

**Sul Ross Bulletin (SRG) Twenty-Five
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Yesterday, the 25th of January, the TAMU System Regents met with the Chancellor, TAMU President and others to receive the Commission Report on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), hear briefing comments from commissioners Williams and Hurtado, and then receive a briefing from TAMU President Junkins about his recommended plan of action.

The Regents then followed with a motion to approve and a unanimous vote to approve the recommendations. If one goes to this site access address, you can read the CDEI Report and also the Joint Statement of support from The Association of Former Students and The Texas A&M Foundation in support of the TAMU Plan. [Texas A&M System Regents Approve Plans to Improve Diversity - The Texas A&M University System \(tamus.edu\)](https://www.tamugov.edu/regents/2021/01/25/01-25-2021-BOR-Statement-on-Diversity.pdf) You will have to scroll down after the overview and can click on the Commission on DEI Report, then select and read the Joint Statement.

Additionally, you can find, at this site access address, The TAMU System Regents' Statement: [01-25-2021 BOR Statement on Diversity.pdf \(tamus.edu\)](https://www.tamugov.edu/regents/2021/01/25/01-25-2021-BOR-Statement-on-Diversity.pdf). Since the LSR Statue has and is of interest to our SRG members and readership, we draw your attention to the approved action Item Seven (7) at the end of the Statement. It provides a policy decision about the disposition of the statue and what the plan is to finalize accompanying details to be added. For your convenience, here is what #7 says:

"7. Establish an action-oriented task force to accurately and fully tell the story of Texas A&M's history through displays and iconography.

o The task force shall deliver its recommendations to the President of Texas A&M University by summer 2021 to facilitate the President's presentation of recommendations to the Chancellor and Board of Regents at the August 2021 meeting.

o Design spaces to recognize historical figures in addition to that of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, perhaps reimagining Academic Plaza and/or identifying other additional spaces for future recognition.

o The task force shall be composed of equal numbers of student leaders, faculty, staff, and members of The Association of Former Students, The Texas A&M Foundation and 12th Man Foundation.

o Budget for and ascertain the external expertise necessary to support the task force's work."

We agree with #7 and want to know your opinion.

The reason that we are sending this brief Bulletin Twenty-Five to you so quickly is to alert you to this pertinent information and material since it has been at the fore since June 2020, and we know you are interested in what has now been decided regarding the Sully Statue. We shall have more commentary later, but we **wish to add our SRG Board of Directors' support** to the Joint Statement from The Association and The Foundation regarding the Regents' Report.

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