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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

Diversity is one of our core values at Seattle University and an inherent source of strength for our community and enrichment for our learning and growth. To ensure we are fulfilling this essential commitment, it is important to periodically assess how we are doing. One recent event brought to the surface some issues that need to be addressed.

I am establishing a new university task force on diversity that will include students, faculty and staff. It will be charged with reviewing the progress we have made on recommendations from the 2008 *Engaging Our Diversity Report*, assessing current attitudes and perceptions of diversity on campus and recommending necessary next steps. The task force will begin work this spring and by fall submit its findings to me, which will be shared with the campus community.

Seattle University has long been one of the most diverse universities in the Northwest. Working together, we can fully embrace and celebrate our diversity.

Thank you for all that you do to live our mission and give life to the values we hold dearly. I hope you had an enjoyable break and wish you well as we head into the final stretch of the academic year.

Sincerely,

Stephen V. Sundborg, S.J.  
President