LGBTQIA Commission Meeting Minutes 12/5/13

Campus Reports:
LGBT Office
Preparing for spring
Call for proposals for Queering AZ conference Feb 8th
Worlds AIDS day, lack of attendance and will still push for awareness
Faculty: Pass the word for Joe's LGBTQ seminar class offered in the spring
Student Life Spring Back week: Welcome activities place on website
PFLAG: Speaker at 3pm Sunday
NACASA: Extending programs for domestic violence

Chair Report:
Commission status!!!! YAY
Webinar
Went away with positive talking points about transawareness
Promising practices
Cognito LGBT training for Safe Zone
Looking into funding for campus usage
Scholarship: need help matching $500 seed money to establish account at $1k
Presented at Faculty Senate
Main questions asked: How can they support us?
Out and proud list is being created
Creating a program for an early orientation for LGBTQA students with LEADS
Campus Health Services
Working to train staff to provide hormones for trans students,
Committing funding for the training
Asked Chris to train their staff re general LGBTQ topics etc

Coconino County Health:
Cannot give an HIV test for class requirements or extra credit
Affirmative Action, David Camacho, NHC will help resolve the issue of requiring or offering extra credit to get tested or to sit in on a support group.

Registrar
Preferred name change new language is awaiting Provost approval
Work in progress, working on a modification to PeopleSoft
The hope is to give people the opportunity to check which name they want to be addressed as, either preferred name or primary name
Affirmative Action:
Bathrooms
Adopting language for a Bathroom Statement like U of A’s
Is there appropriate sign for gender neutral bathrooms?
Bathroom statement should be up on the website next week
Discussion of bathrooms and what is being done in the future for buildings being built on campus. Brought back to what we can do now, which we are updating the list of gender neutral bathrooms and pushing for further construction and renovations. Concerns were raised about private vendors such as ACC and desire to have discussion with reps about LGBTQIA inclusivity within facilities. The graffiti in a bathroom in SBS with homophobic writing went unresolved from building manager, and it was not taken seriously and students are feeling that it is a hostile environment. Dean Brandel indicated there’d be follow up with the VP for Facilities.
Bylaws
Current bylaws have significant changes suggested by University Legal. These will be reviewed by Angel and Matt with revisions posed to the group in January. Anyone interested in working on this with them, please contact them.
Next Social Gathering Thursday January 23rd, 6:00PM Location TBD
Next all group meeting in January: Most likely Fridays. Survey will go out to all.
Meeting Adjourned at 3:50PM