

**MINUTES
PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON GREEK LIFE
February 21, 2018**

Rob Stuart, Chair, called to order the meeting of the President's Task Force on Greek Life in the LSU Foundation Building Harrison Board Room, on February 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Rob started the meeting with a moment of silence for Max Gruver and victims of hazing.

Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

PRESENT

Rob Stuart, Chair
Dan Layzell, Vice Chair
Jason Badeaux, Student Government President
Kenneth McMillin, Faculty Senate President
Mari Fuentes-Martin, Dean of Students
Verge Ausberry, Athletics Department Representative
Mason Tusa, Interfraternity Council President
Anesha Pink, National Pan-Hellenic Council President
Madison Hopper, Panhellenic Council President
Camille Flint, Residence Hall Association President
BJ Billeaudeau, Kappa Sigma House Corporation Representative

ABSENT

None absent.

Also present for the meeting were the following: Carlton "Trey" Jones, Managing Attorney in the LSU Office of General Counsel; Dr. Kurt Keppler, Vice President for Student Affairs; Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant to the Board of Supervisors; Hannah Rovira, Coordinator in the LSU Office of the President; Ernie Ballard, LSU Media Relations Director; and representatives of the news media.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one public comment from Shawn Lowe of the Greek Alumni Unity Council on agenda item III

I. Opening Comments – Rob Stuart, Chair

Rob welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the final meeting of the Task Force.

II. Approval of Task Force Minutes

Upon motion of Verge, seconded by Ken, the committee voted unanimously to approve the Task Force minutes.

III. Discussion and Adoption of Final Task Force Report and Recommendations

Rob stated the Task Force has proposed 28 recommendations in 6 categories, and these recommendations are a program to change culture and focus on personal accountability. The Southeastern Conference (SEC) and others are setting policy recommendations similar to what is presented by the Task Force. He further stated the Task Force is focusing on personal accountability and changing the culture.

Rob Stuart overviewed the report and the six categories of twenty-eight recommendations in the report. The report is available here: <http://www.lsu.edu/greek-life-taskforce/files/2017-2018-final-report.pdf>

Rob mentioned the Gruver's helped with recommendations for the house managers and the web portal of information. He commented the SEC and others are looking at these specific recommendations so the Gruver's recommendations are impacting not only LSU but other organizations as well. Rob remarked that the University would need to set a high bar for those who have a true development plan in place for the exceptions to the eight-week limit for IFC new member programs.

Upon motion of Dan, seconded by Madison, the Task Force voted unanimously to approve the report and recommendations.

IV. President Alexander's Comments

The President thanked all the members of the Task Force as these recommendations will reshape fraternity life and Greek Life. President Alexander stated we want Greek Life safe, and we want a safer environment for all student. He commented that Dr. Keppler, Vice President for Student Affairs, is working closely with the SEC and other institutions to set a new trend for policies and practices that Greeks will be using on our campus and amongst other peers. President Alexander commended the Task Force and noted that we will be the example discussed in March at the SEC Presidents' meeting. He stated these recommendations are taking a leading stand and adopting the best practical policies. He commented in moving forward the advisors will play a vital role and we need to build a cohort of advisors engaged on a regular basis. President Alexander noted that these 28 recommendations will help set the standard for the next 25 years for Greek Life. He informed everyone that at the end of the month he will have his response and implementation plan. President Alexander stated this is the time to do it and do it effectively and help set best practices standard with our peers throughout the nation. He thanked Dan and Rob for their work as Chair and Vice Chair.

V. Adjournment

Rob thanked the members of the committee for all their work. He thanked the administration, the Greek Life Office, the Greek Unity Alumni Council, Stephanie Tomlinson, Hannah Rovira, and Trey Jones.

Upon motion of Verge, seconded by Anesha, the meeting was adjourned.