Hollins Working Group on Slavery and Its Contemporary Legacies

Minutes for October 16, 2018

Present: Jon Bohland, Courtney Chenette, Amy Duncan, Maria Jdid, Idella Glenn, Beth Harris, Bill Krause, Ivana Martinez, Jeri Suarez, Maryke Barber.

Action items:

• Maryke will contact those interested in an apology “roadmap” to schedule a meeting.
• Jon will create a shared doc or folder for anything people would like to add to the website. Please add items in here, or send them to Maryke.
• Jon will create a shared doc for helping Courtney Chenette’s class search for legal documents in Nexis Uni: everyone, please add any useful search terms, categories, names, dates, etc.
• Idella will confirm deadlines for grant applications

Apology – Pareena has indicated that she would like for us to suggest a “roadmap.” Maryke, Jon, Jeri and someone from SSS (Amy, Maria, or another student) will get together to create a draft for the larger group to consider.

Website – Please check whether the website has correct and up to date information (is your name on the group membership list? etc.). Maryke will get a new URL for the site, since “HHC” no longer matches our group’s new name.

Jon will create a shared doc or folder for anything people would like to add to the website: presentation slides, images, etc. Jon/Idella will forward pdf of USS conference presentation from Thursday night. You can also send things straight to Maryke.

Courtney Chenette’s Constitutional Law Class – students working on their research project for this class could be searching the Nexis Uni database for court cases and accompanying documents related to Hollins history, and they are offering to look for specifically the history we hope to find. Courtney suggested a database hackathon event, so students (or staff/faculty) outside of her class can also participate; possibly also podcasts based on research results. Jon will create a shared document: everyone, please add any useful search terms, categories, names, dates, that will help with this process.

Organizing our Information – our group needs a structure for cataloging and organizing the materials we have found. The library can likely help with this but before they can suggest a database format, they will need to have some information on what types of material the group wants to include, and what we want to do with it.

Should items be available publicly? To whom? In what format(s)? (How) should they be searchable? What contextual information will be included? Etc. Answers to these questions will help determine how materials should be organized and presented.
Chairs and Action Groups:

- Archeology – Jon
- Work on Plantation Road Cemetery – Bill
- Renaming Projects and Memorialization – Idella and SSS
- Walking Tour/App – Jon
- Research and Digital Repository - Beth