

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

MINUTES

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

Members Participating: Cortez Brown, 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

February 17, 2021

Miles Feacher noted a correction to spelling of the individual listed under public comment. The minutes were corrected and Nastassia Janvier moved to approve the February 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Cortez Brown 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 individuals offered public comment:

Vanessa Ramos Doak Campbell, III.

IV. Subcommittee Chair Report

Maxine Jones, Subcommittee Chair

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

V. Discussion of Recommendations

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

Dr. Jones presented two recommendations for discussion by the subcommittee.

The first recommendation, as amended and approved by the subcommittee was: We recommend that the University adopt the module that is being created by History Department faculty and the University Libraries staff documenting the history of FSU in relation to race and ethnicity with particular emphasis on the experiences of African Americans and Native Americans. This module shall be used in FYE courses, all student orientations, new faculty orientation, staff training and classes taught across all disciplines at the university. This module shall be a permanent resource tool accessible through the University libraries, homepage and websites. The University shall make efforts to maximize awareness, access, engagement, and support of the module for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.

We recommend that the University adopts the History Department and University Library module documenting the history of Florida State University in relation to race and ethnicity with particular emphasis on the experiences of African Americans and Native Americans. This module shall be used in First Year Experience (FYE) courses, all student orientations, new faculty orientation, staff training, and classes across all disciplines. This module shall be a permanent resource accessible through the University homepage, websites, and libraries. The University shall promote awareness of and engagement with the module among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. Cassandra Jenkins moved to approve the above recommendation. Miles Feacher seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved unanimously.

The second recommendation, as presented by Dr. Jones was: We recommend that the football stadium on the campus of Florida State University maintain the name Doak S. Campbell Stadium. Doak S. Campbell, the first president of FSU, deserves recognition for his guidance of FSCW during its transition to Florida State University and for his leadership and poise during the initial stage of a tumultuous transitional period in the state's history. The motion to approve the above recommendation failed with 2 votes in favor and 6 votes against.

The subcommittee agreed to discuss a recommendation regarding the naming of Doak Campbell Stadium during the April 14, 2021 meeting.

Dr. Jones reminded members of the third objective of the Historical Legacy subcommittee: To propose educational programs and partnership opportunities that will highlight FSU's history surrounding race and representation. She asked members to consider possible recommendations in response to this objective.

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 4:51 p.m.

