

# LGBTQIA Task Force Meeting

March 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

## ☑ Call to order

- Attendance: Arianne B, Celina B, Cher H, Chris D, Dee W, Jack N, Kara R-W, Lisa P, Matthew T, Rose W.

## ☑ Welcome from Interim Chair, Matthew Tombaugh

☑ **Introductions & Sharing Points of Pride or Areas of Further Growth:** Included unanimous approval of Civil Rights Ordinance, Flagstaff PRIDE is now 2 days long, impressed there's a queer minors study, connections of extended campus students to campus, LGBTQA Center is growing (list serve, Facebook etc), very excited about queer minor (needs more permanency with core faculty), Civil Rights Ordinance!, funded LGBTQA Center, Rainbow Convocation, growth in student orgs.

## ☑ Committee Updates:

### **Rainbow Convocation:**

- Date is tentatively set for Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> in Ashurst, time is TBA
- Encourage students to email LGBTQAServices@nau.edu to register for Convocation

### **Social Gatherings:**

- Next dinner on March 28, Salsa Brava @ 7pm, rsvp to Matthew Tombaugh, free LGBTQIA community bowling at 9pm that same night!
- La Fonda event had 6 attendees

### **Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Retention:**

- Discussion about better incorporation into pre-existing materials, having researchers from University College or SBS send out faculty/staff wide survey? Suggest tenure track positions for Queer Studies Minors- explore options. Suggestion to have stand alone meeting devoted to recruitment topics.

## ☑ Campus Reports:

### **LGBTQA Support Services:**

- Send Chris Duarte things for the list serve. Submissions must be sent in by 5pm Thurs.
- Currently about 6 student LGBTQ groups on campus now: PRISM, Q & A- Activism & Research Team (ART), Without Labels, Gamma Rho Lambda, FIERCE, NAU For All
- Office hours and walk-in times are available in the Center. Wed. 2-5 & 9-10:30 Tues.
- Putting together Pink Pages ("white pages" for LGBTQ community currently over 12 pages long). Email LGBTQAServices@nau.edu if you want to be added.
- This Thursday is Poetry Slam @ Bookmans!
- T-in Transition will be at the LEAD Center focusing this month's topic on Women's history
- Starlite Lanes is hosting free community bowling @ 9pm on 3/28.
- Transcendence Support Group meeting every Monday at 7pm, currently about 15 folks coming at each meeting.
- Tuesday night is Students Without Labels meeting night as well.

**Associate VP's Office:** Diversity Dinner Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at High Country Conf. Center

-Last year Laura Theimer, Arianne Buford and Vanessa Delgado were honored.

-Discussion about potential nominees, email to collect nominations sent out week of 3/11, with vote to occur following week.

-Open to Task Force members, but must rsvp to receive invitation! Able to bring a guest.

**Summer Steddom:** working with Registrar/ITS/Affirmative Action to be able to change "preferred name" etc in the NAU system. Hopeful we'll see a process soon!

**Queer Minor:** It's official! The classes will be coming up in Louie. Already have two folks who will be graduating with the minor.

**Housing & Residence Life:** We're in re-application, Gender Inclusive Housing Fall 2013 application to be coming (slightly expanded, but space is still limited).

**Campus Climate Mapping:** Discussion tabled for later

**HLC:** HIV Testing, it is not every week, working to have higher numbers. Will be there the Wednesday before and after Spring Break. Want to get numbers up. Students, faculty, staff and community members are welcome. From 2-4pm JUST A FINGER PRICK & 15 MIN. WAIT!!!

☑ **Community Reports:**

**PFLAG:** Meeting is this Sunday 3-5pm at Flagstaff Federated Church, getting quite a few folks from transgender families, looking for more folks to attend and interested people who can provide additional support.

**Take Back the Night** is April 16<sup>th</sup> (during Sexual Assault Awareness month), looking to have a combined march with NAU and Flagstaff. Still working on the overall program.

**Coconino County:** Have hired a new person (starting soon) to work around HIV related activities- expanding outreach and so on.

**Flagstaff:** Civil Rights Ordinance, final approval passed

☑ **Tri-University Update:** Dr. Sanlo presentation drew 6 attendees. Potential summer gathering,

stay tuned.

☑ **Discussion:** Elections & Bylaws

-Scheduled by bylaws for April

-Current bylaws limit eligible candidates. Discussion around this and other potential amendments. Putting call out for more eyes to review.

☑ **\*Meeting cut short due to school closure (heavy snowfall)\***

☑ **Next Meeting:** Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 3-4:30pm in Gateway Classroom (same day as NAU Pride- looking at North Quad for events)

☑ **Announcements:**

○ Spirit of Allies Conference: Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>

☑ **Closing:** Thank you, reminder to sign-in for attendance, appreciate everyone braving the snow!