

Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Campus Climate

April 11, 2014 – 12:00-1:00pm

AS-125

Minutes

Present: Tracy Tolbert, Dori Levy, Michael Carbuto, Kristi Hagans, Kirsten Sumpter, Andy Vaca, Neil Hultgren, Sharon Cruz

Absent: Kate Clark, Keith Freeseemann, Chris Brown, Dina Perrone, Shannon Cholakian, Ashley Carter, Larisa Hamada, Anna Nazarian-Peters, Mary Beth Perdue

Guest: Meghan Griffith

I. Approval of Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 12:04pm
- The Minutes from March 14, 2014 were approved

II. Approval of Agenda

- The Agenda was approved with no additions

III. Update on CLGBTQCC Charges

A. Charge #1-Perform Periodic Needs Assessments of Campus Climate in Regards to LGBT Issues

- Still working on publicizing information about improved score for Campus Pride Index
 - Rick Gloady sent a press release about the changes of the Pride Index and other LGBT issues on campus. <http://www.csulb.edu/sites/newsatthebeach/2014/04/csulb-faculty-staff-students-work-to-raise-universitys-campus-pride-index-rating-on-lgbtq-issues/>
 - Daily 49er ran a story about the Pride Index as well <http://www.daily49er.com/news/2014/04/07/campus-pride-gets-a-boost/>
- Subcommittee (Neil Hultgren, Mike Carbuto, Kristi Hagans, Kirstyn Chun, and Andy Vaca) met and is continuing to gather data about other CSUs and CSULB's Center. Will meet later in April to set action plan for next academic year.

B. Charge #2-Specific Actions to Improve Campus Climate Regarding LGBT Issues

- Discussed addition of optional question about sexuality to freshman survey (CIRP Survey)
 - http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/assessment/annual_freshman_survey_CIRP/
 - Survey administered every 5 years (next time will be 2018)
 - After reviewing questions currently on survey, consensus is to move forward to add a question about sexuality
 - Mike Carbuto will ask Dr. Susan Platt about data/results of 2013 survey and about the process to a question about sexuality to next version of survey
 - Mike Carbuto also suggested we may be able to add a question about sexuality to the Student Health Status Survey which is administered more frequently. Typical response to this survey is 10% but this will allow us information prior to the next administration of the CIRP.
 - Heidi Burkey will be presenting information on the most recent Student Health Status Survey at May 9 meeting

C. Charge #3-Submit Annual Report

- Reviewed first draft compiled by Neil Hultgren
- Recommendation to add "Future Plans" or "Action Items" at the end to indicate where this committee intends to focus its work in the future
- Neil will confirm when report is due. Another draft will be presented at May meeting.

D. Charge #4-University Educational Programs

- Safe Zone
 - Scheduling an August training session for Housing and Residential Life
 - Still trying to schedule a date with Athletics
 - Currently there is a waiting list for people who want to attend the next available training. Priority given to those in the particular group the training is offered for and if space is available, wait list names are contacted
 - Sharon Cruz is working to open an account for Safe Zone but running into roadblocks. Working with ASM to move forward.
- Safety Week
 - No updates available

E. Charge #5-Consult with Constituencies

- Dori Levy is trying to set an appointment with Sally Schliesmayer in Alumni Relations.
- Dori is also talking to alumni but we need to identify what we want to learn from them
 - What was it like when you were here?
 - Ideas on how to reach out to alumni
 - What do alumni see this committee/the Center/the campus doing for them?
 - What is the best way (social media) to outreach to the alumni population?
 - Do any alumni want to donate money to be recognized, scholarship, etc.?
 - Do alumni want representation in Pride parade?
- Neil will start a Facebook page for this committee as a way of outreach
- Lavender Graduation is a way we can get data on students

F. Charge #6-Partnerships with other Cultural Groups and Organizations

- Tracy Tolbert shared ideas about collaborating with other groups “historically marginalized by society.” Will present more detail in May with an action plan for continuing to build partnerships next year.

IV. Announcements

- English Department hosting Aaron Hartzler on April 28 from 12:30-1:45 in AS-384. Mr. Hartzler will speak about his book *Rapture Practice: A True Story About Growing Up Gay in an Evangelical Family*.
- Positions are open for this committee for next academic year. Today (April 11) is deadline for faculty to express interest via the Committee Preference Survey. The Candidate Interest Form, a document just for this committee, is due by April 25 to Kirstyn Chun.
- Lavender Graduation: May 19, 5-7 pm

V. Next Meeting

- May 9 at 12:00 pm.

Adjourned 1:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirsten Sumpter, Recorder