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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

In April I wrote to let you know that the university is establishing a new task force on diversity. I am now pleased to share that the task force has been formed.

I have appointed Natasha Martin of the School of Law and Alvin Sturdivant of Student Development as co-chairs and am grateful to them for taking on this important leadership role. In addition to the co-chairs, the task force includes three students who were selected by their respective student government groups, four faculty who were chosen through a process conducted by the Academic Assembly and five staff. The full list of members is as follows.

Students

Keenan Kurihara – Student Government of Seattle University
Katie Myers-Wiesen – Graduate Student Council
Leandra Ebreo – 1Ls Student Bar Association

Faculty

Francisco Guerrero – Fine Arts (Arts & Sciences)
Jodi O'Brien – Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work (Arts & Sciences)
Vinay Datar – Finance (Albers)
Lori Bannai – Law

Staff

Monica Nixon – Office of Multicultural Affairs
Bernie Liang – Student Activities
Tamara Long – Admissions
Ryan Greene – International Student Center
Angie Jenkins – Student Academic Services

As I shared in April, the task force will be charged with assessing the current state of diversity on campus and recommending further steps we need to take as a university to move forward to enhance this core value. The task force will begin its work this September and their findings will be submitted to me next year and shared with the campus community.

While we take pride in being recognized as one of the most diverse universities in the Northwest, ensuring that we are an inclusive and welcoming campus must be continually examined and renewed. I look forward to the concrete, practical steps the task force recommends to build upon and further strengthen our commitment to inclusion, respect and equity.

Please join me in thanking the members for undertaking this critical service for all of us at the university.

Sincerely,

Stephen V. Sundborg, S.J.
President