

NAU/Flagstaff LGBTQA Task Force Meeting Tuesday, August 23, 2011 1:30 – 3 pm, SBS West Student Lounge

Notes 1. Introductions – members introduced themselves and welcomed Chris Duarte as Program Coordinator and Vanessa Delgado as Graduate Assistant for the new Office of LGBTQA Resources and Support, welcomed one new member Jacque with NARBHA

2. Vanessa and Chris provided an overview of fall events

a. Residence Life Fair August 24th – Chris and Vanessa will staff a table

b. Vendor fair, August 30 and 31st still needs staffing

i. Will be on the pedway outside the Union on the 30th 8 – 5

ii. Will be at duBois on the 31st – 8 – 5 - Multicultural Center is also doing LGBTQA Voices in the afternoon, Vanessa will attend this event

c. Open House – September 15 – 2 – 6 pm – food and fun activities

i. Vanessa and Chris may solicit assistance in decorating the office

d. Coming Out Week October 10 – 15

i. Monday – WGS t-shirt screening on the Union pedway during the day movie at Cline – Fag Bug – Cline Auditorium 7 pm

ii. Tuesday – Guess Who’s Gay Panel – Cowden Hall 7 pm – facilitated panel

iii. Wednesday and Thursday – Coming Out Monologues – SBS 110 7 pm, \$5 admission – call for submissions out by first of September, submissions due September 16 – will chose 10 – 12 monologues to be performed, monologues will be posted to web site

iv. Saturday SafeZone training – 3 hrs – David Camacho strongly suggests that task force members take the training

v. Vanessa will meet with interested students to develop pedway activities for Monday

vi. Arianne will seek assistance with creating a zine – have been very successful and popular the last two years

vii. Will advertise the entire weeks events and have separate advertising for the Coming Out Monologues

e. Transgender Awareness Week – November 20

i. Chris is planning activities – hopes to do films each night and bring in a guest speaker

ii. Jacque has rights to show a film that Chris was hoping to show

f. World AIDS Day – the events committee is still hoping to bring the NAMES Project Quilt – need to work on funding ASAP to place order for panels and also determine and secure space

3. Bill lead a discussion of the by-laws responding to questions and thoughts that had been sent by task force members

a. Discussed pros and cons of the Program Coordinator of the Office of LGBTQA Support and Resources having a vote on the executive council – determined it is most appropriate to not have that vote

b. Discussed term length of three years feeling long – suggested two year term with a voluntary one year extension

c. Discussed a vote of no confidence for both executive council members and cochairs

d. Discussed possible use of Roberts Rules of Order – determined to keep meetings more organic – take notes and have them available to the public – lean more to open meeting laws

e. Arianne Burford requests consideration of release time for faculty who serve on executive committee

f. David has asked Laura to review the purpose of the task force/commission in his absence - To propose informed recommendations to the President (to balance multiple initiatives for the greater community and propose informed university wide recommendations that broadly build community – Chris, Vanessa and the Task Force all report to the Office of the President by way of David Camacho)

g. Bill will incorporate discussion points into by-laws and they will be sent out for final task force approval before passing them along to David for presentation to President Haeger

4. David suggested also that the task force discuss how and when we will acknowledge the President and other key allies

a. Possibly at the open house – September 15 – banner or wall of gratitude

b. Acknowledge in the Lumberjack

c. Perhaps make a proclamation

d. Announce in Inside NAU

e. Important to acknowledge the many who have been part of this process – many have been invisible though offered/provided key pieces/support along the way – remembering this all began with the research that Peggy and Pat did in 2009-2010 – honor the journey

5. Tour office and other meeting areas available in SBS West

a. The student lounge where the majority of the meeting took place is a shared space – currently WGS class work is displayed – Chris and Vanessa will work with PRISM to create additional artwork to welcome LGBTQIA students as well – this is a shared space for all students

b.

Office has furniture and is awaiting a little decorating – some donations have already been made, others are welcome c. Conference room 115 is available for meetings – schedule through “the Office” d. Chris has been busy doing outreach i. A transgender support group will begin soon – an intern will lead this group ii. Student Counseling Center now housed with Fronske in the new HLC building will create an on-going support group iii. Seeking person(s) to run a lesbian social group, a men’s social group and a families/couples group – hope is to create organic support systems that move beyond NAU events and into personal lives e. Chris and Vanessa are seeking other volunteers and interns f. Events will help support the key goal of the office which is community building and support 6. The meeting ran long and there was no discussion about setting meeting dates for the year or next meeting Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm Notes taken and provide by Laura Theimer