LGBTQIA Commission Meeting Minutes 1-17-2014


Welcome: Recap of last semester’s activities and Commission Overview

Introductions

Campus Reports:
- LGBT Office
  Queering AZ Conf. on Feb 8th, encourage student leaders to join
  Support groups on campus underway
  New Programming Assistant and new Graduate Assistant starting
- Faculty/Staff:
  Jamie Patton is leaving NAU, stop by his going away event next week
- VP’s Office:
  VP Sarah Bickel is our new contact person this semester for urgent items as
  David Camacho is on sabbatical currently
- Student Orgs:
  Q & A: (RA Class ‘Cultural Immersion Project’): Discuss changing the project due to a student feeling unsafe participating in the project.
  PRISM: Completing their calendar, April 17th, Drag Show 8pm
  GRL: Day of Silence Ball planned for April 11th

Community Reports:
- NCHC: Assistants to help people with insurance under the Affordable Care Act
- Vagina Monologues Feb 22nd 7pm
- PFLAG: rescheduling the transgender speaker for Spring
- Coconino County: 145 individuals HIV tested last semester, CDC seeing rise in HIV/AIDS numbers in the LGBTQIA community (not good!) by 2015 want to see a 70% reduction in numbers

Chair Report:
- Website is updated: History, Out & Proud, Minutes posted, & Awards section
- Student scholarship is opening: Have to raise $5,000 in 5 years to make it and $20,000 more to keep it. Once funded, will form a scholarship committee.
- Discussed leadership requirement, active in LGBTQ activities, financial need, essay to explain leadership and other experience
- Angel to keep working with Faculty Development on Spring training
- Still working with ‘Connect to LEADS’ for LGBT track/component
- Council of Inclusion: CDAD has month of awareness in February, Commission on Status of Women prioritizing child care, shared other commission updates

Old Business:
- Registrar’s Office
  Changing your preferred name process created, ID card office and others working to incorporate preferred names
Affirmative Action
  Bathroom Access, NAU is affirming of gender identity and expression. You can use the bathroom of your choice. Apologies for policy not being posted yet.
SBS Bathroom Concerns
  Met with Interim Dean and Building Manager before break. Also Dean Brandel called meeting as well to discuss. Reminder of routes to report- NAUPD, Student Life, Affirmative Action, or through Chris's office

New Business:
  Rainbow Convocation
    Sunday May 4, 2014 2-4pm in Havasupai A,B,C (reserved), will have meetings 4-5pm on Mondays til done
  Bylaws discussion
    A few suggestions made and incorporated, Struck former section 6.8 (Presumption of Assent) as seemed unnecessary. Vote: 10 out of 10 to approve changes discussed. Passed unanimously.
  Strategic Planning Review
    Reiteration of need to push for more consistent bias reporting mechanisms and the need to follow up with faculty training/awareness (Angel spearheading this for anyone who wishes to join up)

Announcements:
  Social Gathering Thursday 1/23 at 6pm at Tacos los Altos, all are welcome
  Next Group Meeting: Friday Feb. 14th @ 2pm, hope to see everyone!
  CDAD: shared event flier for Ben Lewin event

Meeting ended at 3:35pm.