

2018-2019 Report of the Commission on the Status of Minorities
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
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Mission:

As stated in the By-laws of the Commission on the Status of Minorities (CSM):

“The CSM shall focus on the monitoring of the recruitment and retention of students, faculty, staff, and administrators of color at Kutztown University. The responsibilities of the CSM include making recommendations regarding new policies, as well as changes to existing Kutztown University policies, programs, and/or procedures to support the creation of a culturally and psychologically “safe” environment in which the cultural, educational, and intellectual needs of students, staff, faculty, and administrators of color can be met and their experience at Kutztown enhanced.”

Website:

The CSM maintains a website. Dr. Lauren Moss is the current webmaster. Past CSM meeting minutes, events and committee updates can be found at the CSM webpage located at <http://www.kutztown.edu/about-ku/administration/university-senate/committees/commission-on-the-status-of-minorities.htm>

Meetings:

The CSM 2018-2019 meeting dates:

September 19, 2018

November 14, 2018

February 6, 2019

February 27, 2019

March 20, 2019

April 17, 2019

Summary of CSM 2018-2019 Policy Agenda:

The CSM determined that it would support cultural and student group events and activities as a stated agenda for the 2018-2019 academic year. The CSM made available mini-grants to support activities on campus. After designing a grant process, the CSM provided support for the KU Philosophy Club in the amount of \$500 (December 2018) and provided \$1,500 to the Chinese Student and Scholars Association for the Chinese New Year event (February 2019). The CSM will host a day long conference on October 23, 2019 – “1619-2019: Slavery and its Impact: Reflections on its Four Hundredth Anniversary” – which will be comprised of scholars from the university faculty and those of neighboring university institutions. The conference will also host the showing of the award-winning documentary *Liberty to Captivity* which documents a modern iteration of slavery – forced prostitution in the City of Philadelphia – by putting it in the context of the history of slavery in Philadelphia.

Summary of Policy Recommendations

None provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Garrison
Criminal Justice Department
Chair, Commission on the Status of Minorities

1619-2019

**SLAVERY AND ITS IMPACT:
REFLECTIONS ON ITS 400TH ANNIVERSARY**

OCTOBER 23, 2019

183 McFarland Student Union | 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FREE and open to the public

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