

Bonfire 2002

Task Force Organization

Subcommittee Task Forces have been established to address specific issues related to the design, training for, construction and implementation of Bonfire 2002 as well as for enhancing student leadership development opportunities. The Subcommittee Task Forces will be co-chaired by a student and a faculty/staff person with at least one of the co-chairs coming from the Steering Committee. The Subcommittee Task Forces will be facilitated by Bryan R. Cole, Assistant Vice President for Quality Leadership. Six initial Subcommittee Task Forces have been identified as follows:

1. Safety
2. Risk Management
3. Student Leadership & Participation
4. Design & Construction
5. Vision for Student Leadership
6. Institutional Culture

(This task force will address the issue of Cultural Bias as it was defined by the Special Commission: "Cultural Bias in decision making is the organizational equivalent of tunnel vision. When this occurs, a legitimate course of action is not considered or is discounted. This Cultural Bias in an organization is a more powerful behavior-shaping factor than tunnel vision for an individual because members of the group reinforce the traits that cause the problem." (Special Commission on the 1999 Texas A&M Bonfire Final Report, Behavioral Factors Analysis Section, p.30)

Vision Leadership Task Force

Utilize information from this study and identify opportunities to enhance the world-class student leadership development experiences at Texas A&M University consistent with the high expectations of the Aggie leadership experience and Vision 2020. Report out to Steering Committee by late November 2000.

Develop a Vision for Student Leadership Plan for creating and enhancing world-class student leadership development opportunities and improved advisement at Texas A&M University. Collaborate with Institutional Culture and other Task Forces as necessary.

Develop recommendations for further study as deemed appropriate.

Provide a report to the Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee by March 1, 2001 that addresses the above requirements.

Students

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Joe Holloway
Trevor Voekel
Brad Henderson
Josh Betty
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Faculty/Staff

Chris Townsend (Co Chair)
Joe Templeton
Jan Winniford
Monica Latham
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Jim Reynolds
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Safety Task Force

Identify all safety issues that need to be addressed in the design, training for, construction and implementation of Bonfire 2002 to include the Bonfire 2002 event. Report out to Steering Committee by mid November 2000.

Develop a Safety Plan to address these issues consistent with the Bonfire Commission Report and President Bowen's directives. Collaborate with Institutional Culture and other Task Forces as necessary.

Develop a plan for independent expert review to determine viability of the Safety Plan.

Develop an evaluation and certification process for each succeeding Bonfire.

Develop recommendations for further study as deemed appropriate.

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Students

Austin Townsend (Co Chair)
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Chris Meyer (Co Chair)
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Student Leadership and Participation Task Force

Identify all student leadership, participation, and advisement issues that need to be addressed in the design, training, construction and implementation of Bonfire 2002 to include the Bonfire 2002 event. Report out to Steering Committee by mid November 2000.

Develop a Student Leadership, Participation, and Advisement Plan to address Bonfire related student leadership and participation issues consistent with the Bonfire Commission Report and President Bowen's directives. Collaborate with Institutional Culture and other Task Forces as necessary.

Develop a process for aligning student leadership, participation and training to the Professional Design and Construction Oversight of Bonfire 2002.

Develop a plan for independent expert review to determine viability of the Student Leadership and Participation Plan.

Develop an evaluation and certification process for each succeeding Bonfire.

Develop recommendations for further study as deemed appropriate.

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Students

Josh Kaylor (Co Chair)
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Craig Rotter
Bill Kibler

Design and Construction Task Force

Identify all design and construction issues that need to be addressed in the design, training, construction and implementation of Bonfire 2002. Report out to Steering Committee by mid November 2000.

Develop a Request for Proposals to solicit expert bids for the professional design and construction oversight of Bonfire 2002 consistent with the Bonfire Commission Report and President Bowen's directives. Collaborate with Institutional Culture and other Task Forces as necessary. Include a technical expert review to ensure viability of the RFP.

Develop an evaluation and certification process for the design and construction of each succeeding Bonfire.

Develop recommendations for further study as deemed appropriate.

Provide a report to the Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee by March 1, 2001 that addresses the above requirements.

Students

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Karan Watson

Risk Management Task Force

Identify all risk management issues that need to be addressed in the design, training for, construction and implementation of Bonfire 2002 to include the Bonfire 2002 event. Report out to Steering Committee by mid November 2000.

Identify risk management issues (that are learned from this study) that need to be addressed in all other student organization activities (Draw upon TAMU Student Affairs Risk Management Team Report, "A Proactive Risk Management Plan", July 28, 2000.)

Develop a Risk Management Plan to address Bonfire risk management issues consistent with the Bonfire Commission Report and President Bowen's directives. Collaborate with Institutional Culture and other Task Forces as necessary.

Develop a plan for independent expert review to determine viability of the Risk Management Plan.

Develop an evaluation and certification process for reviewing risk management processes for succeeding Bonfires.

Develop recommendations for the improvement of risk management in other student organization activities.

Develop recommendations for further study as deemed appropriate.

Provide a report to the Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee by March 1, 2001 that addresses the above requirements.

Students

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Kevin Jackson (Co Chair)
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Tom Reber
Bill Youngkin
Kim Novak

Institutional Culture Task Force

Identify all Institutional Culture issues that need to be addressed in the design, training, construction and implementation of Bonfire 2002 to include the Bonfire 2002 event. Report out to Steering Committee by late November 2000.

Develop a plan to address Institutional Culture issues consistent with the Bonfire Commission Report and President Bowen's directives. Collaborate with Institutional Culture and other Task Forces as necessary.

Develop a process for independent expert review to determine viability of the plan.

Develop an evaluation and certification process to review the impact of Institutional Culture on each succeeding Bonfire.

Develop recommendations for mitigating Cultural Biases in student organization activities.

Develop recommendations for further study as deemed appropriate.

Provide a report to the Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee by March 1, 2001 that addresses the above requirements.

Students

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