

# James Farmer Multicultural Center Faculty Advisory Committee Minutes

February 6, 2019

10:00 am

## Members Present:

Dr. Marion Sanford – Director of JFMC;  
Dr. Leo Lee (Math.) – Chair;  
Dr. Maia Magrakvelidze (Phys.) – Secretary;  
Dr. Alexandra Dunn (Business);  
Dr. Suzie Kim (Art History);  
Dr. Melissa Wells (Education);  
Jason Ford – Student representative.

Absent: Erin Shaw– Student representative (class conflict).

Jason Ford – Student representative- was welcomed to his first meeting of the JFMC FAC.

Approval of minutes -- The minutes were presented from the previous meeting on December 6, 2018 and approved unanimously.

## Director's Report –

Dr. Marion Sanford started her report with an overview of the Cultural Awareness Series and social justice initiatives events that JFMC sponsors for the spring semester. The events include:

- Cultural programming and social justice initiatives update
  - Dr. Bernard Lafayette- Keynote Speaker Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> (MLK day celebration)
  - Karen Hunter - Keynote Speaker Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm
  - Black History Month:
    - Gospelfest - Feb2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Slave Auction Block Discussion - Feb 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Privilege Talks - Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm; another upcoming social justice teach-in will focus on cultural appropriation
    - Know Your Rights workshop tentatively scheduled in April
  - Women's History Month starting in March- posters are in print
  - Plans are underway for the Social Justice and Leadership Summit on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – five faculty members will facilitate concurrent sessions throughout the day
- RISE Peer Mentoring program update
  - Workshop on stress and stress management - Feb 5<sup>th</sup>
  - PEER mentor recruitment taking place now for next year (Deadline for application - March 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Mary Washington Giving Day – March 19<sup>th</sup> (**#AllinforJFMC**)
  - This is the first opportunity for the JFMC to participate in this University-wide campaign; have developed our giving page and social media sites

- Volunteers/ambassadors needed for Giving Day; respond to Dr. Marion Sanford by Friday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> if you are willing to participate.
- Rappahannock Arts Community – Every event during the Black History Month will be posted at RappArts calendar. We will add other cultural events on this calendar, as well.
- Review of President Paino’s Strategic Vision goals related to diversity and inclusion and the work of the JFMC
  - **Question 2:** One of the goals is creating a more diverse and inclusive community. How would you describe our “next steps” in striving to accomplish this action plan?
    - *What are specific ways we can engage more faculty and staff?*
    - *What are specific ways we can engage more students?*
    - *How do we get more buy-in from these constituencies?*

Above questions were discussed by committee and some ideas were shared.

**Next meeting:**

- Dr. Leo Lee, chair of the JFMC, requested everybody to provide unavailable times during third and fourth weeks of March and April to schedule next meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.