LGBTQIA Commission
Meeting Agenda
09/23/2016
Attending:
- April Peters
- Ashley Morrisson
- Chris Schlarb
- Dee Wegwert
- Dillon Jenkins
- Hannah Janiec
- Jack Nguyen
- Jamie DeVlieger
- Joe Wegwert
- Justin Capp
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- Lori Hare
- Matthew Tombaugh
- Meredith Heller
- Margot Saltonstall
- Michael Rulon
- Nishant Upadhyay
- Pamela Olsen
- Shari Miller
- Summer Steddom
- Susan Bigley
- Vanessa Heras

Meeting called to order at 1:32pm, by Hannah Janiec.

Introductions

Campus Climate Survey
Students took the survey in January 2016

This is the second set of results from a “campus climate survey,” the previous being a piloted survey

2,071 students completed the full survey

Noticeable trend in students not reporting the harassment they felt, or witnessed, to the university

Resources to consider:
- nau-best@nau.edu
- www.nau.edu/bias-support
- Safe Zone
Organization/Community Updates:

- LGBTQA Resources and Support:
  - IMS is currently down four professional staff, and also have an interim director (Deb Harris)
  - IMS Coordinator search failed; position name/details of that position might change
  - Received the final donation from last semester’s fundraising with Sodexo and 1899. The Scholarship Fund has now reached over $10,000.
    - Casey Fisher and Chris Schlarb will be meeting up to talk about further opportunities to raise money for the Scholarship Fund
  - Week of October 10th is Coming Out Week
    - Looking for volunteers for Kick Off (October 10th, 10am-2pm, University Union Amphitheater)
    - Doing two “After Safe Zone” workshops; “My Queer has Color” and “When the Well Runs Dry: Activist Self-Care”

- Benefits Committee:
  - Because of a Provision of the Affordable Care Act, the cap on transgender health care lifted over Summer 2016

- Health Promotion:
  - Put together a “trans-health and wellness” brochure, which is in print. Also has a .pdf that can be sent out upon request
  - Paws Your Stress coming up on September 28th, 4:30-6:00pm in the HLC
  - Free Mental Health Screenings, October 6th, 5-7pm, Health Promotion
  - No longer doing HIV testing on Wellness Wednesdays; switching to testing for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, every first Wednesday of the month. Will continue to have HIV testing on STI/HIV Awareness Day (November 2nd, from 10am-3pm in the Kaibab Room of the Union)
  - Next Friday, September 30th is the Sexual Health Education Fair (formerly Sex Fest), at the International Pavilion and only open to students taking NAU 100

Short Term Commission Goals: AY17, Diversity Strategic Plan final draft by Fall 2017

- Hannah asks those at the meeting whether they have any suggestions for Commission projects, and some suggestions given were;
  - Counseling Services currently does general group counseling on interpersonal relationships (romantic or otherwise); they should do an LGBTQ-specific support group
  - An emergency fund for in need LGBTQ students (such as instances of disownment)
  - Bias-standard interventions that include training on LGBTQ issues
  - Better bias response transparency in what actions are being taken, what investigations are taking place
  - Bias-incident reporting needs to be more visible and known to students
  - Title-IX specific training on issues pertinent to LGBTQ students
  - Getting preferred names on the rosters for classes
  - Making Peoplesoft/Louie compatible with chosen names
• Queer Studies needs permanent funding

Bathroom Accessible Signage
- Priscilla Mills gave to Commission to vote on until November 2016
- Cline’s gender-neutral restroom has opened
- Another gender neutral restroom has opened in SBS West

Meeting ended at 3:12pm.