

**Mission Statement Task Force Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**October 22, 2012**  
**4-6 PM**  
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Those attending: Linda Cottler (chair), Richard Romano, Henrietta Logan, Jennifer Curtis, Nawari Nawari, Maria Rogal, Keith Schneider, Jon Morris, Betty Smocovitis, Andrea Gregg (by phone), Karen Whalen (by phone), Janet Yamamoto, John Parady, Nuri Yeralan, Scott Nygren, Tim Brophy

Linda Cottler called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm

Minutes from the October 5 meeting were approved.

Scott Nygren reported on the drafting subcommittee's most recent version of the revised mission statement, and the principles that led to this result.

Linda Cottler then suggested that the drafting subcommittee's work was done, and that the work that remained was the responsibility of the full task force. She proposed that the MSTF review the current draft with the goal of producing a final version, and MSTF members agreed. After extensive discussion, the current version was felt to be very close to a final statement, with the following reservations:

- "expanding the frontiers" is inappropriate and needs to be phrased differently
- "the physical and cultural universes" is an unnecessary binarism and needs to be rephrased consistent with an emphasis on a diversity of disciplinary approaches
- "the pursuit of happiness" is unnecessary, and could be better rewritten as "the pursuit of excellence"
- "inspire" would be a good word to include, but it's not clear where it would fit
- the phrase "joy of discovery" was debated, with concerns about each word separately but no consensus on how to change it

Linda Cottler then proposed to distribute today's revised version, and to invite comments to be sent to Sue Alvers before the next meeting at 12:50pm on Friday, November 16.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.