

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

Minutes

Present: Gabriel Estrada, Keith Freeseemann, Dori Levy, Dina Perrone, Sherry Span, Kirsten Sumpter, Anna Nazarian-Peters

Guests: Kirstyn Chun, Maggie Muñoz-Perez, Logan Vournas, Alexandra Billings, Neil Hultgren

Absent: Mary Beth Perdue, Larisa Hamada, Meghan Griffith, Andy Vaca, Tracy Tolbert, Michael Carbutto, Shannon Cholakian, Sharon Cruz, Chris Brown, Kristi Hagans

I. Approval of Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm
- Following discussion of the November 14, 2014 minutes, a motion to table approval until the February 13, 2015 meeting was approved

II. Approval of Agenda

- The Agenda was approved

III. Business

A. Alex Billings, Assistant Professor, Theatre Arts

- A negative incident in a class regarding a transgender student's preferred name sparked a discussion between Alex and faculty colleagues
- Learning that faculty are unaware of the repercussions of not using the preferred name of transgender students, Alex is creating a workshop for the Theatre Arts department to be held during their Cal Rep Week, which takes place before the semester starts in spring and fall
 - HOPE Workshop: Helping Others Preserve Equality
 - 45 minutes comprised of representatives from campus resources/centers
 - Dina Perrone suggested SafeZone trainers could be the LGBTQ representative

B. Campus Pride Index

- Data due next week
- Will be meeting with Athletics next week for their data; questions have already been circulated to necessary parties
- Score will be released mid-January
- Expect CSULB score to decrease as a result of the new questions

C. Draft Letter to Vice President Carmen Taylor requesting an LGBTQ Student Initiative

- Kirstyn Chun, Mike Carbutto, Andy Vaca, Kristi Hagans, Sherry Span, and Neil Hultgren drafted a letter with research and data detailing the circumstances LGBTQ students face
 - CSULB lacks data on LGBTQ students so we cannot demonstrate decreased retention/graduation delays for this population but we can show studies that indicate these
 - Diverse Learning Environments (DLE) Survey of 15,000 students to be conducted in spring and will include LGBTQ identity questions

- Revisions to the letter will continue via email
- Committee will invite VP Carmen Taylor to February meeting as a meet-and-greet to explain who we are and some of the goals
- Consider meeting with VP Taylor and CLGBTQCC Board as a follow-up
- Will present letter to her after Committee has had an opportunity to meet and talk with her

IV. Announcements

- HOPE Workshop: January 13, 10 am, Studio Theatre
- LGBT Resource Center is hiring a new student assistant for the Spring 2015 semester, 20 hours per week, \$9.50 an hour
- Next Safe Zone training will be in January
- LGBTQ Faculty/Staff Social Event to be planned for Spring 2015

V. Next Meeting

- February 13 at 12:00 pm.

Adjourned 1:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirsten Sumpter, Recorder