

Research Committee Meeting

January 21, 2022 – 1:00PM

Attended: Meghan Kowalski, Botao Chen, Rosie Sneed, Glen Benedict

Absent: Akosoa McFadgion, Tim Oladunni, Paul Cotae

Excused: Craig Wynne

Guest: Dr. Cherie Ann Turpin

AGENDA

1. Agenda was accepted unanimously.
2. Introductions
 - a. Our guest, Dr. Turpin, was introduced to the attending members of the committee.
3. Old Business
 - a. Presentation by Dr. Turpin
 - i. Dr. Turpin gave a presentation on why we should seek to dismantle the institutional structures and trends that perpetuate racism, classism, ableism, sexism, homophobia, and transphobia.
 - ii. She covered what we don't talk about and how that is perpetuating these trends. Dr. Turpin shared how we need to be open to and listen to minoritized voices in our community to create safe learning spaces for our students, faculty, and staff.
 - iii. Dr. Turpin shared that, as an HBCU, UDC still needs to do the work. (Cites how we don't discuss minoritized groups or promote events that highlight these groups.)
 - iv. Asking what is needed for the research and work of minoritized groups (more emphasis of funding in areas of women, transgender, queer, etc. projects)
 - v. Brainstorming Ideas
 1. Adding pronouns to faculty research index
 2. Having students/faculty help build content/events that promote these areas of research (Inviting more voices and opportunities to the table.)
 3. Encouraging students to come back to UDC to join the discussion
 4. Finding ways to encourage/fund more research in these areas (good not just for our students/faculty but also for UDC and the community as a whole)
 5. Creating more virtual tools (i.e. Zoom, twitter, etc.) to share and promote more minoritized voices (ex. Webinar series promoting research being done by or about minoritized groups)
 6. Diversity and Inclusion in Research and Learning Statement (adopted at the University level) - crafted in such a way as to not tokenize

7. Creating a UDC newspaper/newsletter that is independent of the University but about the UDC community (to share student and faculty news)
 - b. Faculty Research Index Plan (Review Plan)
 - i. No updates about the proposal but it is in front of the Senate for discussion
 - ii. Meghan met with the law library to discuss their institutional repository. This platform may be something the Library on main campus can adopt. The Index would eventually roll into this as it would be more user friendly and searchable.
 - c. Update on Meeting with Victor McCrary
 - i. No news to share.
 4. Other Business
 - a. Question about the research moratorium (why is it happening, what are next steps, what does this mean for faculty work that involves other universities and partnerships)
 5. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously