

Presidential Task Force for Opportunity and Equity

February 4, 2021

Executive Summary

During the Feb. 4 meeting, task force members were introduced to Rett Waggoner, the newly elected Student Government Association president, who will replace the current SGA president on the task force when her term in office is over. Members were reminded about the schedule of events for Black History Month. It was decided that a small committee of task force members will be responsible for finalizing the university's new diversity statement.

Retention subcommittee: Members discussed having Zoom meetings, separate from weekly subcommittee meetings, with subject matter experts. Dates have yet to be set. The group reviewed benchmark data from top performing institutions that focused on minority and Black students.

Institute subcommittee: Members reviewed and revised drafts of a mission statement and vision statement. They also discussed a possible title for the institute. The group continues to discuss the message to deans and associate deans requesting information on faculty research topics that may align with the vision and mission of the institute.