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**PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON ANTI-RACISM, EQUITY & INCLUSION
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL LEGACY**

MINUTES

**January 20, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar**

Members Participating: Cortez Brown, Kyle Doney, Miles Feacher, Stacey Hardin, Nastassia Janvier, Cassandra Jenkins, Maxine Jones, Malik Osborne, Kevin Rutois

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Maxine Jones, Subcommittee Chair

Chair Maxine Jones called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Jimmy Cole conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes

December 2, 2020

Cassandra Jenkins moved to approved the December 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Cortez Brown seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment

No public comment was requested during this meeting.

IV. Subcommittee Chair's Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Maxine Jones reviewed the public input options for the Task Force and subcommittees.

V. Review of Subcommittee Objectives & Discussion of Future Recommendations

Subcommittee Chair Maxine Jones commented that the Historical Legacy Subcommittee had a productive Fall 2020 semester and sent three recommendations to President Thrasher. She reviewed the objectives of the Historical Legacy Subcommittee. The objectives are:

- 1) To document the history of FSU in relationship to race and ethnicity, with particular emphasis on the experiences of African-Americans and American Indians.
- 2) To review and recommend best practices for establishing, maintaining, or removing honorary names or recognitions, including but not limited to the Frances Eppes Statue and Hall, B. K. Roberts' Hall, and Doak Campbell Stadium. The sub-committee will



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refer to findings on the part of the 2017-2018 President's Advisory Panel on Namings and Recognitions as part of current and future deliberations.

- 3) To propose educational programs and partnership opportunities that will highlight FSU's history surrounding race and representation.

Subcommittee Chair Maxine Jones reminded members of the timeline for the Task Force and limitations of what can be accomplished. She shared two draft proposed recommendations:

- 1) We recommend that the University acknowledge in some form of public display (1) that Florida State University is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida; (2) the participation of enslaved African Americans in the construction of and the profits derived therefrom that contributed to what is now known as Florida State University; and (3) the labor of African Americans during Jim Crow and segregation that contributed to what is now known as Florida State University.
- 2) We recommend that the University commission a study of the persons for which the buildings and facilities have been named on all of its campuses for their historical analyses in order to evaluate their ties to racism, sexism and the oppression of marginalized peoples and to determine how closely they adhere to the values of Florida State University. Context is always important, but if ties are discovered, we strongly recommend that they be acknowledged and confronted.

Historical Legacy Subcommittee members discussed the draft proposed recommendations. The subcommittee will consider revisions to the recommendations at the next subcommittee meeting.

A full recording of the discussion of the draft proposed recommendations is available at president.fsu.edu/taskforce

VI. Subcommittee Member Open Forum

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VII. Adjourn

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

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