



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

MINUTES

April 14, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Members Participating: Cortez Brown, Kyle Doney, Miles Feacher, Stacey Hardin, 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 3:02 p.m. Jimmy Cole conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes

March 17, 2021

Cortez Brown moved to approve the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Cassandra Jenkins 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:

Kendrick Scott
Mageda Nader
Vanessa Ramos

IV. Subcommittee Chair's Remarks

Maxine Jones, Subcommittee Chair

Subcommittee Chair Maxine Jones recognized Drs. Andrew Frank and Robinson Herrera to discuss a proposal for a Native American & Indigenous Studies Center.

V. New Business

Historical Legacy Subcommittee Recommendations

A full recording of the Historical Legacy Subcommittee discussion is available at president.fsu.edu/taskforce. The following recommendations were approved and/or forwarded after discussion and modification by the subcommittee.

The recommendations from the Historical Legacy Subcommittee are below:

Recommendation #1

We recommend that the university support and sufficiently fund the creation and maintenance of an interdisciplinary Native American and Indigenous Studies Center. The center would include a full-time director, an undergraduate major, a physical space, and programming. In addition to propelling FSU into a leading institution for Native American and Indigenous Studies, it would also provide support to current and incoming Native American and indigenous students.

Kyle Doney moved to approve the above recommendation. Miles Feacher seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved unanimously.

Recommendation #2

We recommend that the university partner with the Riley House Center and Museum, the FSU Civil Rights Institute, and the FSU Archives to highlight FSU history surrounding race, ethnicity, and representation. Such efforts would include educational programs, storytelling by students, faculty, staff, and alumni in ways that lends itself to being archived for broad public access.

Cassandra Jenkins moved to approve the above recommendation. Cortez Brown seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved unanimously.

Recommendation #3

The football stadium at Florida State University is named for former university president Dr. Doak Campbell. After hearing a comprehensive review of available source documentation and application of the 2017-18 framework for consideration of campus namings, the subcommittee does not find sufficient evidence to recommend the permanent removal of the name Doak Campbell from public display at the stadium. The subcommittee also recommends the addition of a high-profile recognition of the contributions of black and other Underrepresented Minority student athletes at the stadium. The university shall engage the black alumni association, black student union, and other appropriate groups to immediately collaborate on this high-profile recognition at the stadium.

This recommendation failed.

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Cortez Brown moved to approve the above recommendation. Miles Feacher seconded the motion. The final vote on the recommendation tied at 3-3. The subcommittee agreed to forward the results of the 3-3 vote to the full Task Force for consideration.

VI. Subcommittee Member Open Forum

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

VII. Next Steps

Subcommittee Chair Maxine Jones thanked members for their service to the Task Force and reminded members of the upcoming Task Force meeting and Task Force contact information.

VIII. Adjournment of the Historical Legacy Subcommittee

Chair Jones adjourned the Historical Legacy Subcommittee at 5:25 p.m.