

HSS CAABR
Minutes, December 14, 2022

Present: Leigh-Anne Francis, Janet Gray, Pierre LeMorvan, David Mazeika, Rob McGreevey, Brian Potter, Glenn Steinberg, Shaun Wiley, Jane Wong (via Zoom), Simona Wright

Excused: Felicia Steele, Ada Onyewuenyi

Working group reports

Bylaws

By full committee vote, the bylaws will specify that 4 unexcused absences will result in the dismissal of a committee member.

The committee unanimously approved of the bylaws. The Bylaws working group will send the bylaws to the chairs of WGSS and AAS for review (or no comment), pointing out the provision in the membership section of the bylaws that these two departments may choose whether or not to have a representative on the committee.

Planning

The workshop on the antiracism learning goals is scheduled for January 25 at 3 PM in Education 212. Facilitators have been arranged. An RSVP invitation and a Qualtrics follow-up form are in preparation.

Dean Wong will introduce new faculty and staff at the beginning of the meeting. Staff who teach will be invited but not required to attend.

The committee discussed the name of the learning goals (“anti-black racism”) and changed them to “Learning Goals to Counter Anti-Black Racism.”

For the introductory slide show, the slide listing actions already undertaken by departments will be revised to include one example per department.

An orientation workshop for facilitators will be held on Zoom at 10 AM, Friday, January 13.

Best Practices

The Best Practices working group has incorporated all edits and suggestions in the handouts for January 25.

Ideas for Future Work

For the spring semester, the committee will prepare a list of courses that address the learning goals, making the list available on the HSS website by March (in time for advising and registration for the fall 2023 semester).

The committee should also work on a vehicle for sharing model syllabi across departments.

The committee can also plan facilitated lunchtime conversations to talk about pedagogy and course transformation.

Upcoming Event

Glenn Steinberg and Lynn Gazley will facilitate a syllabus workshop on January 18 at 1 PM in SSB 105.