hoping to in the fall
  - ii) Next steps: write to Vice Provost Robert Sellers
  - iii) Jennifer is looking for assistance
- Proposal to name 'new Randall' after Homer Neal
  - Proposal to recommend renaming the low-rise portion of Dennison (aka Weiser) Hall after Homer Neal
    - i) Issue of legally binding contract with Ronald Weiser may prevent renaming
    - ii) Mention that U-M may be holding out for a donor to upgrade the low-rise portion
  - Group decided it would be better to address the issue of Weiser Hall separately from naming a building after Homer Neal
  - Next steps
    - i) Send letter to Anne Curzan to garner support and feedback
    - ii) If there is no satisfactory response, next steps could include contacting U-M news sources (e.g. UM Record, etc) to spread the word about Homer Neal's accomplishments and contributions to the university and physics community

- iii) Reach out to Engineering for support since James Duderstadt (former President) hired Homer Neal
  - o Roy and Anwasha offered assistance to David and Jennifer
- [Draft of list of priorities, completed projects, and meeting format](#)
- UPDATE (4/30/21): [Final Report](#)

## **Past Subcommittee Notes**

### **Outreach Subcommittee: Breakout Session**

**Link to Notes:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W0ukqD8I-3nLG\\_jlmkFLUuvx9fGA-Q32Sb3yyJYR1J4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W0ukqD8I-3nLG_jlmkFLUuvx9fGA-Q32Sb3yyJYR1J4/edit?usp=sharing)

### **Research Subcommittee: Breakout Session**

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### **Teaching Subcommittee: Breakout Session**

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### **Representation Subcommittee**

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