50th Commemoration Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary, April 23, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
President Warren  Maddie Camp  Chic Canfora
Laura Davis  Rod Flauhaus  Brianna Foraker
Amoaba Gooden  Tom Grace  Paul Haridakis
Nick Kollar  Jerry Lewis  Chris Post
Stephanie Smith  Melody Tankersley

GUEST:
Char Reed

PRESIDENT’S UPDATE
The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. by President Warren. who welcomed everyone and proceeded to discuss that the committee is now transitioning from a planning phase to the next phase where the Advisory Committee becomes the major committee that executes the plan.

To ensure strong momentum and enhanced internal and external communication, President Warren described her vision for the committee and announced some changes to the committee. Michael Solomon will continue to serve as the national chair, focusing on several external projects, Stephanie Smith will begin serving as University Chair for the 50th commemoration and also chair the Advisory Committee meetings and Rod Flauhaus will continue as 50th commemoration project manager.

President Warren also expressed her desire to have the current members of the Advisory Committee continue to serve on the Advisory Committee through the end of the 50th commemoration in 2020.

President Warren then invited feedback from the group on a proposal by 3rd party documentary filmmakers to film some of the Advisory Committee meetings. A variety of concerns were discussed including possible disruption to the meetings, the ability to have executive sessions and how the planning process might ultimately be portrayed in the final film.

Most members expressed sentiments in favor of filming them because it would be a great tool to document university history (around May 4), show transparency and provide some strong educational moments for the both students and the public. The committee agreed to have the filmmakers attend the next to deliver a presentation of their project and to answer questions from the committee before a final decision is made. President Warren expressed that the decision would continue for next year, into the 50th, as well as this year.
PLANNING UPDATES
On behalf of the May 4 Task Force, Maddie Camp and Brianna Foraker gave an update on planning for the 49th Commemoration in May 2019. Brianna handed out a 1-page summary and promised to email a complete and detailed schedule to all committee members.

Stephanie Smith gave an update on the opening of the Bill Schroeder exhibition in the May 4 Visitors Center. She indicated the exhibit was well done and the highlight of the opening was a visit by Bill’s sister, Nancy Tutle and her family. Stephanie also encouraged the committee members to help promote the exhibit, including through their own social media accounts.

Char Reed provided an update on the Bob Woodward Presidential Speaker event schedule for May 4, 2019. Around 2,700 tickets have been downloaded so far and tickets are still available for the public. Bob Woodward will also do a press conference and meet with a selected group of students while on campus.

Stephanie Smith then distributed a document outlining the planned 50th Commemoration events for fall 2019. Stephanie indicated that the planned events consists of a variety of national and local programming, all designed to be diverse and to help broaden the conversation in the nation about May 4, 1970. She also indicated that we plan to make the list public by June.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS FOR THE 50TH
Another idea discussed was the possibility of having community classes (perhaps 2 to 3 days in length) around the topics of May 4, 1970 and its legacy. Melody and Stephanie will investigate the opportunity for community classes.

Stephanie also asked members to bring ideas to the next Advisory Committee meeting about a possible symposium on the “Dangers of Polarization” or the “State of Civil Discourse in America.”

CLOSING REMARKS
Alan Canfora, Tom Grace and Chic Canfora expressed their gratitude for being involved in the Advisory Committee and also thanked Rod Flauhaus for his work on planning and developing the many ideas in the Fall document.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm