Purpose of Submittal:

President Randhawa will lead the Board of Trustees in a conversation about the process and timeline for reviewing and acting on the recommendations of the Legacy Review Task Force.

Background:

At the start of winter quarter 2021, the Legacy Review Task Force was charged with a two-fold task. First, with reviewing a report prepared by Western Libraries Heritage Resources on the history and significance of building names on Western’s Bellingham campus, and to decide if names of particular buildings warrant consideration for removal. Second, to review the names associated with named colleges, particularly Huxley College of the Environment, and determine whether particular names warrant consideration for removal. The Task Force was not charged with considering new names for buildings or colleges. The final responsibility and authority on naming buildings and academic colleges rests with the Board of Trustees.

In mid-June, the Legacy Review Task Force submitted its report and recommendations on four named features: Huxley College of the Environment, Mathes Hall, Haggard Hall, and Viking Union. In addition to the full report, information about the Legacy Review process, including research and resources used by the Task Force and the complete Task Force charge, is available at: https://president.wwu.edu/legacy-review-task-force