

## **Anti-Racism Committee Meeting Minutes**

August 31, 2020

In attendance: Jane Snyder, Chair; Joyce Fredkin, Eugene Goldwater, Manuel Harpin, Pat Hugenberger, Carol Panetta (recording), Vanessa Rodriguez, Shelley Williams

### Notes:

1. We will keep the Monday, 3 pm time for the meeting going forward.
2. The Committee gave positive feedback on the contextualized statement to introduce the mission statement. So the mission statement is done! Dr. Snyder will bring it to the Administrative Directors, faculty, and community.
3. Mr. Harpin and Dr. Dzitko will work on the proposal to mentors first, will bring it back around, and then can reach out to mentors. They will start with 8 clinicians so far and see what feedback they get.
4. Student orientation is all set. Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Harpin are attending. The Student Association is meeting ahead of time to discuss.
5. The Student Association will start attending some faculty meetings. We talked about doing this as frequently as once a month, to help students to feel they have a voice, but this might not be feasible. We need to figure this out a bit, but it will definitely happen at least once per semester.
6. Speaker and Film Series
  - a. Dr. Hugenberger is asking Ms. Moore to contact Kimberlyn Leary about speaking about race in the analytic process.
  - b. Mrs. Williams is getting the blurb for Dr. Granville this week. Her presentation is entitled: "Welcome to the Table: A Conversation Addressing Race, Inequality and Social Justice within the BGSP Community." Saturday, October 3, 1-2:30.
  - c. Dr. Hugenberger spoke with Lynne Layton about Dr. Layton and Natasha Holmes talking about the process of how they put together Reflective Spaces/Material Places in Boston; they seem interested, after the election.
  - d. Ernest Fonseca is willing to do something on his dissertation – the effect of slavery on present-day people, in a month or two.
  - e. Fannie Brewster, a Black Jungian analyst recommended by Pam Donleavy, is happy to come and talk. Dr. Hugenberger and Mrs. Williams will set up a time to Zoom with her.

- f. Dr. Dzitko is working on the blurb for a discussion of the movie, *Burn, Mother Fucker, Burn*.
- g. Who could discuss *Thirteenth*, the movie?
- h. *Amistad* is scheduled for Friday. Mr. Harpin expressed concern about how much violence we will show on black bodies. We are already bombarded with violent imagery, especially lately; some people may not want/need to see more. It can be traumatic as a Black person watching. Mrs. Fredkin suggested *Black Panther* because of its positivity and the range of people whom it brought to the movie. *Moonlight* was very powerful.

Mr. Harpin would like to be in touch with incoming Black students and current Black students at the school. This is a hard climate right now, hard for new students to take on lots of work, a lot to manage psychically also for current students.

Maybe *Amistad* should be contextualized for people as to why we are showing it. It is traumatic all around. Should we postpone it? That's OK with everyone. The Committee hasn't communicated enough with the community to set the stage for showing the film. Once we set the stage with other offerings, we will reschedule it in context. Mrs. Fredkin points out it will be helpful to people who don't understand American history well enough to understand the anger behind Black Lives Matter.

- 7. We'll meet in two weeks (September 14, 3 pm); skipping Labor Day.