

November 18, 2020 EC Meeting Minutes

**FINAL**

## **Minutes**

National Communication Association  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Virtual Meeting – Convention

Participating in the meeting:

Kent Ono, President; David McMahan, First Vice President; Roseann Mandziuk, Second Vice President; Star Muir, Immediate Past President; J. Kevin Barge, Publications Council Chair; Charles Morris III, Research Council Chair; Rachel Alicia Griffin, Diversity Council Chair; Raymie McKerrow, Finance Committee Chair; Lisa Flores, Finance Committee Director; Jeanetta Sims, Finance Committee Director; Vinita Agarwal, Teaching and Learning Council Chair-Elect (non-voting); Trevor Parry-Giles, Executive Director (non-voting); Shannon VanHorn, Teaching and Learning Council Chair; *National Office Staff: LaKesha Anders, Director of Academic and Professional Affairs; Justin Danowski, Assistant Director of Governance and Membership; Wendy Fernando, Director of External Affairs and Publications.*

### **1. Call to Order**

President Ono called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time.

### **2. Announcements and Updates**

The Executive Committee welcomed Vinita Agarwal to the EC as incoming chair of the Teaching and Learning Council. Ono thanked the outgoing member of the EC: Muir, McKerrow, and VanHorn.

McMahan provided an update on convention planning and preparation.

Mandziuk provided an update on the 2021 convention in Seattle.

Ono provided an update on the upcoming Legislative Assembly.

### **3. Business Items**

#### **a. Strategic Planning**

- i. Griffin provided an update on the Diversity Council's work on updating the strategic plan towards inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. Mandziuk provided an update on the creation of a taskforce to help develop the strategic plan.

#### **b. Renaming First Amendment Studies**

- i. Barge provided a review and update on the future of *First Amendment Studies*. Discussion ensued.
- ii. *Muir made a motion for the National Office and the Publications Council to begin conversations with Taylor & Francis to change the name of First Amendment Studies to Communication and Democracy or Democracy and Communication. Seconded by Ono. Motion carried.*

The EC took a break at 10:40 a.m. and returned at 10:50 a.m.

- c. NCA IDEA Awards
  - i. *Muir provided an update on the proposal for the creation of three new awards focus on inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. Discussion ensued. McMahan made a motion to accept the proposal of three new NCA awards. Seconded by VanHorn. Motion carried.*
- 4. Discussion Item**
  - a. Mentorship and Leadership Council
    - i. Mandziuk provided a summary of the proposal for the creation on a new council about mentorship and leadership. Ono provided support for the creation of the proposed council. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Ono to create an NCA Mentorship and Leadership Council and forward to the Legislative Assembly in 2021 for approval.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trevor Parry-Giles  
Executive Director