

Joint Committee on Free Speech Promotion

Date: September 13, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Attendance

Joe Anderson (faculty)

Nizam Arain (chancellor appointee)

Ben Cornforth (university staff)

Heather Dutcher (academic staff)

Nabamita Dutta (faculty)

Tony Hansen (academic staff)

Dana Nielsen (student)

Kim Schultztz-Schliebe (university staff)

Members not Present

Natalie Eschenbaum (chancellor appointee)

Sita Agterberg (student)

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Welcoming remarks and official committee charge (Chancellor Gow)
3. Official approval of by-laws [approved]
4. Nominations and election of chair
 - a. Nabamita Dutta elected as chair
5. Nominations and election of committee recorder
 - a. Ben Cornforth elected as recorder
6. Open discussion
7. Scheduling of date/time for future meetings
8. Adjourn

Notes & Discussion

Per the 2017-2018 academic year, Board of Regents policy (4-21) advances the aims of “Commitment to Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression”

Committee is allotted a budget of \$5,000.00 for the year for guest/speaking fees

Primary goals discussed include

- Decide on a topic(s) for discussion during *Free Speech Week* slated for Oct 2019
- Determine Format for event
 - Possible options include – singular lecturer, joint panel discussion, post-event ‘talkback’ panel
- Finalize date for event(s)

Committee members are asked to explore any and all opportunities or contacts to investigate potential speakers/guests for event. Options include current faculty, alumni, community speakers and/or national speakers/celebrities (should options present themselves).

Action Items

- Nizam will investigate with Campus Climate to assess possible topics of interest and/or speakers of Interest
- Heather will connect with the Alumni Association to see if possible alumni would wish to speak
- Ben will connect with UWL colleges to see if any academic college/dept has anyone who would wish to speak
- Dana will connect with student senate and student orgs to see if there are any topics/speakers of interest to speak.

Joint Committee on Free Speech Promotion

Date: September 20, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Attendance

Joe Anderson (faculty)

Nizam Arain (chancellor appointee)

Ben Cornforth (university staff)

Heather Dutcher (academic staff)

Nabamita Dutta (faculty)

Tony Hansen (academic staff)

Dana Nielsen (student)

Kim Schultz-Schliebe (university staff)

Members not Present

Natalie Eschenbaum (chancellor appointee)

Sita Agterberg (student)

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes (9.13.19) - Approved
3. Discussion

Notes & Discussion

Possible Topics

- #MeToo (Look into WI Journalists)
 - Possible Names: Judith G.
- Jim Szymalak (Political Science) - Nizam
- City of La Crosse Involvement
- Joe Heim (Heather, Sara)
- Jim Parker (Emeritus) (Debate, w/ Moderation)

Possible Discussion Panel

- Education on Free Speech Rights
- Panel Discussion
- You can't say that!
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Action Items

- Budget rollover allowed?
- Debate Prompt – Moderator questions
- Venue (Date, Time, Place) (Kim Schultz) M-W 3-5ish start time
- Schedule times
- Event Title

Contacts

- Nizam (Jim Szymalak), Jim Parker, Sandra
- Mita (Campus Climate – coordinate event schedules)
- Joe A. (Joe Heim, Antoinna)
- Ben (Communications Dept).

Joint Committee on Free Speech Promotion

Date: September 27, 2019

Time: 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Attendance

Joe Anderson (faculty)

Nizam Arain (chancellor appointee)

Ben Cornforth (university staff)

Nabamita Dutta (faculty)

Tony Hansen (academic staff)

Dana Nielsen (student)

Kim Schultztz-Schliebe (university staff)

Natalie Eschenbaum (chancellor appointee)

Members not Present

Heather Dutcher (academic staff)

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes (9.20.19) - Approved
3. Discussion

Notes & Discussion

Possible Moderators

1. Kate Lavelle
2. Sara-Doca Morgan

Discussion Topics

What is the history

What is the difference between Hate Speech and Free speech?

