LGBTQIA Task Force Meeting
February 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Call to order
- 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!