LGBTQIA Commission Meeting Minutes 1-17-2014


Welcome: Recap of last semester’s activities and Commission Overview

Introductions

Campus Reports:

LGBT Office: Queering AZ Conf. on Feb 8th, encourage student leaders to join Support groups on campus underway

New Programming Assistant and new Graduate Assistant starting

Faculty/Staff: Jamie Patton is leaving NAU, stop by his going away event next week

VP’s Office: VP Sarah Bickel is our new contact person this semester as David Camacho is on sabbatical currently

Student Orgs: Q & A: (RA Class ‘Cultural Immersion Project’): Discuss changing the project due to a student feeling unsafe participating in the project.

PRISM: Completing their calendar, April 17th, Drag Show 8pm

GRL: Day of Silence Ball planned for April 11th

Community Reports: NCHC: Assistants to help people with insurance under the Affordable Care Act

Vagina Monologues Feb 22nd 7pm

PFLAG: rescheduling the transgender speaker for Spring Coconino County: 145 individuals HIV tested last semester, CDC seeing rise in HIV/AIDS numbers in the LGBTQIA community (not good!) by 2015 want to see a 70% reduction in numbers

Chair Report:

- Website is updated: History, Out & Proud, Minutes posted, & Awards section
- Student scholarship is opening: Have to raise $5,000 in 5 years to make it and $20,000 more to keep it. Once funded, will form a scholarship committee.
- Discussed leadership requirement, active in LGBTQ activities, financial need, essay to explain leadership and other experience
- Angel to keep working with Faculty Development on Spring training
- Still working with ‘Connect to LEADS’ for LGBT track/component
- Council of Inclusion: CDAD has month of awareness in February, Commission on Status of Women prioritizing child care, shared other commission updates

Old Business:

Registrar's Office: Changing your preferred name process created, ID card office and others working to incorporate preferred names

Affirmative Action: Bathroom Access, NAU is affirming of gender identity and expression. You can use the bathroom of your choice. Apologies for policy not being posted yet. SBS

Bathroom Concerns: Met with Interim Dean and Building Manager before break. Also Dean Brandel called meeting as well to discuss. Reminder of routes to report- NAUPD, Student Life, Affirmative Action, or through Chris’s office

New Business:

Rainbow Convocation Sunday May 4, 2014 2-4pm in Havasupai A,B,C (reserved), will have meetings 4-5pm on Mondays til done

Bylaws discussion:

A few suggestions made and incorporated, Struck former section 6.8 (Presumption of Assent) as seemed unnecessary.

Vote: 10 out of 10 to approve changes discussed. Passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning Review:

Reiteration of need to push for more consistent bias reporting mechanisms and the need to follow up with faculty training/awareness (Angel spearheading this for anyone who wishes to join up)

Announcements:

Social Gathering Thursday 1/23 at 6pm at Tacos los Altos, all are welcome

Next Group Meeting: Friday Feb. 14th @ 2pm, hope to see everyone!

CDAD: shared event flier for Ben Lewin event

Meeting ended at 3:35pm.