

## **Presidential Task Force for Opportunity and Equity Minutes 12/08/2020**

### **Task Force Member:**

Began the meeting by informing the Task Force that she will be facilitating the meeting because X could not attend. Began with housekeeping items on the agenda. Began with a reminder to the group to send their votes to General Burgess on the choice of instituting a confidentiality clause, ground rules, or nothing at all. Dr. X proceeded to note the proposed ground rules and inquired if anyone had any questions/comments.

### **Task Force Member:**

Commented on points of the ground rules that were mentioned and how it would generate dialogue within the group.

### **Task Force Member:**

Provided an updated about the progress for the plaques for Pebble Hill. Dr. X heard back from the Porch Creek Band of Creek Indians and that the proposed language is seated with the Historic Preservation Group and would result in more discussions. Concerning the language about the other plaque for slave families, scholars from the College of Liberal Arts would be mapping and revising that out more. Dr. X mentioned topics for further discussion amongst the Task Force that would continue to drive diversity, equity, and inclusion at Auburn. These topics include Affinity Groups, University Diversity Statement, Diversity Liaisons, and Diversity Metrics.

### **Task Force Member:**

Wanted to reiterate the importance of transparency amongst the group; whether it be sharing work updates or personal information, he added that it is important the Task Force members are kept in the loop about all that is going on. Dr. X added how this promotes a culture of ongoing rapport and understanding.

### **Task Force Member:**

This will be the final scheduled meeting for 2020 and new calendar invitations will be sent for 2021 in January. The Presidential Task Force for Opportunity and Equity Meetings will still occur via zoom, on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, at 3:30 pm in 2021. Happy Holidays and War Eagle!  
\*The Presidential Task Force members went off into their respective subcommittees (*Student Retention* and *Equity & Social Justice Center*) via Zoom Breakout Rooms.

**Presidential Task Force for Opportunity & Equity Members:**

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