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WKU naming task force solicits public's feedback

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The Western Kentucky University task force that could recommend changing the names of colleges and buildings on campus that bear the names of historical slaveholders is asking for the public's feedback.

“We have begun the process of researching those names and symbols used on our campuses, the context which led to their adoption, and how they fit within the university’s educational mission,” WKU political science professor and task force co-chair Saundra Ardrey said in a news release Friday.

“Now we are seeking the thoughts from our various communities as we seek to provide thoughtful and comprehensive recommendations that can provide WKU with guidance now and in the future.”

A new feedback form has been added to the task force's website at wku.edu/naming-and-symbols.

The group, called the Naming and Symbols Task Force, has been tasked with coming up with a set of recommendations for campus administrators to consider and has so far been conducting its business in private since WKU President Timothy Caboni convened it in August.

According to its website, the task force's job is to "audit the names used on buildings and other campus symbols to determine which may be connected to exclusion, segregation, racism or slavery" and to "create a set of guiding principles and a range of options for how we should address any issues raised."

The deadline for submitting feedback to the group is March 1.

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