

Campus History Committee Report for Spring 2022 Semester

Membership

Chair: Meg Mulrooney

Members: Ruthie Bosch, Carole Nash, Sheila Smith, Monyette Martin, Tiffany Cole, Christina Wulf, Karen Risch-Mott, Towana Moore, Mike Davis

Charge:

- Develop the Campus Commemorative Landscape mapping project to inform and make recommendations with regard to naming plans and commemorative opportunities moving forward.
- Examine the JMU story that is told by or in various publications, offices and groups (e.g., the Student Ambassadors) about the history of campus and develop ways the story being told to our various constituents (including current and prospective students, parents, alumni, the community, etc.) can be more inclusive and complete.

Summary of Current Semester Activity:

- Planned and hosted a half-day JMU campus history workshop for Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference annual meeting on March 24, 2022. This activity occupied much of the core group's time, it entailed:
 - Creating a JMU campus tour script for MARAC professionals, archivists from regional universities and historical institutions including the Smithsonian.
 - Creating a hands' on session with JMU history items from Special Collections.
 - Leading 20 participants in two tours (1.5 hours); attending the 1 hour session.
 - Goal was to understand role of archivists in partnering with local communities to repair and reclaim systematic erasures of marginalized populations.
- Revised content on digital campus tour website: Martin wrote entry on the yard, Wulf and Mulrooney provided additional edits.
- Cole created slidedeck featuring early 1920s-1930s Latina students for Women's History month; input received from CAL dean and asst dean; slides ran on JMU monitors.
- Risch-Mott organized campus tour by Mulrooney for 25 Advancement colleagues.
- Mulrooney led tour for 25 POSC students.

- Mulrooney wrote new blog post on Madison's first Asian American student and incorporated her story into tours.

Future Work Planned:

- Summer tours planned for Libraries and Student Affairs colleagues.
- Tour in preparation for Cs-L new students (local engagement) in August.
- Planning started for event focused on Gospel Choir's role in desegregation, community building ca1970s; co-sponsored by Women for Madison.