

LGBTQIA Task Force Meeting

February 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

☑ Call to order

○ Attendance: Jayme D, Chris D, Angel V, Jacklyn P, Arianne B, Georgia D, Nathan R, Matthew T, Kara R-W, William W, Summer S, Rose W, & Jack N.

☑ Welcome from Interim Chair, Matthew Tombaugh

☑ Introductions: Why did you join the Task Force?

☑ Committee Updates:

-Rainbow Convocation:

-Funding is available for activities and events, more info to come

-Next meeting Friday 2/8, we need more volunteers!

-Chris D has files and is ready to use information

-Focus on Queer and Ally graduation

-Social Gatherings:

-Next dinner on February 28, location TBD

-Taverna event for January went well, 11 attendees

-History & Website Committees:

-History committee met in December and is gathering info to include a timeline of events and information on website.

-Assoc. VP Dr. Camacho has approved developing website further (work in progress)

-World AIDS Day:

-Steve from North Country Health, put focus on future not solely past

-1,000 Red Ribbon Project and 'A Closer Walk' film were held

-Diversity Awards:

-Need representatives who are interested in putting forward nominations

-Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Retention:

-How to best move forward?

-More to talk about down the line. Ideas needed.

☑ Campus Reports:

○ February Events (see calendar passed out)

-LGBTQA "Outing"

-Step Afrika, 2/1 @8pm in Ardrey Auditorium

-Black History Month

-LGBTQA & People of Color crossroads

-Equality Week

-Photo shoot (last year 350-400 people)

-Tea & Transition

- 8am @ LEADS Center, February 14
- www.nau.edu\LGBTQIA went live 1/24
- LGBTQIA Support Groups
- Flagstaff Federated Community Church is hosting
- FFCC is so excited to host, they have agreed to host through 2017
- Every Monday @ 7pm
- Open to public, 18 and over
- Announcement:
- “Spirit of Ally’s Week” will be second week of April
- Was big in Fall and will be back for good
- April 12 is NAU-Pride (1st Pride fest on university campus)
- Unsure if “Unity Week” is changing to “Spirit of Ally’s Week”
- Associate VP’s Office: Social Justice Speaker Series- handout was passed around
- Faculty and Staff updates:
- Courses:
- 1-credit “Lesbian Poetry” course being offered
- Please help promote
- On International Women’s Day
- Queering Studies minor nearing approval
- 400-level “Queer History” becoming quite popular
- 1-credit intensive course, “Performing race, gender inequality”
- Offered at end of semester
- Free student HIV testing at Health Services on Wednesdays, clarifying if faculty/staff are eligible
- Gender Inclusive Housing being offered next year, being slightly expanded
- ☑ Community Reports:
- PFLAG: Small group with great connections. What will local Boy Scouts troupe do?
- Push for local troupe to be inclusive. Following national debate further.
- NACASA: Vagina Monologues on February 9 @ 7pm at Orpheum Theater
- Coconino County: NAU providing funding for HIV test kits (on-campus Wednesdays)
- State increased testing
- Flagstaff: Civil Rights Ordinance
- Council members were great and listened to community members
- Made changes in language as suggested
- Great community representation and city recognition
- Feeling is it will pass; however starting to see pushback.
- ☑ Tri-University Update
- Data Subcommittee has an opening
- Dr. Ronni Sanlo: ASU speaker, looking to set up teleconference site here at NAU for interested.

☑ Discussion: Semester Priorities

- Convocation
- Social Bonds
- Curriculum
- What would be helpful?
- Concrete information/numbers on campus populations
- Compare to ASU, UA, and other universities around the US
- Bring in speaker on social transformation
- Perception of queer community
- Is it inclusive or exclusive at NAU?
- NAU states inclusive. What does community think?
- Build better networks. Share information.

☑ Discussion: Suggestions regarding bylaw revisit, Angel and Matt volunteered

☑ Next Meeting: Attendees agreed on Friday March 8 @ 3pm, still working on location.

☑ Additions to Agenda?

- Angel: Offer report on report of NAU LGBTQA community identification next time

☑ Announcements?

- New student group: "Without Labels" being formed, see Chris D for details

☑ Closing: Thank you, reminder to sign-in for attendance, Give Matt feedback!