Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 19th, 2016, 2:00-3:25pm


Introductions and Overview of the Commission

Campus Reports:
LGBTQIA Resources & Support:
- LGBTQA Resources and Support:
  - Queering Arizona Conference- next Sat. February 27- have 54 students registered. 3 on waitlist.
  - Rainbow Convocation: have met as a committee- still have meetings to go. Currently planning, looking at speakers. May 8th, 2-4pm in DuBois ballroom. Looking to get more faculty/staff/students to attend.
  - SafeZone: part of new curriculum is that there are After-Safezone workshops. Asexual and Aromantic Identities is the first new workshop-RSVP with Safezone if you wish to attend.
  - Trans healthcare: link went out about “now we have visible information on website about trans healthcare.” Trained in providing hormone-replacement therapy, or referrals for this. It also talks about student health insurance coverage. Would like to get HR to put up blurb about employee health insurance coverage as well.
  - GAs: we are doing interviews for two GA positions.
  - Bathrooms: talked to person from Affirmative Action- building manager for Union and HLC. Talked to them about issues in Union and HLC bathrooms.

Faculty/Staff:
- Faculty Senate Resolution: proposed resolution about transgender progress and trans-healthcare specifically made. Show of support for efforts at ASU/UofA.
- Leadership & Diversity Conference: April 22nd-23rd. Sponsored by IMS. Theme: "We Are All Seeds: See Diversity through Our Eyes". Tunnel of Oppression may be an event (April 22nd). Yoleidy is heading it. Saturday (April 23rd) is actual conference. Very heavy student engagement- students picking topics for Tunnel. Keynotes: Tim Wise, maybe Dark Matter if possible.
- Health Promotion: next week is Healthy Body Image Screening- Wednesday (3/24) in HLC- free. Also, free mental health screenings and again at end of March. Partners and Prevention program- announced that people can do Take a Stand training. Free STI testing- April 6th, 10am-4pm.
- 30 year celebration for Women’s and Gender Studies program, events March 5, 7, & 8th): have speakers (Susan Striker), booths, etc.
Student Org Reps:
- Diversity Week: ASNAU doing it this week into next week. Supporting the speaker from Oregon State.
- Looking for advisors for PRISM and Gamma Rho Lambda sorority.

Community Partners:
- Coconino County: they came in this week, and last week, to do HIV testing. Had a huge turnout- about 50 students.
- NACA: is doing free trainings- Safe Talk (suicide prevention), and another longer one (talking a person down from suicidal ideation).

Commission Reports:
Matt:
- David Camacho is no longer working with the commissions. Rumor is we are reporting to Priscilla Mills until further notice.
- Lot of changes on campus- President Cheng in second year. The VPs are changing and offices are relocating.

Marian:
- OSU Speaker: Dr. McComb is coming to campus. Keynote is called: “Challenging Injustice Everywhere: Examining Efforts in Creating a Trans-inclusive Campus”. Flies in on Monday with a very busy schedule. There is time set aside for her to meet with Commissions- Tuesday, 2-3pm in Havasupai C. Wednesday night is keynote address- Feb. 24th 6-8pm in Cline Auditorium. BB Collaborate will be set up so people can participate that can’t be there.
- Restrooms in Cline and SBS: have confirmation that in Fiscal Year 2017 budget, there are funds for gender neutral restrooms in Cline and SBS. Not sure when it will be ready, no timeline set.

Jamie:
- Alumni chapter: met with the Director of Alumni Relations- Georgette Vigil- and talked about what it would take to start an Alumni group for the LGBT population. Am currently working on researching other universities that we could get ideas from.
- Fundraising: we are having a meeting from 9am-10am on Tuesday the 23rd- next week, to discuss fundraising ideas.

Old Business:
- Diversity Awards: Not entirely sure if Diversity Awards are happening. Other Commissions are moving ahead, not sure if there will be a banquet. We are putting a call out for submissions.
- Elections: Marian’s end of term is at end of Spring semester. Matt’s is at end of December. Will be looking for somebody to fill both positions – voting on this at April meeting.

New Business:
- Commission Meeting Format & Communication: Commission is almost six years old now. Are there issues/topics that people want to talk about at next meetings?
Concerned about student experience, attrition of student population and what we can do to change that.

- Jane Kuhn- Vice President for EMSA- want to talk to her about campus climate data and retention efforts. Feel that LGBT students are not being represented/talked about in retention efforts. We could talk about recommendations, progress, etc. Maybe we can invite her for a meeting?
- We should review list of goals again- see progress on previous goals, what new goals we have.
- Talking about getting a counselor to talk about trans health care. Set up a subcommittee for that? (Already have one going if folks are interested.)
- Students have advocated for an LGBT support group within PRISM. Perhaps getting counselors trained on LGBT topics.
- Reach out to Athletics? There is a call for LGBT population within athletics to have a representative.

- Communication: are there thoughts regarding how communication happens in these meetings?
  - Discussion held on recognizing advocacy and other efforts made by members.
  - Discussion held on student interactions, participation in meetings, how to involve, etc. Different student space on agenda? How to involve within the limits of commission’s “advising role” and advocacy behind the scenes.
    - Students’ feelings on police presence. NAUPD and other offices invited to send regular representatives. Officer Brady offered to attend in plain clothes. Desire for NAUPD relationship to continue.
  - General communication in meetings: not interrupting, being direct if there is a concern, allowing for discussion, etc.

Announcements:
- NA Gerontology Panel Speaker: 3/10 at 11am, FMC-volunteers?
- Next Commission Meeting: Friday, March 25th 2:00-3:30pm in Gateway Classroom

Meeting ended at 3:25pm.