

NAU LGBTQIA Commission

Meeting Minutes

8/15/2018

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

* Called to order 12:35 p.m.
  + All attendees introduced themselves.

**Scholarship Fund**: $11,549.17

* + Co-chair asked attendees to consider: how can we use our social events to fundraise?
  + May seek other donors as a focus for the commission this year.

**Community/Organization Updates:**

* **Good News in the News**
  + Christine Hallquist wins Vermont Democratic gubernatorial primary, first Transgender candidate to be nominated for governship by a national party.
  + Germany has approved plans to formally recognize a third gender.
  + **VOTE!!!** Your early ballot should have already arrived. It must be in the mail by August 22nd, can be mailed or dropped off at the County Recorder’s Office on Cherry. If you vote in person the primary election is on Tuesday August 28th. Need help finding your polling place, just let April know.
* **Social Committee**
  + Please complete the doodle poll if you have not.
  + Thursday August 16th 6 p.m. at downtown library - PFLAG monthly meeting
  + Thursday September 20th 5 to 7 p.m. at FLG Terroir – commission social event
  + Thursday November 8th 5 to 7 p.m. at Trailcrest Brewing Company by Target – commission social event
  + October ideas
    - Stargazing October 4th to 6th 5:45 p.m. to 10 p.m.
    - Yoga every Friday at 5:30pm
    - Octoberfest October 6th
  + December ideas
    - Bowling night or potluck get together
* **NAU Health Promotions and Services**
  + Inclusion Health Day
    - October 16th 11 to 1 p.m.
    - Community and campus partners will be present
    - Flu shots
  + Trans health care team is updating the trans health and welfare pamphlet/brochure.
  + Confirmed that hormonal treatment is available at campus health services.
    - Nurse clinic available to learn how to self-inject or R.N. will inject.
  + Building IMQ partnership for example with screenings and cooking demos offered throughout semester.
* **Graduate Student Government**
  + No updates.
* **Coconino County Public Health Services**
  + New nurse practitioner serving trans community Jen Rossengill
    - PCP general visits with trans individuals
    - PEP, prep, and hormone therapy services offered
      * Sliding fee scale
  + October 3rd working with NAU Health Promotions for all first year students hosting the College and Healthy Relationships Fair
    - Information booths
    - STI testing will be available
    - Free HIV Testing
    - It was requested taht the event be inclusive of the LGBTQI community.
  + November 7th STI testing 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NAU Fieldhouse for $20
* **IMQ**
  + Inclusion block party during welcome week 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
  + Friday September 7th Q side from 12 to 3 p.m. community with a Q in the quad
    - Tables with different services
    - Yard games
    - Snacks
  + Building community forum during family weekend 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
    - First large event for NAU trans/queer community
    - Theme: “It takes a rainbow” building community support and pride
    - Call for proposals for workshops
    - Open to the entire NAU community
    - Luncheon and Q&A session with Janet Mock.
      * A dynamic advocate in the trans community
    - Activities throughout the day
  + Safe Zone 101
    - New version will be released for fall
  + Safe Zone 102
    - Expected release in Spring 2019
  + Rainbow Coalition
    - Will start meeting again soon. Dates will be announced via email.
  + IMQ is in transition. Recently moved space.
* **Update on Benefits Committee**
  + In Spring 2018, the commission received reports about the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) decision to exclude facial electrolysis as a covered service during transition, as well as employees’ experience of an inconsistent process with BCBS rules changing without clear communication.
  + The matter has been addressed with BCBS by the Benefits Committee but no movement by BCBS.
    - Benefits committee members delivered a strong message that this was not okay and advocated for adding the service.
      * BCBS said no because then the service must be covered for others who want hair removed from their face for other reasons.
  + The committee is seeking a commitment from BCBS to be clear and consistent about whether the services are covered.
* **Volunteer opportunities in the community**
  + Let the co-chairs know if there are any opportunities.
  + A way to get commission representation out into the community.
* **Updates on diversity survey from the City of Flagstaff**
  + City representative not present
  + Survey to obtain input on services the City needs to offer.
  + Co-chair will send out a link to the listserv.
* **Out and proud list**
  + Commission has been receiving updates.
  + Will be updated this semester.
  + It is not confidential.
  + Let people know if they want updates or to be added.
* **GradPride**
  + Getting the club formalized.
  + Faculty advisor just resigned. Seeking a new advisor. Discussion of possible advisors.
  + Welcome barbeque event
    - Information will be going out to students via email soon.
    - August 28th 4 to 6 p.m. at Thorpe Park