

Marching Band Culture Task Force

364 West Lane Avenue, Suite 100B
Columbus, Ohio 43201
marchingbandculturetaskforce@osu.edu

October 2, 2014

President Michael Drake
205 Bricker Hall
190 North Oval Mall
Columbus, OH 43210

Dr. Jeffrey Wadsworth
210 Bricker Hall
190 North Oval Mall
Columbus, OH 43210

Re: Marching Band Culture Task Force Progress Report

Dear President Drake and Dr. Wadsworth:

I am writing today to inform you of the significant progress that the Marching Band Culture Task Force has made to date. As you are both aware, the University Board of Trustees and President Drake charged the Task Force with conducting an assessment of the Marching Band's culture and reviewing the University's administrative processes and oversight of the Marching Band. The Task Force is working diligently to perform a thorough review and has been fortunate to receive an overwhelming response to its several outreach efforts from members of the Ohio State Marching Band community and the larger community regarding the current culture of the band.

The Task Force has completed approximately 140 interviews with current and former band members, parents, members of the University, and other members of the community regarding the current culture of the Marching Band. Each interview has typically taken 60 to 90 minutes to complete. More than half of those interviewed are current or former members of the band. The Task Force has also conducted a detailed anonymous survey of hundreds of band members from 2009 to present for whom we have email addresses, reviewed thousands of documents, and responded to hundreds of emails and letters to gain a full understanding of the culture of the band.

As we have discussed, we are continuing our work and anticipate issuing our report to the University in the next four to six weeks. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Betty Montgomery, Chair
Marching Band Culture Task Force