

**Acceptance, Representation, Community (ARC) Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Topic: Dr. Chelda Smith Konda/potential speaker

Date: Friday, 2.27.26

Time: 1:00-1:45 p.m.

Location: Glassroom/221 Kilpatrick

Facilitator: Rachel Bray

Attendees: Rachel Bray, Brian Gibbs, Christina Gillespie, Janet Turner, Suzanna Roman-Oliver, Julie Wilson & LaTeshia Warren

I. Welcome & Opening Remarks

- How's everyone?
 - Program updates shared
- Approve meeting minutes from 1.23.26
 - Janet & Suzanna motioned to approve

Meeting Objectives

II. Dr. Smith Kondo as a possible guest speaker for next semester (visiting scholar)

LINK: <https://education.stthomas.edu/about/faculty-staff-departments/directory/chelda-smith-kondo/>

- **Visiting Scholar application:**
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tvkycvW3148RrT6Flo8uV1SNhNPKoMnczbYo8hmiLoE/edit?usp=sharing>
 - We can consider purchasing her book if we are able to schedule an on-campus visit
 - Suzanna will reach out for more information
 - Excited about coming to GCSU
 - One the fall semester begins we can put in the application for her as a guest speaker
 - Possible Topics:
 - Elementary Classrooms, creating sustaining classrooms
 - Book has applications to different subject areas
 - Recorded dialogue with faculty to upload and share in grad courses

- Some professors offer extra credit for attending
- Invite faculty, students & the community
- Possible dates: February 21-26, 2027
- To Do:
 - Follow up with Dean's office on logistics & funding
 - Rachel will meet with Dr. Pettit & Dean Previts to discuss possibility of our guest speaker coming to campus
 - Consider planning for an ARC meeting towards the end of August
 - Consider working space for the scholar
 - Consider collaborating with the Office of Community Engagement and Belonging & Women's Studies Faculty
 - Check University permissions between colleges
 - Upon approval we can work on logistics; who is coordinating, emailing & daily events
- Student Ambassadors request: <https://www.gcsu.edu/ambassadors/requests>

III. Closing Remarks

Action Items Tracker

Action Item	Owner	Deadline	Status