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Membership Funding and Pathways for Diverse Archives Task Force

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Executive Summary (up to 300 words)

The Membership Funding and Pathways for Diverse Archives was approved by Council in 2022 and in doing appointments in 2025 there is a need for a significant update to the charge or the disbandment of the group. All the deadlines and progress dates have passed. Many things within SAA have changed since the proposal to create this group.

<https://www2.archivists.org/governance/handbook/section8/groups/membership-funding-and-pathways-for-diverse-archives-workers-task-force>

Contextual Information (up to 500 words)

Many of the changes for this group are already being made in other areas of the organization or may need to be incorporated in other component groups so they are fully realized. There are also specific leaders assigned to be a part of this group, and it is unclear if these groups have the bandwidth to participate.

The deliverables will also need significant financial commitments that may not be feasible in our current financial climate. The Council needs to consider if this is the time for this group to begin work or if a significant revision to the charge needs to take place.

If this task force is to be successful there will need to be direction from Council.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities

If we want members to be engaged, Council must give clear direction or disband the group before they start working.

Fiscal Impact

There could be significant costs to implementing what the task force asks Council to do and staff time to assist and liaison with the task force.

Potential Benefits

Potential Drawbacks

Recommendation (Action Items only)

That the SAA Council disband or postpone the Membership Funding and Pathways for Diverse Archives task force and provide the appointed members with other committee appointments.