1. **Discussion of Survey of first and second year students on their First Year Experience:**
   Information was presented by Dale Pietrzak.
   
   a) Dale provided an overview of the findings of the ‘First Year: Housing Survey 2015’ AKA, First Year Experience survey. The results were interesting. The response rate was 26.5% with a slightly higher response from women and first year students, about average and considered to be good response rate for surveys. Common themes included: students made decisions to join Greeks or live in the residence halls based on their family, friendship connections and interest; cost and recruitment timing did not have significant impact on their decisions; having options to choose where they wanted to live was important to all students; most helpful in their transition to the university was talking with friends and family; more social opportunities with diverse groups of students and better academic advising were most often mentioned as areas of improvement; and students were generally happy with their initial housing choice.

2. **Discussion of Recommendation One, First Year Housing Options:**
   Given the outcomes of the first year retention by residency study, which found that there is a higher retention rate in Greek housing compared to residence halls and given the outcomes of the First year experience survey just discussed, Jean Kim suggested that we may have sufficient information now to make the first recommendation to the president to keep the existing housing options for first year students, i.e., Greek housing, residence halls, or the Steel House Co-op. It was unanimous that housing options should stay as they currently exist.
   
   Jean Kim will draft a recommendation stating the UI should continue the current system of providing first year housing options that include Greek chapter houses, Residence halls, and the Steel House Co-op. She will send a draft recommendation to task force members for review and feedback. The recommendation will then be sent to the president from Jean, and any broader communication about the outcome of this recommendation will come from the president’s office.
Once the president has approved, the recommendation will be posted on the new Student Life Task Force website, www.uidaho.edu/student-life-task-force. Jean Kim will also communicate the first recommendation in the next Vandal Alumni Newsletter.

It was also agreed that we will develop additional recommendations to improve the residential experience of first year students both in residence halls and in the Greek houses as we examine additional data still being collected and not yet analyzed.

3. **Updates on Data Collection in process:**
   a. **Focus Group Interview Outcomes:**
      All of the Focus Group write-ups have been received. Jean Kim and Sandy Lane will be pulling out the themes. Jean will send all of the write-ups and the summary theme analysis to the task force members by Friday, January 22.

      **Action:** After reviewing the data and prior to our Feb. meeting, Task force members are asked to think about possible recommendations for discussion.

   b. **Survey of National and International Sorority and Fraternity Organizations:**
      We are about half done gathering this information, and it should be completed by mid-February.

   c. **Student Conduct & behavioral complaints broken down by residence:**
      We are also about 50% done gathering this information. Our system is not automated, so the process is taking longer. We also have to be very cognizant of the sensitive information we are requesting.

   d. **Greek programming by chapter with info on the # of volunteer hours, # of $$ raised, # and type of educational programs # $ type of social programs:**
      About 50% complete.

4. **Other items:**
   a. Jean Kim mentioned that the new Student Life Task Force website is live. Here is the link: www.uidaho.edu/student-life-task-force.
   b. Should we look for a new member to replace Martin Trail on the task force? It was decided that since we are late in the process, he will not be replaced. Jean Kim anticipates two, maybe three more meetings.
   c. It was recommended that the Greek Life office send out more timely communications about fraternity recruitment and any changes.
   d. Blaine Eckles mentioned that we hope to have the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life position posted in the next few weeks.
   e. There was a follow up question on the status of possibly holding a meeting with Vandal alums in the Idaho Falls and Twin Falls area. Especially, the TF members attending from Boise felt this would be a good thing to do however, the conversation may go beyond the work of this task force and into other areas such as conference membership, general communication from UI, etc. Jean will discuss this need with her colleagues in the Cabinet.
f. There needs to be better communication between chapter houses and the UI so that there is not overlap among big events, such as chapter anniversary celebrations happening at the same time as large UI events.

g. Sandy Fery asked about email communications coming from the Alumni Office. She knows of people who strongly support the UI and Greek Life, but because they are not UI grads, they are not included on the distribution lists. The general discussion was that this would be a good question posed to the Foundation and Alumni offices to see about coordinating their lists.

h. Upcoming meeting date changes:

New Meeting Dates:
Thursday, February 4, 2016 (changed from Tuesday, February 2)
Thursday, March 3, 2016 (changed from Tuesday, March 1)
2:00—5:00pm PST (Moscow); 3:00—6:00pm (Boise)
Location TBD

The already scheduled April 5 meeting date stands.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm