



## Office of the President

A Message from

**President Adela de la Torre, Ph.D.**

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

In response to recent events and in light of conversations within our campus community, I am assembling two Presidential Task Force groups. This is part of a larger issue facing college and university campuses nationwide and we want to ensure SDSU is leading the conversation regarding student safety and well-being. To do that, we are launching this process to identify and adopt best practices for the benefit of all of us.

### **Presidential Task Force on Student Activities and Safety**

The Presidential Task Force on Student Activities and Safety is charged with reviewing behaviors, education, policies, processes, and procedures of organizations and their members at San Diego State University. An emphasis will be placed on the review of Fraternity & Sorority Life, Student Organizations & Activities and Associated Students.

The Presidential Task Force on Student Activities and Safety will be comprised of students, faculty, staff, alumni and appropriate administrators. The group will convene throughout the 2019-20 academic year with a report of findings and recommendations to be submitted by April 2020.

### **Presidential Task Force on Alcohol and Substance Misuse**

The second group, the Presidential Task Force on Alcohol and Substance Misuse, is charged with reviewing behaviors, trends, prevention, policies and responses related to alcohol and other drug use at San Diego State University. We are one of many campuses facing this challenge and it is one that I am committed to addressing.

This task force will be comprised of faculty, students, parents, staff and administrators, and will leverage subject-matter experts and researchers within our institution. The task force will convene through summer 2020 and will issue a report with findings and recommendations by July 1, 2020. The next steps will be to identify chairs and members for each task force. It is my plan that their first meetings will occur this month. We want

to hear from all members of our community and will look forward to engaging many of you within our campus community, as we take decisive action to address these issues which affect us all.

Adela de la Torre, Ph.D.  
President