**LGBTQIA Commission Minutes**

**9/9/20**

1. Meeting officially began at 12:03 pm
   1. Cochairs: Ari Burford and Chelsea Green
2. Introductions: pronouns/affiliations
   1. Chelsea Green (she/they) – LGBTQIA Commission Cochair + Administrative Professional in Philosophy Department
   2. Cher H
   3. Sara Olson – (she/her) works with University Housing
   4. Shane Canitz – (they/them) Graduate Assistant for the Center for University Access and Inclusion
   5. Robert Alberts – (they/them) Case Manager in Residential Life
   6. Tina (she/her) Graduate Admissions Coordinator
   7. Tyler Cegler – (he/him) – Assistant Director of Admissions
   8. Maria Seewaldt – Coordinator in the Center for International Education
   9. Calvin Legassie – (he, him) Auditoria Operations Manager
   10. Allyssa Beckman – works with Care after Sexual Assault
   11. Gabe Montaño – (he/him) Chair of APMS
   12. Grace Ditsworth – (they/them) ITS Project Management
   13. Lauren Copeland-Glenn – (she/her) Equity and Access Office Program Manager
   14. Rick Michels – (he/they/she) Academic Advisor for the College of Health and Human Services
   15. Ari Burford – (they/them) LGBTQIA Commission Co-chair and Principal Lecturer in Women’s and Gender Studies
   16. Shelby Reid – (she/her) Physical therapist at NAU Health
   17. Dr. Martin Tease – (he/him) IMQ Coordinator
   18. Marian Griffin – (she/her) IMQ Assistant Director
   19. Amanda Joan Williamson – Education Abroad Advisor
   20. Dee Wegwert – (she/hers) works at FMC
   21. Brianne Kanu
3. Announcement about budget:
   1. The budget for the LGBTQIA Commission was approved yesterday
   2. It is $4,000 this year
4. Report on IMQ Events
   1. A pronouns guide was created for the university
      1. It will be put in the safe zone training and will be sent out to the commission
   2. Safe zone 101 had their first meeting of the semester
      1. Updates will be provided about relevant projects at a later time
   3. Student engagement at IMQ
      1. IMQ has been open from 8-5 Monday through Friday since August
      2. Much fewer students coming in, but some new students and transfer students have been utilizing the resources
   4. Upcoming IMQ events were discussed
   5. IMQ’s expansion of their social media was noted
   6. New transitions in the Office of Inclusion were mentioned
      1. Ivy Banks (the former director) has stepped away to fulfill other roles, including her roles as the new Dean of Students
      2. Tracy Harvey is now the new Director of the Office of Inclusion
5. Report back from Co-Chairs regarding Commission on Commissions Meeting
   1. Discussion about NAU President Rita Cheng’s visit to CoCom meeting
   2. Discussion of co-commissions writing a letter that addresses that Black Lives Matter, and LGBTQIA Commission emphasizing Black Trans Lives Matter was addressed
6. Ivy Banks’ presentation on bias incidents at NAU
   1. This information will be sent out to the LGBTQIA commission later
   2. Discussion on how these are only the reported cases, the tip of the iceberg
7. Social events:
   1. Discussion on who wanted to be included on group email for social events
   2. Possible other events were proposed
      1. Reading group
      2. “Show it off” get together (art or poetry)
      3. Show and teach (via zoom)
      4. Attending IMQ events together
      5. Movie night
   3. The need to make these events accessible to everyone was discussed
      1. If outdoors, there needs to be a laptop for people who cannot attend in person
8. Discussion on how to get students involved in the LGBTQIA Commission
   1. Proposed reaching out to student groups, such as PRISM, Rainbow Coalition, Gamma Ro Lambda, and the Association of Students for Intersectional Feminism
9. Discussion on name change to LGBTQIAP+
   1. Discussion on how if want change name, need to change through official channels
   2. Commission debated pros and cons of name change and brainstormed possible new names for the commission
   3. Commission decided to vote on a new possible name next meeting
10. Grace informed us of a class she will be teaching for Parents on Sexuality Education and to refer any parents who need help talking about sex education to their kids
11. Rick said that one of his colleagues is doing research on sexual health education for queer and LGBTQ+ students (about how sexual health education doesn’t benefit them)
    1. He asked commission members to refer any interested undergraduate students to him
12. Meeting officially adjourned at 1:06 p.m.