November Update from the President’s Commission on Diversity and Inclusion

The President’s Commission on Diversity and Inclusion met on November 14. The Commission’s Campus Climate Committee presented the final draft of the executive summary for the Campus Climate Survey. Commission members have until November 21 to give any last feedback before it will be submitted to Dr. Davies. The Commission plans to make the executive summary with links to the support data widely available to the University community by the end of November.

The Commission heard brief updates on efforts for the next iteration of the Diversity Plan. The Commission is reviewing progress on the current Diversity Plan through four workgroups while it awaits a final timeline and requirements to be set by staff at the Council on Postsecondary Education. The due date is expected to be due sometime in the spring.

The Commission’s Trainings Committee reported that they are continuing to work closely with Human Resources on the development of materials for an online diversity training program for supervisory staff that is planned to be available in the spring. The Commission will pilot the materials early in the spring semester before the program goes live.

The Commission heard an update on efforts by the City of Murray Human Rights Commission to propose revisions to the City’s Human Rights Ordinance. A town hall meeting is being held at City Hall, 104 N 4th St, on December 8 at 6:30 p.m. for individuals to share input and ask questions.

The Commission’s next meeting is December 12. Any questions regarding the Commission may be directed to Chair Don Robertson at drobertson@murraystate.edu.