





EDI Task Force Commissioning

- Task force organized in late August of 2020
 - First meeting on August 20th, 2020
 - Meeting biweekly on Thursdays for 2 hours
 - EDI Task Force has 37 members
 - Chair Sandra Charles
 - Co-Chairs James Fromm and Kelly Hardin
 - Members from various groups of stakeholders from Fermilab
 - Chapters Associated with National Organizations Fermilab Society of Women Engineers (fSWE) and Fermilab Society of Hispanic Prof. Engineers (fSHPE)
 - Laboratory Resource Groups African-American/Black Association, Asian/ Pacific American Community, Hispanic/Latino Forum, Inclusivity Journal Club, Spectrum (LGBTQ+) Community, Veterans Group, Women's Initiative, and Young Professionals
 - Employee Advisory Group (EAG)
 - ChangeNow (CN)
 - Scientist Advisory Council (SAC)





Actions of the Task Force

- Initial organization and communication configuration
 - Establish methods of operations and decision making
 - Shared Leadership
- Creation of a Charter
- Creation of a Vision Statement
- Select focus of the Task Force
- Initial analysis of Accountability at Fermilab
- Initial analysis of Hiring practices at Fermilab

Charter

- Task force established an editorial group for an early charter
 - A lot of comments to process
- Charter broken up into three distinct documents
 - Charter Defines the roll and purpose of the task force
 - Written, but revisions pending
 - Vision Statement Long term goals for the tasks force
 - Early draft being written
 - Statement of Work How the task force interfaces and relates to the rest of Fermilab
 - Still needs to be created



Vision Statement

- Destination of the ED&I Task Force
 - Dictates the large scale goals of the task force
 - Fermilab's workplace culture the task force desires with respect to EDI
 - Achievable aspirations for work
 - Motivates the work of the task force
 - Provides direction and focus to work
 - Provide a clear and positive image
- Initial work done, but final document still needs to be written and approved



Task Force Focus

- Survey of task force members to find primary areas of concern
- Different areas were ranked by TF members
 - 1) Accountability
 - · 2) Career Progression
 - · 3) Outreach
 - 4) Recruitment
 - 5) Professional Development
 - 6) Communications



Accountability

- Accountability for laboratory employees, users and contractors who speak or act in a racist, misogynistic or generally discriminatory manner
 - Require rectifying actions taken against the perpetrator(s) and for the victim(s) to be assured that the laboratory does not tolerate such speech or action.
- Accountability Areas
 - 1. Career Development, Progression, and Promotion
 - 2. Protection Against Retaliation
 - 3. Increasing Transparency of Hiring and Promotion
 - 4. Providing Feedback and Establishing Consequences for Offensive Supervisors
 - 5. Mechanism for People to Report Upstream about the Environment
 - 6. Succession Planning
 - 7. Compliance Accountability
 - 8. Nepotism in Hiring and Talent Attraction
 - 9. Microaggressions



Hiring and Promotion

- Reports from three major areas:
 - Workforce Development and Resources Section (WDRS) -Compensation & Human Capital Management Manager
 - Engineering Promotion Committee (EPC) Committee Co-Chair
 - Fermilab Committee on Scientific Appointments (FCSA) -Committee Secretary and Chair
 - Need report from Distinguished Scientist Committee
- Reports from groups only covered the process of hiring and no statistics in regards in ED&I
 - More complete assessment requires a request for further information





Sense Making and Concusses Building

- · A large number of perspectives on the task force
 - Variety of lived experiences
 - Different definitions of terms
- Task force forming a process for building concusses on proposals
- Members of the task force are pushing for a quicker process to build consensus and affect change
- COVID19 has not enhanced the ability to build consensus

Summary

- First months of the task force focused on creating defining core documents
 - Charter and Vision Statement
 - SoW still needs to be created
 - This process essentially organizes the thoughts and intensions of the EDI Task Force members
 - Slow process
 - Some members are frustrated with pace of work so far
- Initial investigations into accountability and hiring and promotion

