

MTSU Campus Non-Violence Committee

2023-2024 Year-End Report

Meetings and Committee Composition

The MTSU Campus Non-Violence Committee initial meeting took place on October 16, 2023. Robert Fowler agreed to serve as Chair and Katherine Antone agreed to serve as Scribe. In addition, a sub-committee was created to review applications for funding from the Tina Stewart/SGA programing fund. Hilary Miller, Corey Reece, and Karen Dearing agreed to serve on the sub-committee. The minutes of this meeting are attached.

Committee Members	Division/Department
Robert Fowler (Chair)	BAS/Aerospace
Katherine Antone (Scribe)	Environmental Health Representative
Corey Reece	ME/Media Arts
Mark Jackson	LA/English
Riley Jacoby	Student/SGA Representative
Giselle Noel	Student
Laura Jent	Human Resources Representative
Edwin Kaup	Director, University Police
Mary Kaye Anderson	Counseling Service Representative
Danny Kelley	Student Affairs Representative
Amy Korstange	Student Affairs Representative
Hilary Miller	Academic Affairs Representative
Karen Dearing	Lib/User Services
Lance Alexis	Asst. to the Pres./Inst. Equity & Compliance
Maigan Wipfli	Director, June Anderson Women’s Center
Danielle Rochelle	Intercultural & Diversity Affairs
Diane Turnham	Athletic Representative
Sondra Wade	University Counsel
Andrew Oppmann	VP for Marketing & Communications

Projects and Activities

- Tina Stewart Funds – The Campus Non-Violence sub-committee met and recommended the following projects receive funding. Both recommendations were approved by a vote of the Campus Non-Violence Committee members:
 - Student Social Work: \$500
 - Human Sciences: \$2,500
- The International Day of Nonviolence/Party with a Purpose was held on October 2, 2023. There were approximately 25 participants who marched from the JUB to the Student Union, and approximately 100 students were at the musical event after the march. Attendees (students, staff and faculty) were invited to gather outside the Student Union at

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11 am and were given Campus Nonviolence T-shirts and Connection Point buttons. The sequence of events were as follows:

- At 11:30am the silent march began from the JUB and proceeded across campus to the Student Union. Participants were carrying signs promoting nonviolence.
- Upon arriving at the Student Union Commons, four different student acts performed popular music songs that promoted peace:
- 11:00am-11:20 a.m.
- 11:30am-11:50 a.m.
- 12:00pm-12:20pm
- 12:30pm-1:00pm
- The event concluded with the committee chair thanking the performers and inspiring comments regarding nonviolence.

Committee Funding

- The Committee spent \$1,585.86 on the Party with a Purpose Event for the International Day of Nonviolence. These funds came from the Student Affairs budget.

Future Projects

- International Nonviolence Day is on Wednesday, October 2, 2024
- The Committee discussed scheduling a speaking event to address campus violence, conflict diffusion, and mental health topics.
- The Committee will investigate coordination with other campus groups for future events addressing campus nonviolence.

Prepared by: Robert Fowler, Chair

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MTSU Campus Non-Violence Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2023

The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Danny Kelley

In Attendance:

Robert Fowler

Karen Dearing

Corey Reece

Mark Jackson

Laura Jent

Tommy Roberts on behalf of Edwin Kaup

Hilary Miller

Katherine Antone

Lance Alexis

Danny Kelley

Absent:

Riley Jacoby

Giselle Noel

Mary Kay Anderson

Amy Korstange

Maidan Wipfli

Danielle Rochelle

Diane Turnham

Sondra Wade

Andrew Oppman

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions – all attendees introduced themselves (see attendee list above.)
- Reviewed purpose of the committee

- Elected new chair (Robert Fowler) and scribe (Katherine Antone)
- Created a sub-committee to review the 3 applications for funding from the Tina Stewart/SGA Programming Fund (Hilary Miller, Corey Reece, and Karen Dearing)
- Discussed International Day of Nonviolence/Party with a purpose that was held on October 2. Approximately 25 attendees marched from JUB to Student Union Commons with yard signs that included peaceful messages. About 100 students signed in at the musical portion of the event. Campus Nonviolence T-shirts were given away, and the yard signs were displayed in front of the stage.
- Reviewed Possible Events –
 - Speakers or videos were mentioned to address campus violence and discuss conflict diffusion and mental health topics.

 - Coordinating with other campus groups to fund and plan events.

Next Meeting – to be determined later via doodle poll that will be sent out soon.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.