LGBTQIA Commission

**January 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**“Welcome Back! Oh-nO-micron”**

1/14/2022

1:30PM-3:00PM

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1. **Call to Order**
   1. Sean Parson called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m. and introduced themself
2. **Land Acknowledgement** 
   1. Sean Parson read Chelsea’s version of the land acknowledgement
3. **Introductions**
   1. Chelsea Green, Sean Parson, Shane Canitz, Grace Ditsworth, Amanda MacNair, Breana Rintala, Claire Kerata, Dee Wegwert, Felicia Fiedler, Jamey Hasapis, Tim Westerhaus, Tyler Cegler, Ari Burford, Martin Tease, Amanda Williamson, Lauren Copeland-Glenn, Marian Griffin, Jessy Zukosky
4. **Approve Minutes from December**
   1. Tim Westerhaus moved to approve the December minutes. Grace Ditsworth seconded.
      1. Discussion: Lauren mentioned the language about the motion for Chelsea to remain co-chair needs to be fixed. Clarification needed.
   2. Vote to approve the minutes with the one above stipulation.
      1. Majority approved, no opposition, Felicia Fiedler abstained.
5. **Out & Proud List: Email to Dean’s Office** 
   1. Idea to create email that brings awareness to the Out & Proud List and its purpose (of providing an open list of LGBTQIA community members and role models) and asking individuals to join it, and ask Deans to send the email to their respective colleges
      1. Question asked: Does anyone want to help draft these emails? No one responded.
   2. Marian recommends first reaching out to the individuals already on the Out and Proud list for potential updates about their identities to have most updated information possible.
   3. Shane mentioned some possible website edits while we did this.
   4. To join the list, fill out the [Out and proud list form](https://in.nau.edu/lgbtqia-commission/join-out-and-proud/)
6. **Diversity Award Nominations** 
   1. Nominations due Feb. 9th
      1. The commission will vote on the nominations during the following meeting (the list of scholarship recipients is due by March)
      2. There are four award categories: faculty, staff, student, and community member
   2. Chelsea urged commission members to nominate individuals ASAP using the [LGBTQIA Commission Diversity Awards nomination form](https://in.nau.edu/lgbtqia-commission/award-nominations/)
   3. Felicia asked if LGBTQIA Commission members can nominate someone if they, themselves, are not part of NAU
      1. Sean and Chelsea said yes, because as a member of the LGBTQIA member, they are still affiliated with NAU
7. **Update: Scholarship Committee**
   1. Members: Chelsea Green, Jeremy LaBuff, Amanda Williamson, Michael Rulon, Marian Griffin
      1. If anyone else would like to be involved in the scholarship committee, please [email Chelsea Green](mailto:Chelsea.Green@nau.edu)
   2. Currently working on the wording of the scholarship description
   3. Scholarship used to be current use, but is now endowed and this year can disperse money left over in current use fund and will gain accrual on the endowment either this year or next year (about $1,000 to give away currently)
   4. Once there are some applicants, another committee will be formed to select deserving recipients
8. **Update: Budget Committee**
   1. Members: Martin Tease, Amanda MacNair, Felicia Fiedler, Sean Parson
      1. Ari has too many commitments to join but has some ideas that they can send and is happy to answer any questions
   2. Lauren: if going to spend money, need to plan the events soon, still have almost all of funds left to spend
      1. Sean asked Lauren for information on how the funds can be spent
   3. Several reports of connectivity issues with Teams
      1. Solution: Budget Committee members will connect via email instead
9. **Update: LGBTQIA Social Gatherings**
   1. Hosts: Grace Ditsworth and Jeremy
      1. Most in-person events have been canceled due to Omicron
      2. Right now, weekly walks in Buffalo Park (every Saturday)
      3. Bi-weekly half hour host meetings (second Tuesday at 12:30 and fourth Friday at 12:00 of every month at noon)
         1. Commissioners can (but do not need to attend) if they would like to host an event
         2. Email [Grace Ditsworth](mailto:Grace.Ditsworth@nau.edu) for an Outlook invite
10. **Center for Service and Volunteerism** (Jamey Hasapis)
    1. Currently gathering volunteer opportunities for NAU students, faculty, and staff that will be posted on the Center for Service and Volunteerism site soon
11. **IMQ Check-in: Upcoming Events** 
    1. January 17th : MLK Day
       1. NAU MLK Celebration
          1. Hybrid (virtual/in-person) presentation at 10:00-11:00 (limited in-person seats) at the du Bois Ballroom
          2. 11:00 -12:00 MLK Commemorative March from du Bois Ballroom to the Office of Inclusion (IMQ)
          3. 12:30 shuttles to four service locations (Flagstaff Family Food Center, Sunshine Rescue Mission, Hope Cottage, Murdoch Center)
    2. January 25th: Qmmunity Open Mic Night (6:00-8:00 pm: IMQ Student Center)
       1. May have to be remote (TBD)
    3. February
       1. Love is Love Inclusive Valentine’s Day Craft-a-thon
          1. Rock painting, pride flag buttons, and other DIY crafts
          2. If online, kits will be available for pickup from IMQ
    4. March
       1. March 31st: Trans Day of Visibility 31st
          1. Fingerpainting, game night, guest speaker
    5. April
       1. Pride festival for students
          1. Who may miss out on the summer Pride due to unaccepting families
          2. Probably a one-day event (unclear whether will be in-person or virtual at this point)
          3. Anyone interested in being part of it, [email Marian Griffin](mailto:Marian.Griffin@nau.edu)
    6. May
       1. Rainbow Convocation (usually occurs the Sunday before commencement)
          1. This year a grad student is focusing her internship on Rainbow Convocation
          2. Already sending stoles to other NAU-affiliated campuses with less resources
    7. Zone trainings
       1. Faculty, staff, and student workers can request enrollment on Louie
          1. Students must email IMQ to sign up
       2. This semester IMQ is developing Disability Zone 101 and Indigizone 101
       3. Question asked if part of the LGBTQIA Commission’s budget can be allocated to help fund Zone trainings
          1. Plan to discuss this idea in more detail with higher-up individuals in IMQ and the CUAI, including details about what this would entail and what the money would go toward
12. **Community Check-in:** 
    1. [Paid Internship Opportunity](http://www.victoryinstitute.org)
    2. Polyamory support and discussions group
       1. Now up and running again: [Dunya Cope, LPC. Cultivate Counseling](https://news.coconinokids.org/aug-5-poly-support-group/)
    3. Collaboration between NAU Cline Library and Flagstaff Community Library in April
    4. Flagstaff Community Library LGBTQ+ Book Club
       1. February meeting:
          1. February 14th: 6:30 p.m. (virtual meeting)
          2. February book is “Perks of Being a Wallflower”
       2. March – hoping to reschedule board game night that was canceled due to the Omicron upsurge
          1. May also (or instead) be a name change clinic with the organization One in Ten
    5. Queer Collective Group
       1. Posts events on [Meetup](https://www.meetup.com/flagstaff-queer-collective/) or Facebook group
          1. Now active group again
13. **Next Meeting** 
    1. Chelsea will send out a Doodle poll to determine the date for the next meeting
14. **Adjournment** 
    1. Sean adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.