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MINORITY TASK FORCE REPORT

CHARLESTON, IL--"Cultural diversity benefits everyone, not just minorities." That's the message Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives gave faculty, staff and students, Tuesday (Sept. 18), during a major University address. During his talk, he reviewed the recommendations of Eastern's Task Force On Enhancing Minority Participation.

He said, "We are committed, with vigor and purpose, to creating a campus community with all deliberate speed which welcomes students, faculty, and staff from all cultural and racial backgrounds, which finds ways to celebrate the contributions made by those differences, and which is more culturally diverse than it now is."

He said, that each of the 158 recommendations have been assigned to appropriate campus individuals and groups and they are to report back to him, no later than November 15, with their comments.

Rives noted that while Eastern needs to do more to increase cultural diversity, it has already taken several positive steps, including increasing Black student enrollment during a period when, unfortunately, this segment of minority student enrollment has declined on a national basis.

Rives said, "We can, must, and will do better."