

MTSU Campus Non-Violence Committee

2024-2025 Year-End Report

Meetings and Committee Composition

The MTSU Campus Non-Violence Committee initial meeting took place on October 21, 2024. Robert Fowler agreed to serve as Chair and Danielle Rochelle 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, Lauren Shouse, and Jessica Gaby 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	Environmental Health Representative
Corey Reece	ME/Media Arts
Jessica Gaby	BHS/Psychology
Sneh Gandhi	Student/SGA Representative
Riley Jacoby	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 (Scribe)	Intercultural & Diversity Affairs
Lauren Shouse	LA/Theatre and Dance
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:
 - Social Work: \$500.00
 - Human Development: \$1,500.00
- The International Day of Nonviolence/Party with a Purpose was held on October 2, 2024. Tommy Roberts recounted his experience during the event, explaining that he felt the event went well and was well attended. The event included campus police grilling hot dogs and hamburgers alongside chips and drinks for attendees. There were non-violence

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yard signs. Gandhi cutouts and an “I’m True Blue” banner for attendees to sign. Other giveaways included buttons and T-shirts. However, the T-shirts ran out during the event.

Committee Funding

- The Committee spent \$2,500 on the Party with a Purpose Event for the International Day of Nonviolence. These funds came from the Student Affairs budget.

Future Projects

- The potential dates for next year are October 6 – 10, 2025, to avoid scheduling during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Considerations for next year to improve the event would include seating for attendees to sit and eat, along with more T-shirts. We also discussed adding a vegetarian option to the menu. This event will also be added as a Connection Point event for 25-26—housing plans to partner for the 2025 event and share their grill.
- Danielle Rochelle discussed the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Candlelight Vigil plan for January 2025. It was discussed that this event will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Danny Kelley mentioned having someone talk about the history of the True Blue pledge during the event and possible tabling for the Non-Violence committee. Additionally, the committee discussed sponsoring shuttles to community MLK events from campus. Danielle Rochelle will work on getting details for Murfreesboro Community MLK events in time for the next meeting.

Messaging to Campus Community

- Election messaging was well-received across campus, including the Parent Facebook page. Danny Kelley recommended continuing with messaging, especially during the more challenging months of the semester. The committee discussed the timing of messaging and the importance of using direct language instead of euphemisms. Mary Kaye Anderson recommended that the committee work on end-of-year messaging as soon as possible to get it out before the close of the semester. Amy, Lance, and Lauren spoke about the specifics of what should go into messaging. It was explained that it would be important for others to know what the CNVC does, we should mirror as much previous language as possible for consistency in tone and resources, as well as strategically time when the messaging is pushed. Amy Korstange agreed to work on messaging to share with campus, to help get messaging out before the Thanksgiving break and end of semester. Maigan agreed to complete a graphic to go with messaging.

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Mental Health Awareness Speaker

- The idea of bringing a mental health awareness speaker was presented to the committee. It was discussed that following the student suicide, it could be beneficial to have someone come to campus for a lecture. It was also discussed that it would be important to see if bringing in a speaker could align well with the QEP and Strategic Plan. The committee discussed the importance of student engagement and getting buy-in from both academic and student affairs.
- It was recommended that committee members think about potential mental health speakers.

Prepared by: Robert Fowler, Chair

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