

Presidential Task Force for Opportunity and Equity

July 29, 2021

Minutes

Attendees: Olasubomi Akintola, Scott Bishop, Chacolby Burns-Johnson, Angela Cannon, Taffye Benson Clayton, Astin Cole, Kevin Coonrod, Brian Cornish, George Flowers, Joffery Gaymon, Norman Godwin, Jaime Hammer, Dustin Johnson, Bridgett King, Kimberly Mulligan-Guy, Lastella Paradise, Sedighe Zamani Roodsari, Jared Russell, Melody Russell, Cheryl Seals, Joellen Sefton, Bruce Smith, Gretel Thorton, Alan Wilson, Kim Brown and Amy Weaver

- **Updates – Dr. Joffery Gaymon and Dr. Joellen Sefton**
 - **Diversity Statement**
 - Summary of the vote
 - A Qualtrics survey was emailed to the members of the task force that listed both statements and asked members to vote for their preferred statement.
 - 16 members voted for Option A – the original task force statement
 - 12 members voted for Option B – a diversity statement written by a communication consultant
 - Since the vote was close, the members discussed the options and what they liked/disliked about the two.
 - A revision to Option A was proposed and the members voted again.
 - 13 voted for Option A with corrections
 - 4 voted for Option B.
 - The task force will recommend the revised Option A to the administration.
 - **Frequency for meetings during the fall semester**
 - It was decided that the task force would have biweekly standing meetings from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Subcommittees may meet out outside the time set for the standing meetings.
 - Fall meetings will be on Aug. 19 and run through Nov. 18
 - The first and last meetings of the fall semester will serve as subcommittee progress reports/updates.

- Subcommittee Progress Report/Briefing scheduled for Aug. 19 are:
 - DEI Education
 - Student Recruitment & Retention
 - Staff Recruitment & Retention
 - Faculty Recruitment & Retention
- A formal briefing document template will be provided to the subcommittees for their reports.

Note: The subcommittees did not meet during this task force meeting.