

CHARTER COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Committee: University Lecture Committee

Report Year: 2023

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Committee Charge	Managing our budget to bring 6-12 thought-provoking speakers to campus and the greater Iowa City community per year.
Current Year Meeting Dates	Every Friday from 1:30-2:30 PM, excluding holidays.
Please indicate the typical frequency of meetings (e.g., first Tuesday of month at 4 pm). If there are subcommittees, please indicate the frequency of those meetings, too.	weekly
Current Year Activities	We handle the entire process of bringing speakers, from discussing which speakers to bring, to booking/contracts, sponsorships, working with partnerships, logistics, and planning the event itself and other small events throughout the visit.
Topics your committee will address during the coming year	Current events in the world and in national/state media, existing world challenges, and lecturers from many different spheres in education, such as medicine, political science, etc. These topics are not pre-determined but chosen by the committee via speakers members are interested in and see that campus/the IC community is interested in.
Other issues of concern	N/A
What should we tell applicants for this committee regarding expectations of members (anticipated workload, existence of subcommittees, etc.)?	1 hour meeting per week, plus about 20 hours for each event a person is running point on. Otherwise, about 15 extra minutes per week to read over pitches and consume speaker material to contribute to discussion on bringing speakers.

Does your committee have a website? If so, what is the URL?	lectures.uiowa.edu
Are agendas and minutes for your committee preserved from year to year and made available to new chairs and committee members? If so, what is your process for doing this?	Preserved on Google Drive and available to new chairs as they have previous access as members of the committee. They use the existing structure to create a new shared folder for the incoming committee.
Recommendations, if any, to the shared governance groups.	Funding is stagnant and even going down as speaking fees have increased astronomically post-COVID. We do not have the funding we did 30 years ago to bring big-name speakers like universities of our caliber continue to do. We work to obtain sponsorships on every event and have a few partnerships but it is not enough to try and bring 6-12 valuable speakers per year on a 100k starting budget.