

Joint Task Force on Student Success for Underrepresented Students in Higher Education

Meeting Summary – Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and Snake River Correctional Institution (Virtual Visit)

July 14, 2022

10:30 AM

Student Listening Session

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: **Rep. Alonso Leon, Chair; Rep. Zika; Sen. Dembrow; Sen. Frederick, ex-officio**

Members Excused: **Rep. Owens, Rep. Ruiz; Sen. Findley; Sen. Robinson; Sen. Wagner**

Other legislators present: **None**

The task force met virtually with two groups of women and men who are incarcerated at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and Snake River Correctional Institution, respectively, and are enrolled in prison education programs through partnerships with local higher education institutions. Staff from the Department of Corrections and educators from higher education institutions were also present. Representative Alonso Leon, Chair, welcomed the group and explained the meeting's purpose and structure. The students individually described their educational experiences and responded to questions from the task force members. The meeting lasted roughly one hour and fifteen minutes.
