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SUBJECT: Tuition Task Force

We are writing to request that you serve on the newly created Tuition Task Force. Discussions with university and Board leadership, as well as during the discovery process of the Strategic Budget Task Force, identified the need for an in-depth review of tuition in order to optimize this critical source of revenue.

The Tuition Task Force will examine the key issues and opportunities related to Penn State’s tuition policies/processes and make recommendations to the Executive Sponsor on innovations and strategies that might be adopted by Penn State. We are asking that this be completed by August 31, 2020. While this is an ambitious timeline, we are confident in the task force’s ability to make a robust set of recommendations during that timeframe.

The inaugural meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in 404 Old Main. Please contact Patty Tarbay (pam13@psu.edu) or Wayne Leone (wtl103@psu.edu) with any questions.

Thank you for your willingness to be involved in this important undertaking.

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