

## Hollins Working Group on Slavery and Its Contemporary Legacies

Minutes for Meeting Mar. 3, 2021

**Present:** Rebecca Rosen, Maryke Barber, Jenine Culligan, Ashleigh Breske, Syreeta Combs-Canaday, Courtney Chenette, Jeri Suarez.

**Upcoming Meetings:** are tentatively scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Apr. 6, at noon.

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### Listening Sessions in January & February

- Focus in J-term was listening sessions on renaming--3, one students only, two open to all. Largest group in attendance was staff, from across the campus.
- Focused on students in February--3 sessions--sparsely attended.

### Co-Chairs Meeting with President Hinton, February

- Before listening sessions, Rebecca and Jeri met with Pres. Hinton--supports renaming discussions, wants us to present to Board of Trustees.

### Unveiling the Past

- Ashleigh & Jenine presented a successful virtual program, with alums, on exhibit.
- A descendant of Prince Smith got in touch after [Roanoker article](#) --Maryke will keep her contact info for when we have an archivist.

### Thesis on George P. Tayloe in Digital Commons

- [MALS thesis on George P. Tayloe](#) is now available in Digital Commons—with thanks to Chris Florio & Peter Coogan. Maryke will connect to Wikipedia entry for Tayloe.

### Cemetery Project

- Karen, Bill and Courtney keeping conversations with church members going; main hurdle at the moment still locating title to property; in touch with nonprofit in NC to navigate title process with parish to connect Ebenezer with Black Family Land Trust, nonprofit foundation that supports title action

### More Listening Sessions

- Alumnae/i sessions
  - 3/10: to inform generally (using Leading EDJ day)
  - 3/16: on renaming--Courtney and Bill, Jenine and Syreeta will join--C will mention that alumnae/i are actively involved as well.

- Faculty: create a faculty discussion opportunity--through Division meetings.
- Students: Club visits--make a list of club and assign members to a club.
  - SGA--get on their Tuesday agenda--ask all club leaders to go back to their group members and see if their groups are interested in hosting a discussion about renaming on campus (y/n)--Maryke will email club chairs info to group--Courtney suggests using Zoom polls, as students do in Senate--ask to be a non-anonymous poll--focus on renaming or start talking about what that process looks like--Courtney will ask who current president is to be on senate agenda for 3/23
  - Jeri will also discuss w/ China to get her perspective.
- Prep for alumnae/i sessions--hear from students to begin the discussions; article from Jenine; alumnae/i will likely be in favor; approach in terms of not un-naming but re-naming to honor someone who isn't controversial and can help look forward to the future--to be inspired, and be part of the collaborative experience; members of alumnae board will be present; pull quotes from petition.