



Presidential Task Force *for Opportunity and Equity*

April 28, 2022

Minutes

Attendees: Chacolby Burns-Johnson, Taffye Clayton, Astin Cole, Brian Cornish, George Flowers, Joffery Gaymon, Bridgett King, Kimberly Mulligan, Ebony Robinson, Melody Russell, Jared Russell, Cheryl Seals, Bruce Smith, Aariyan Tooley, Gretel Thornton, Alan Wilson,

Summer Meeting Schedule

- Task force members discussed the summer meeting schedule and agreed to meet once a month through the summer.

Progress Tracker – Spring Update

- The Spring progress tracker has been updated. Task force members reviewed and discussed the updated report. Each subcommittee provided a status update.
- Updated minutes and progress tracker will be available on the taskforce website.

Institute for African American and Black Studies Subcommittee

Chair: Dr. Melody Russell

Members: Katrina Akande, Cori Akins, Molly Boudreaux, Taffye Clayton, Kevin Coonrod, Norman Godwin, Robin Jaffe, Kimberly Mulligan, Jared Russell, Bruce Smith, Lady Frances Hamilton, Scott Bishop, Gretel Thornton, and Jackson Thomas

- Discussed overview of the title and purpose of the institute.
- The proposal will need to be fundable (think and do entity).
- When discussing the economic development component of the proposal title it was expressed that there are some established areas on campus and existing spaces that are doing these things.
 - We need to check on what initiatives are already going on.
 - Also take the perspective that we can also do what others are do and foster collaborations.
- Next steps after proposal is finalized would be to have a conversation with the Interim Provost (Nathan) and incoming President (Roberts).
- This effort will require alignment and support from the top.

- We can also have another discussion with John Morris for perspective on funding opportunities. The goal is to have the proposal complete for the May meeting with the PTF and for feedback.
- Then once we receive feedback, we can prepare a full presentation of the proposal for the June PTF meeting.
- We also discussed sharing the proposal with Provost Nathan after this meeting (in late June or July).

Graduate Students Subcommittee

Chairs: Dr. George Flowers and Dr. Jared Russell

Members: Olasubomi Akintola, Akilah Alwan, Mikayla Brown, Chacolby Burns-Johnson, Angela Cannon, Vinicia Biancardi, Astin Cole, Alexicia Richardson, Sedighe Zamani, Angela Cannon, Astin Cole, Brian Cornish, Dustin Johnson, Bridgett King, Ebony Robinson, Cheryl Seals, Aariyan Tooley, Jordan Branchman and Alan Wilson

- Reviewed previous meeting notes.
- Discussed report edits and next step. It was agreed that report was ready for submission to the Chair of the Presidential Task Force.