

LGBTQIA Task Force Minutes 10-12-12

Attendance: Alexis Baca-Spry, Angel Verdugo, Arianne Burford, Celina Brun, Cher Has No Horse, Chris Duarte, David Bousquet, Lisa Persinger (on conference call), Lora Mills, Matthew Tombaugh, Melissa Griffin, Rose Wall, Sriyanthie McCabe, Joe Wegwert, Dee Wegwert, Georgia Duncan, Jaclyn Pryor, Jessica Lum.

Announcements: Thank you Coconino County Health for bringing us treats. Gene Hill from P-Flag unable to attend, other representatives will attend

Presentation: Melissa Griffin, Campus Health Services

-LGBTQ Student Health Data: surveying alcohol and other drugs, violence etc, part of Tri-AZ University survey: Peggy from U of A pulled out LGBTQ student specific data

-Statewide 1892 students completed, 1159 from NAU

-Non LGBTQ 1764, LGBTQ 175 identified

-LGBTQ Male: 46.8%, Trans 0.6%, LGBTQ Female:

-approximately 44.6% bisexual, 24% gay, 9% lesbian, 14% questioning, rest did not check a box

-AOD Usage comparison: LGBTQ responses higher for tobacco, hookah, marijuana compared to non LGBTQ students, alcohol was slightly lower

-Prescription Drug Abuse: LGBTQ students were more likely to report using: 1.2% Erectile Dysfunction drugs, 12.1% Pain Killers (2xNon-

LGBT student numbers), 5.2% Sedatives, 8.1% Stimulants

-Consequences of own drinking: Higher instances for LGBTQ students (physical injury to self, physically injuring others, getting into a fight,

drove after drinking, used other drugs while drinking, unwanted sexual contact due to drinking)

-Consequences of other students' alcohol use (for LGBTQ students): higher rates of: being pushed/hit, personal property damage, made to feel unsafe

-Protective Behaviors, LGBTQ students are less likely to engage in such behavior including using a DD, going to parties with people you

know, protecting a friend's drink, setting predetermined limit on number of drinks etc

-Violence on Campus: "Do you consider violence a serious issue on your campus?" Non (16.2%) vs. LGBTQ (20.3%)

-Mental Health Diagnosis, significantly higher numbers of depression, anxiety and bi-polar diagnoses for LGBTQ students

-Experiences in last 3 months, LGBTQ students reported higher number of instances of bullying, emotional/verbal abuse, hazing, sexual

assault, and stalking (Health Promotions, created "Take a Stand Program" to assist)

-Opinions on LGBTQ climate, perceptions on LGBTQ being healthy/ normal, folks being accepting and LGBTQ should have the same rights: range of 45% to 60% agreement for both LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ students

-Conclusions:

Opportunities: increase risk reduction strategies, improved mental health programs/referrals, bystander education and safety

opportunities

Presentation: Arianne Burford, report on Queer Studies Minor

-First, thanks to Chris and Lora (LGBTQIA Support Office), on successful Coming Out Week

-Have a curriculum outlined, core faculty members are in this room (Joe W, Jacklyn Pryor, Arianne), Intro Class to Queer Studies, First Year Studies, Queer Studies, Lit and Film, Queer History, Queering the Schools, Capstone class with Women & Gender Studies, quite a bit of work to set up currently -Will be making case in front of SBS College next week, followed by University Curriculum Committee (new rule, may have to create new class code prefix -Hoping to have it in the books for next Fall -For interested students, will guarantee students that it will count as Women and Gender Studies minor if the Queer Studies Minor is not approved -By December should have a solid answer as to where things stand -Big thanks to Jacklyn and Joe, shout out to Arianne too -Interested students or faculty to participate, please let the core folks know -Classes in the curriculum can count retroactively for the minor, could begin graduating folks in Spring 2014 -Tell students we're in the process of building minor (not official yet), but courses exist now and folks can begin taking them immediately -Building a pipeline of students: about 100 folks have entered courses in the last year, 7 students in LGBTQ LLC- has expanded to 20-30 participants -October 25th, Joe's class is having a "Wisdom Panel" of older LGBTQ folks on campus at Cowden Hall -Currently have 3 students who've indicated they want to sign up for the minor -Some of the courses fulfill the Liberal Studies general requirement -Arianne has fliers for the class next semester Action Item: Should we bring the AIDS quilt on campus? Group discussion.

-Is STAC money available? Do we have time to do it well? World AIDS day on a Saturday this year, concerns about staffing. ResLife

also considering sponsorship. What was the impact last year? Who would staff event? Alternate events (Women in Black during lunch hour)

-Vote: To Not Bring AIDS Quilt this year

-May still be brought via ResLife, Suggestion to do ribbon-sign campaign from North Country HealthCare somewhere visible in town

Other items:

-Please complete Doodle Poll for committees, will send out update next week

-Float for Homecoming, hasn't been done for the past couple years (NAU's queer community), PRISM marching, would Task Force be interested in helping out with the float? Have truck and trailer, will be building it on Thursday (float is Saturday), possibly Wednesday to coincide with PRISM meeting. Want everyone to come and support. Be present Saturday at 9:30am. Theme: Unity with the Community. Wearing different colors of the rainbow. Angel will send out more information to the listserve.

-David C's e-mail. Working on timing to approach President Haeger regarding Task Force to Commission status. We are continuing to gather materials and are waiting for green light. Stay tuned for updates.

-Chris D has LGBTQIA Support Office updates, printed out and available in the back including staff contact info etc. Spirit of Allies is next week, about 36 events over 12 days. Tonight is Screaming Queens with panel discussion.

Correction: Sriyanthie was mistaken about being signed up for the World AIDS Day committee, Celina was the only one signed up. Apologies for any confusion that created!