



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

MINUTES

**February 17, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar**

Members Participating: Cortez Brown, Kyle Doney, Miles Feacher, Stacey Hardin, Cassandra Jenkins, Maxine Jones

I. Call to Order and Welcome **Maxine Jones, Subcommittee Chair**

Chair Maxine Jones called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Amy Farnum-Patronis conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes
January 20, 2021

Cortez Brown moved to approved the January 20, 2020 meeting minutes. Stacey Hardin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment

A full recording of public comment is available at president.fsu.edu/taskforce.
The following individual offered public comment:
Francesca Edouard

IV. Educational Modules Updates **Jennifer Koslow, Associate Professor**

A full recording of the discussion of Dr. Jennifer Koslow's presentation is available at president.fsu.edu/taskforce

V. Subcommittee Chair's Remarks **Maxine Jones, Subcommittee Chair**

Subcommittee Chair Maxine Jones reviewed the public input options for the Task Force and subcommittees. Dr. Jones reviewed the below recommendations and asked subcommittee members to discuss the below recommendations.

Recommendation #1

We recommend that the University acknowledge in some form of permanent public display on all its campuses, 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. The public display should be placed at all entrances to the campus and that there is a virtual acknowledgement as well on the University website. **Miles Feacher moved to approve the above recommendation. Cortez Brown seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved unanimously.**

Recommendation #2

We recommend that the University acknowledge in some form of permanent display(s) (1) 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 (2) the labor of African Americans during Jim Crow and segregation that contributed to what is now known as Florida State University. The acknowledgement of such should be displayed in places of high traffic (Student Union, Library, University Center, Stadium, Westcott Plaza, e.g.) and places of historical significance on campus. **Cortez Brown moved to approve the above recommendation. Cassandra Jenkins seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved unanimously.**

Recommendation #3

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. In addition, there should be a standing committee to review the findings of the study. A committee comprised of students, faculty/staff, alumni and community members from diverse racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, and ability status groups should be involved in the process. **Cassandra Jenkins moved to approve the above recommendation. Miles Feacher seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved unanimously.**

***Cassandra Jenkins moved to approve a subsequent revision to the above recommendation. Stacey Hardin seconded the motion and the revised recommendation was approved unanimously.**

Recommendation #4

We recommend that the Naming Policy (Florida State University Policy 8-2), Section II. G. (The Committee on Campus Names) be amended by March 31, 2021, to include a non-employee member of the university alumni community. This member shall be appointed by the President with the intention of increasing racial and ethnic diversity on the Committee of Campus Names, with the intention of enhancing the diversity of thought, perspective and experience of the university community. This recommendation aligns with and will help advance FSU's Strategic Plan Goal III (Realize the University's Full Potential of Diversity and Inclusion). **Cassandra Jenkins moved to approve the above recommendation. Cortez Brown seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved unanimously.**

Recommendation #5

We recommend that the University establish a permanent committee, which reports to the President, to consider and recommend recognitions for outstanding members of the university community. This committee shall consider namings, memorials, monuments, and other recognitions for outstanding contributions, both past and present, to the university's academic, research, cultural, and service mission. The committee, on a regular basis, shall submit recommendations with an emphasis on ensuring recognition of diverse and underrepresented groups and individuals. This permanent committee should be comprised of students, faculty/staff, alumni, and community members; and should reflect the racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, ability status and gender diversity of the university community. This recommendation aligns with and will help advance FSU's Strategic Plan Goal III (Realize the University's Full Potential of Diversity and Inclusion). **Cassandra Jenkins moved to approve the above recommendation. Miles Feacher seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved unanimously.**

VI. Subcommittee Member Open Forum

A full recording of the discussion of the Subcommittee Member Open Forum is available at president.fsu.edu/taskforce.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.
