Clemson University Board of Trustees Task Force on the History of Clemson

Mission Statement/Charge
The Board of Trustees has established a task force that will work closely with the President and Administration to engage a diverse group of stakeholders and develop a set of recommendations for how to best tell the complete history of Clemson University for current and future generations.

Guiding Principles
The task force will work with the Administration to develop a comprehensive set of actionable recommendations for how Clemson can better acknowledge and teach its history in a way that is forthcoming, accurate and beneficial for the entire Clemson family. This process will be guided by the following principles:

1. Explore multiple points of view both internal and external to the University
2. Maintain a dialogue that is open, honest and respectful
3. Acknowledge all aspects of history
4. Create meaningful recommendations grounded in research and evidence that result in actionable steps
5. Have a lasting impact

Process
From now through the fall, the task force will work closely with the President and Administration to engage stakeholders from the Clemson family, as well as others who have an interest in the positive advancement of the school and the state of South Carolina.

Through a variety of meetings, listening sessions, conversations and written submissions, the task force will gather a diverse set of viewpoints in order to develop a set of recommendations for how to best tell the full, accurate story of Clemson University.

The process will run concurrently with other diversity initiatives being led by the Administration and, where appropriate, these efforts may inform one another. The task force and Administration will provide regular updates to the Clemson community.

Once the stakeholder engagement period is complete, the task force and Administration will perform a comprehensive review of the feedback, from which the task force will develop a set of recommendations. The recommendations will be made public and reported to the Board of Trustees by the Board’s February 2016 meeting.