



# MESSAGE

from the interim

# PRESIDENT



Interim President Dave Amberg, center, congratulates senior Angelia Rossi, left, and Shane Wehr, facilities operations assistant 1, on their winning designs of the Ultimate Discs. The discs are now available in the ESF Bookstore. *(Photo by Wendy P. Osborne)*

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Dear Campus Community,

Thanks to everyone who attended the open forum yesterday and the many other related activities this week. I learned much from these rich and sometimes uncomfortable conversations. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities as it's important that we keep the momentum going and continue to listen and learn from each other to develop strategies to improve our campus culture and to do this collaboratively.

One of the initiatives borne of these conversations is a Joint Presidential Task Force consisting of faculty, staff and students to work with the Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee to develop measures to increase diversity of faculty, staff and students; develop strategies for additional support of international and minority students; address questions of bias and discrimination at the College;

and further address related safety and security needs. I'll be working to populate this task force immediately.

I'd like to remind you to check in often to our "[Campus Updates](#)" tab on the homepage for the latest communications and resources relating to information on recent racist incidences. I've posted the [Powerpoint](#) presentation from the open forum last night for those who were not able to join us.

On a lighter note, I had the opportunity to meet both our staff and student ultimate disc designers, Shane Wehr and Angelia Rossi, shown above with their discs. We are blessed to have such creative individuals in our community. Both discs are now available in the ESF Bookstore for your holiday shopping. I hope to have the opportunity to toss one with you on the Quad in lighter times to come, both literally and figuratively.

As Thanksgiving recess is fast approaching, I would like to wish everyone a happy and restful Thanksgiving break. Please be safe and take some time to take care of yourselves.

Warm regards,

Dave Amberg  
Interim President