

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE

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**EC 5: Faculty Response in Support of the Racial, Equity, & Diversity Taskforce**

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To: President Peter Hans, President, UNC System

Randall C. Ramsey, Chair, UNC System Board of Governors

From: UNC Asheville Faculty Senate

Re: Faculty Response in Support of the Racial, Equity, & Diversity Taskforce

Date:

The UNC Asheville Faculty Senate endorses the recommendations of the UNC Racial Equity Task Force, as presented to the Board of Governors in January 2021. The six recommendations presented by the Task Force outline strategic and intentional guidelines in addressing racial inequities at all levels throughout the UNC System. Racial inequities within our system continue to pose challenges to our UNC mission to discover, create, transmit, and apply knowledge to address the needs of individuals and society. Should we as a system continue to refuse to acknowledge and directly address these inequities we falter in our service to our State of North Carolina and in our dedication to its residents.

The initial draft of the Task Force recommendations was made public in November 2020, with the official presentation to the Board of Governors in January 2021. The Board of Governors received a request for a written response to each of the six recommendations regarding intentions to approve and allocate resources toward system-wide implementation.

As faculty, we support the work of the UNC System Racial Equity Task Force and urge the System Office and the Board of Governors to honor the respectful request given and provide a written response to each recommendation, so that we all work with a shared vision of academic excellence that shines with diversity, inclusion and equity and is a model in American higher education.

Thank you for your time and consideration.