



Arts & Lectures Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 11, 2021

3:15-5:00 p.m.

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 946 9354 7573

Committee Members Present: Jake Aharonian, Stephanie Arciero, Joan Barrie, James Blue, Joanie Dybach, Robert Holcomb, Megan Rhodes, Stacie Sather, Christopher Woodcock **Committee Members Absent:** Leon Hsu, Laura Larqué, Narmeen Nasseem, Athena Weathers

1. Committee Co-chair Christopher Woodcock called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.
2. The Committee reviewed minutes from the 2-25-21 meeting. Jake Aharonian moved to approve the minutes as presented, Stacie Sather seconded the motion, and approval of the 2-25-21 minutes passed unanimously.
3. There was robust discussion about the recent lecture presentation featuring Stephanie Robillard. It was noted that Stephanie had conducted an engaging and insightful presentation.

However, at least one attendee sent hateful and racist messages into the Zoom backroom environment, which was viewable to the presenter, Media Services technicians, and lecture co-facilitators. Committee discussion explored possible protocols/support structures that are already in place to protect the Zoom environment from hate speech and possible other adjustments that could be necessary.

Robert Holcomb indicated that as a default practice Media Services sets up the Q&A feature to be one-way, so that anything that an attendee sends into the Q&A can only be seen by those in the backroom environment and is not visible to all webinar attendees. Furthermore, Robert indicated that attendees who send messages intended to disrupt, target, and intimidate should be removed from the Zoom environment. There was discussion about who should bear the responsibility of analyzing Q&A remarks and make a determination about removing individuals from the Zoom environment.

Robert also indicated that when there is an incident such as this, the host of the lecture should complete an online incident report and that there is a new online bias incident report that is more specific to this type of Zoom bombing. It was noted that co-host Purnur Ozbirinci did complete an incident report following Stephanie Robillard's lecture. It was also noted that Media Services Director Matthew "Q"McQuaig used the Zoom reporting function to report the email address from which the racist remarks came to the Zoom system administrators. Other follow up from the incident included discussions with the Dean of Student Life, District Police, Human Resources, Dr. Chong and members of President's Cabinet.

4. Several aspects pertaining to a long-term strategy/protocol for addressing hate speech and Zoom bombing were left unresolved. However, there was a general consensus about Robert Holcomb joining the backroom Zoom environment for the upcoming A&L presentation, scheduled for March 15 2021, featuring Michelle Dejohnette, where he will serve as a general resource.



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The A&L presentation featuring Kealoha Pisciotto, entitled: *Aloha - The Art of Love in War*, was cancelled due to the presenter becoming suddenly unavailable and it will be rescheduled.

5. The 2021 Del Monte Lecture with Dr. Erika Lee, remains scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
6. The “open call” for fall 2021 proposals will be sent out *dl.staff.all* on Monday, April 5 and online proposal submissions will be accepted through Monday, April 19.
7. There was a question about how Committee members could express a desire to rejoin the A&L Committee for the 2021/22 academic year. It was noted that the Academic Senate and Classified Senate each puts out a call to its respective membership soliciting interest in Committee assignments. Anyone interested in serving on the A&L Committee can express interest to the Academic Senate or Classified Senate, whichever is applicable.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.