



Committee on Anti-Racism
via Zoom

December 9, 2022, 2:00 pm (regular meeting)

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Present: Dinesh Pal (Chair), Michael Brenner, Daniel Burns, Minerva Garcia-Barrio, Nicolai Lehnert, Ann Marshall (FSO), Kevin Nhan Nguyen, Stephen Rush, Deirdre Spencer (SACUA liaison)

1. Updates on Pending Issues, Chair Dinesh Pal

- Anti-Asian Statement: CAR member comments have been incorporated into the revised statement.
- Anti-Caste Statement: With the adoption of the CAR-authored anti-caste statement by SACUA and by the Senate Assembly, the Committees is working on having the word “caste” added to U-M's anti-racism statement. Next steps include Dinesh contacting Tabbye Chavous, Chief Diversity Officer.
- UM Land Grand Acknowledgement: The committee is pursuing having a memorial and/or physical structure placed in a prominent campus location to acknowledge and symbolize the land transfer from Native Americans to U-M. Dinesh Pal has been in contact with the UM Inclusive History Project and with SACUA to inquire about a possible resolution and/or another action. CAR student member Esther Laustein contacted the student member of the Inclusive History project.

2. In memory of Oveta Fuller: CAR members discussed ideas for an endowed lecture or professorship in honor of Oveta Fuller. SACUA has expressed support and the question is funding. Dinesh will contact Oveta's department. The committee discussed contacting Stem Africa, African Studies, and of possibly pursuing contacting Oprah.

3. Anti-Racism Event hosted by CAR: The committee will organize a 2023 panel event with a format similar to last year. Dinesh will prepare a proposal and committee members are encouraged to suggest potential panelists. CAR members also discussed: addressing race in the context of gender and age; the impact of telling stories in safe spaces, so many hidden stories; price paid for not belonging; frustration with the rate of progress and with past U-M administrations.

4. The idea of a possible CAR advisory role to Tabbye Chavous was raised and a next step is for Dinesh Pal and Deirdre Spencer plan to discuss this further.

5. Matters Arising:

- Stephen Rush announced that his [Black Pilgrims](#) will be performed at UM's [MLK Day Symposium](#) on January 16.
- Deirdre Spencer announced the search for a Director of the U-M Center for Innovation in Detroit and encouraged members to reach out to potential applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marshall