

LGBTQIA Commission Meeting Minutes 12/5/13

Present: Angel V, Ashley M, Cher H-N-H, Chris S, David C, Dee W, Erin P, Georgia D, Jamie P, Jen M, Joe W, Kara R-W, Laura T, Matthew T, Priscilla M, Rick B, Rose W, Sarah F, Sara O, Shari M, Summer S – Meeting came to order at 2:00PM

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 LGBTQIA 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