

Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Campus Climate
November 14, 2014 – 12:00-1:00pm
AS-125

Minutes

Present: Shannon Cholakian, Sharon Cruz, Gabriel Estrada, Keith Freeseemann, Dori Levy, Dina Perrone, Sherry Span, Kirsten Sumpter, Chris Brown, Kristi Hagans, Anna Nazarian-Peters, Andy Vaca, Tracy Tolbert, Michael Carbuto

Guests: Kirstyn Chun, Maggie Muñoz-Perez, Kevin Clinton, Logan Vournas, Mitchell James

Absent: Mary Beth Perdue, Larisa Hamada, Meghan Griffith

I. Approval of Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 12:04pm
- The Minutes from October 10, 2014 were approved

II. Approval of Agenda

- The Agenda was approved

III. Business

A. Presentation by Kevin Clinton regarding preferred names and ways to enact changes on campus

- Recommended including Larissa Hamada in discussions as this issue impacts Title IX
- Did you hear?
 - Engage people we contact in brief discussion to spread the word regarding the issue
 - Rutgers University now allows students preferred name to appear on class rosters and class management systems. <http://socialjustice.rutgers.edu/trans-ru/on-campus-preferred-name-change>

B. Student Petition to Vice President Carmen Taylor

- Per her own initiative as ASI Secretary for LGBTQI Affairs, Shannon Cholakian developed a student petition for a full-time resource center staff member and for an LGBTQ Initiative
- The petition went online November 5 in the early afternoon.
- By 11am the following day, Shannon and Logan Vournas were called into an emergency meeting with VP Taylor and other Student Services staff/Deans
- Petition had over 160 signatures by the time it was removed after the emergency meeting.
- A student committee was formed and met the following week as is required in ASI LGBTQI Affairs Secretary job description.
 - Resource Center website needs to be updated
 - Information for Q&A is needed
 - Would like an anonymous way to voice concerns on the website
- The Resource Center is not part of ASI

C. Campus Climate Committee

- Dina is liaison to Campus Climate Committee
- Susan Platt is overseeing an all-campus survey to be distributed in spring
 - It will include an LGBT question
 - Currently it does not address gender identity
- Carpenter Center is hosting an event that addresses stereotypes through humor and contacted SLD about campus awareness.

IV. Announcements

- Homecoming Saturday, November 15 in Lot 13 and 14
- Safety week went well. Only one student attended the LGBTQ seminar. Will try coordinating with housing to hold future events in residential areas.
- Next Safe Zone training will be in January.
- December 4 former LA Deputy will lead a discussion on the drug war. HSCI 102 at 7:30 pm.
- City of Angels Two-Spirit Society (CATSS) Thursday December 4, 2014 6-8pm at the Center, 2017 E. 4th St., Long Beach. 562-434-4455

V. Next Meeting

- December 12 at 12:00 pm.

Adjourned 12:59 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirsten Sumpter, Recorder