CICPC Minutes

Sixth Meeting, December 16, 2015

Members: William Carter, Wendy Clement, Maureen Connolly (absent), Holly Didi-Ogren, Sarah Domire, Manuel Figueroa, Janet Gray, chair; Lisa Grimm, FSP (absent); Jamal Johnson, Forrest Link, Susan O’Connor, vice chair; Julie Howe (absent), Nicole Natale (absent), Megan Vanslot (absent), Josh Wieczerzak (absent)

1. Results of the survey of facilitators on potential summer reading texts (with 29 out of 75 responding). Responders were able to vote for as many of the titles as they thought appropriate.

Hume, *Garbology* – 16

Allen, *Good Food Revolution* – 9

Kolbert, *Field Notes from a Catastrophe* – 9

Carlisle, *Lentil Underground –* 8

Kolbert, *Sixth Extinction* – 7

McWilliams, *Just Food –* 7

Magary, *Postmortal* – 5

We eliminated McWilliams and Magary from the list, as well as *Sixth Extinction*.

Comments on the Qualtrics survey included: the author of the book should be available to speak, as well as concerns that books selected are not “of major cultural significance.”

Respondents recommended books by Michael Pollan (prohibitively expensive as a speaker), *All The Light We Cannot See* (not in keeping with the theme), and several titles related to the anthropocene and sustainability, most of which are expensive, longer than 400 pages, and/or hard to find.

1. Follow-up:

Council members will each read one or two of the short-listed titles over the winter break. Those present volunteered for the following titles. Readers should also look for video or descriptions of the author as a speaker:

Manuel: *Good Food Revolution*

Forrest: *Garbology*

Wendy: *Field Notes, Lentil Underground*

Sarah: *Garbology*

Holly: *Lentil Underground*

Janet: *Field Notes*, *Good Food Revolution;* D.E. Medford, *Magic America* (from a Goodreads book list on fiction on sustainability), Gaia Vince, *Adventures in the Anthropocene* (from the recommendations listed on Qualtrics)

Bill: *Field Notes, Garbology*

Jamal: *Garbology, Good Food Revolution*

We agreed to keep the list open at this point and to seek other potential titles. The goal is to finalize our selection in February.

1. First meeting of the Spring semester: Wednesday, February 3

We will consider whether to survey faculty and staff more broadly about the book selection.