FAUST Ad Hoc Committee on Black History Month Vision Statement

FAUST’s ad hoc committee on Black History Month came into existence out of a clear need to promote all-inclusive, university-wide Black History Month events.

Black History Month is about honoring and learning from past and present lived black experiences. For the FAUST ad-hoc committee, Black History Month represents a time we call on our campus community to pay additional attention and effort to create space so that collective and individual black achievements are showcased and celebrated. Most of all, February is about using the antihegemonic narratives of black resistance, resilience, and Civil Rights struggles to imagine a more just and equitable universe, free of any type of barriers.

The FAUST ad-hoc committee on Black History Month works toward the following goals:

A. the commemoration of Black History Month that welcomes diverse faculty and student participations;

B. the commemoration of Black History Month with attention to local, provincial, national, and global experiences; and

C. the commemoration of Black History Month that intersects with and is mindful of the experiences of other marginalized and/or racialized groups.

FAUST’s ad hoc committee on Black History Month recognizes that Black History Month should not be limited to a single month. To that end, we will promote periodic research colloquia and group discussions on wide-ranging topics of social justice, among them racial, class, gender, ability, and intersectionality.

Finally, FAUST’s ad hoc committee on Black History Month recognizes that a meaningful Black History Month commemoration depends on a strong community bond. To that end, we will strive for the promotion of a positive environment in which all faculty and student groups, as well as members of the campus community at large, feel nurtured and complemented by each other’s presence and work together toward common objectives and visions.