

NAU LGBTQIA Commission

Meeting Minutes

2/13/19

**Attendance:**

Dee Wedward

Sarah Lypsie

Ari Burford

Heather Martel

Amanda Meeks

Calvin Legassie

Shelby Reed

April Peters

Brianna

Heather

Samuel Hemsley

Amanda

Mary Griffin

Grace Disworth

Pam Olsen

Carl Dindo

Amanda Mcneer

Zerk Michael

**Introductions**: Please Indicate Name, Campus/ Community Affiliation, and Gender Pronouns (EX: she/her/hers, they/them/theirs, he/him/his, etc.)

**Scholarship Fund**: $12,399.42

* + Almost halfway to the $25,000 endowment goal to be able to start offering scholarships

**Voting on New Chair**

* Dr. Ari Burford
  + Focusing on what would people like to do collectively. What we can keep doing and what we can add to.
  + Helped start the original LGBTQIA Taskforce in fall of 2010, which later became the commission.
  + Teaches in Woman and Gender studies. Helped create Queer Studies minor
  + Research focus is on Queer literature, resilience, and other topics such as intersectionality.
  + Important to understand the interconnectivity between NAU and the community
* Unanimous aye vote for confirmation of the new chair.
  + Dr. Burford is confirmed

**Community/Organization Updates:**

* NAU Health promotions
  + Absent
* NAU Health Services
  + Waitlist for counseling services continues to grow
    - Walk in times are reserved for crisis or triage appointments.
    - Slowly working through the wait list.
* Graduate Student Government
  + Have concerns dealing with health issues and graduate student access.
  + Trying to think about how to deal with move out debris left behind by students.
    - Discussions are being held by the waste minimization team. Held the 15th of every month.
* NAU Police Department
  + No updates at this time.
* GradPride
  + Absent
* Coconino County Public Health Services
  + Absent
* IMQ
  + Love without labels for Valentines day.
  + On Monday there was a soap making workshop
  + Today is DIY suncatcher until 5pm, to make a gift for someone you care about.
  + Tomorrow is You Rock, Valentine. Where you paint a rock.
  + Friday is a duck tape roses workshop from 10 to 5pm,
    - There will also be a Pose watch party in IMQ from 9 to 5.
      * There will also be 80s themed candy!
  + All month is Black History Month
    - There is meals at the Hots Spot
      * $8 per ticket, please buy through IMQ
  + On Tuesday we are hosting Q’D it up
    - Allows students to rent out space to present their student organizations and groups.
      * Will be in the IMQ Office, Q-Unity Center.
  + Study Abroad in Iceland with Amanda Meeks
    - Queer Arts and Application
    - Deadline is on Friday. Please send the word or sign up!
  + IMQ open house
    - Ribbon cutting ceremony next week
    - Please RSVP if you intend to attend.
    - There will be performances
  + Trans support group
    - Increase in individuals since the implantation of flyers.
      * Send people to Mary Griffin, call the supplied number, or have them go to IMQ to be referred.
  + Amanda is starting a new series called “Transparency 101”
    - Open to the public, everybody is free to come.
    - The purpose of 101 is to just explain the basics and what everyday life is like.
    - Flyers will be sent out in the near future through email.
  + Information updates are also available through the news letter.

**Tour of new IMQ space**

* New space is very spacious, lots of rooms and locations for students to sit and work.
* IMQ offices are located right inside the space for easy access to staff.
* Space is located in the Union