Presidential Task Force for Opportunity and Equity

July 29, 2021

Minutes


- **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 being 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.