

2018-2019 University Speakers Series Committee Annual Report

Meeting #1 – November 6, 2018

12 committee members were invited

Not counting Fred Clark and I (Jennifer Cook), 3 attended (Theresa Ortega, Nancy Hall, and Craig McKee)

Agenda:

Welcome

Introductions

Mission of Speaker Series

Past Speakers

Current Season

Rating this Season

Go thru list for 2019-20 season

Packets distributed:

Complete Series List 2018-19

List of Speakers 2007-08 thru 2018-19

Ratings sheet for current Series

Discussions:

We spent time discussing the mission of the Speaker Series and how important it is to connect with Academic Departments to get the University students engaged. Also the need for Faculty members to get engaged as well.

We talked about the process for booking Speakers

Routing – what is their schedule availability

Calendar – what is Tilson Auditorium's availability

Cost – we do have a budget

Making sure we have a variety of subjects covered and that those subjects are relevant...not having the same categories every year

Lively Discussion on possible speakers

Meeting #2 – April 3, 2019

Same committee members invited

Not including Fred & I, 6 attended (Daniel Coovert, Chavez Phelps, Nancy Hall, Linda Maule, Michael Lunsford, John Benton)

Since it was a different group of people that attended this meeting, from the Fall meeting, much of the same topics were discussed in detail.

Agenda:

Welcome

Introductions

Process for choosing Speakers

Routing

Costs

Calendar

Discussed each separately looking for Academic Connections

Packets distributed:

Complete List of Speakers over the years
List of Potential Speakers
Committee Ranking Form
Ranking Form

Discussions:

Much, much discussions on the speakers coming and also on potential speakers for 2020-21.

Concluded by letting them know I would send an email giving them a list of some of the speakers they have been asking for but are completely out of our price range so they can look further for ones that will better fit our budget. I asked that they send request periodically and I will check costs so by Fall we all will know what options are out there that other committee members have suggested and what their costs are going to be.

Report filed by Jennifer Cook