



Update on the Task Force on Departments and Chairs

The Task Force on Departments and Chairs was charged on November 15, 2021 by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David S. Birdsell, Ph.D., and submitted [recommendations](#) on March 31, 2022. The campus community is invited to provide feedback on the recommendations via [this form](#).

Provost Birdsell is deeply grateful to the [Task Force](#) for the careful, thoughtful work that went into the recommendations. The document embodies the spirit of shared governance and stressed all of the most important points: formative evaluation, collegial review and governance, and pursuit of excellence in all that we do.

With the support of the Provost and the President, the next step in the process is to stand up a Task Force to tackle the question of implementation. To that end, we seek recommendations for representatives to serve on the Department and Chairs Implementation Task Force alongside members appointed to represent important interests around the University. All interested faculty and staff are invited to sign up on this form by Monday, April 25 with the expectation that we will hold one or more organizational meetings in May. This Task Force will be asked to present its recommendations early enough to allow full implementation in Fall 2023.

The [website](#) for the Task Force on Departments and Chairs will continue to be updated with more information as our planning and work progresses.

Thank you for your interest and engagement in this important process.

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