



Resolution Policy

	Action Item
	For Information Only

Date: May 17, 2018

RE: Senate Resolution – 180517-1

Task Force on First Year Rowan Core Courses

In the Fall of 2016, the University Senate approved the creation of a Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion in the Rowan Core, which was charged with investigating how issues relating to Diversity and Inclusion could best be incorporated into the Rowan Core curriculum. That task force will be supplanted by a task force that seeks to examine whether first year students should be required to take a two semester experience that incorporates both diversity and inclusion, and other topics or subjects they find important. The goal is to develop an educational experience that will set Rowan apart from other institutions.

The task force should:

- Examine how other colleges and universities have implemented first year general education requirements, including requirements for diversity and inclusion
- Examine how existing courses might satisfy these requirements
- Develop and establish a standard for diversity and inclusion proficiency in Rowan Core
- Investigate the syllabi of existing courses to ensure they meet the established standard • Examine if new courses need to be developed to meet the standards
- Consider staffing and training requirements, including the numbers of faculty
- Investigate existing and desirable campus resources to support the curricular and co-curricular advancement of diversity and inclusion
- Investigate the fiscal impact of potential changes
- Ensure the course (or courses) do not violate the Lampitt Law
- Determine how the Rowan Core would need to be modified
- Ensure the course (or courses) do not slow the time to graduation

The task force membership will include:

One representative from College of Communication & Creative Arts:

One representative from the College of Business

One representative from the College of Engineering

One representative from the College of Science & Mathematics

One representative from the College of Performing Arts

One representative from the College of Education

One representative from the College of Humanities & Social Sciences

One representative from the School of Earth and the Environment

One representative from the School of Health Professions

One representative from the Office of Social Justice and Conflict Resolution

Chair of the Rowan Core Committee

Director of the Office of Social Justice, Inclusion, and Conflict Resolution

One representative from the Senate Diversity Committee

Four students

Timeline: The task force should convene no later than September 15, 2018 and submit their final recommendations to the Senate by September 15, 2019.

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