

## **Joint Committee on Civil Discourse (JCCD)**

Date and Time: 4/4/25 at 1:00pm

Rescheduled for 4/14 at 9:00am

Location: Teams

### Meeting Minutes

**Call to order:** 9:05am

**Present:** Dr. Kara Ostlund, Caleb Colon-Rivera, Jenni Brundage, Kailey Mael, Dr. Anthony Chergosky, Ashley S. Nowak

**Absent:** Jackson Skarp and Isabel Piarulli

### **Agenda**

- Welcome
- Approval of [previous agenda notes](#)
  - a. Motion to approve – First: Jenni, Second: Caleb, no objections
- Approval of today's agenda
  - a. Motion to approve – First: Kara, Second: Jenni, no objections
- Events
  - a. April 10th – Speech Matters Viewing Party (currently 27 registered)
    - i. About 18 participants
    - ii. Interactivity: <https://www.menti.com/alqm671aszw1>
    - iii. Reflection/Feedback:
      - Lunch was nice and incentive to join in person
      - Look to carve out time for structured discussion
      - Consider a post-event discussion opportunity and invite leadership
      - Same date/ competition with WCPA PDI
  - b. April 24th – Pluralist Lab @ UWL
    - i. Currently 10 registered
    - ii. Coming up; share opportunity with students as you see fit
- Update on Campus-wide Discussion Agreements – no update
  - a. Next step: invite Chancellor Beeby to a future meeting
- Discuss Free Speech Week for 2025
  - a. Explore potential themes and speakers
    - i. Theme Ideas:
      - Individuals Sparking Change for Collective Impact
        - Even a single voice can create ripples. Empowering individuals to lead dialogue, challenge structures, and influence collective thought.

- Truth in the Noise: Navigating Facts, Media and Ideologies
  - Free speech thrives when paired with curiosity, critical thinking, and accountability. How do we hold space for diverse views without falling prey to falsehoods?
- Boomers to Z: Building Trust Across Generations
  - Civil discourse requires trust, and trust requires understanding. Bridging generational divides helps foster shared values and meaningful conversation.
- Speaking with Heart: Emotional Intelligence in Free Expression
  - Free speech is not free of consequence. Navigating emotional nuance and learning how to communicate with compassion without compromising authenticity.

**Adjourn:** 10:04am