What are impacts of Free Speech in La Crosse?

How has free speech changed in La Crosse?

Action Items

Ben – draft offer for Joe/Jim

Joe – Reach out with Sara-Doca Morgan

Nizam – reach out to Antonina

Catering/Snacks

Joint Committee on Free Speech Promotion

Date: October 4, 2019

Time: 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Attendance

- Heather Dutcher (academic staff)
- Nizam Arain (chancellor appointee)
- Ben Cornforth (university staff)
- Nabamita Dutta (faculty)
- Tony Hansen (academic staff)
- Dana Nielsen (student)
- Kim Schulktz-Schliebe (university staff)
- Natalie Eschenbaum (chancellor appointee)

Members not Present

- Joe Anderson (faculty)

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes (9.20.19) - Approved
3. Discussion

Notes & Discussion

1. Meeting
2. Digital Sign Updates
3. Chancellor Email
 - a. Campus Climate, OMSS, ISJ, Dean's, Pol / Sci – student groups, IEE, , Communications Dept, Philosophy, Lisa Klein, Student Life, D&I, History, Economics
4. Flyer (w/ QR code)
5. Website Notes

Flyer

- Date, Time, Location
- Title
- Bullets

Flyer Due by Wednesday

Event Outline

- Chair/Committee Introduction
- Chancellor
- Intro discussion (10 slides)
- Discussion
- Q&A

Other Notes

SJ Week – April 6 – 16th – Proposals due Oct 31st

Action Items

- Nabamita– Arrange meeting with Beth Boser (meeting)
- Ben – Deb Hoskins (
 - Email/Description Draft)
- Heather (Flyer, Digital Sign)
- Nizam - Website

Joint Committee on Free Speech Promotion

Date: October 11, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Attendance

- Heather Dutcher (academic staff)
- Nizam Arain (chancellor appointee)
- Ben Cornforth (university staff) - phone
- Nabamita Dutta (faculty)
- Tony Hansen (academic staff)
- Dana Nielsen (student)
- Natalie Eschenbaum (chancellor appointee)

Members not Present

- Joe Anderson (faculty)
- Kim Schulkutz-Schliebe (university staff)

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes (10.4.19)
 - a. Date needs to be updated to 10.4.19
3. Discussion of Marketing Plans

Notes & Discussion

1. Mita and Heather will write a short write-up for Campus Connections and for Brad Quarberg
2. Share language with Chancellor for him to include in his announcement to campus
3. Nizam and Jim will be focusing on “Facts & Myths”
4. Instead of handouts, will include QR codes to things like the Chancellor’s pages on Civility and Free Speech
5. Add to our website a space for feedback about event and ideas for future events; but make it clear that this is not a place to report concerns about free speech; optional for people to include contact information
6. Large version of poster on easel outside of Skogen Auditorium
7. PPT slide with “What to Expect?” when people walk into room
8. Mita will make video to introduce the committee; it will be shown as introduction; need to connect with Terry Wirkus to create
9. Mita will connect with Beth B. about her role as a moderator
10. Deb H. is not available
11. Flyers done, and digital posters will be up tomorrow, it’s already on the calendar and is listed as a featured event; U Communications will do a press release (Brad Quarberg), to include information about our committee, which is representative, charged by the Chancellor to promote value of free speech at UWL

Action Items

- Heather/Mita – Writing synopsis language for communications and send to Nizam to share with Chancellor
- Heather – Will create skeleton of PPT slide and send to Nizam
- Mita – Will connect with Beth B. about moderation
- Mita – Will make video introduction, coordinating with Terry W.
- Heather – Make large version of poster and secure easel
- Dana – Send invitations to Student Groups
- Mita – Send invitations to deans/departments
- Natalie – Send invitation to Faculty Senate
- Nizam – Finalizing website, working with Heather on a comments form
- Natalie/Mita – Hang flyers in Wimberly (Floors 3&4 – Mita, Floors 1&2 – Natalie)
- Tony – Hang flyers in Res Life