LGBTQIA Commission Meeting
March 14, 2014

Present: Matt T, Angel V, Katelin E, Sarah O, Chris S, Pia D, Emily C, Kassondra M, Shari M, Georgia D, Erin P, Chelsey D

Campus Reports:
LGBTQA Resources & Support:
- Women’s history month event, 14 people at past safe zone
- LGBTQA Support group discontinued for rest of semester due to lack of attendance. Trans support group still going strong.
- Convocation is going strong, program and flyers done, stoles ordered. Decorations one of the last agenda items, RSVP link for students should be live after Spring Break
- NAU PRIDE: Trans Pool Party, Condom Fashion Show, and other PRIDE events ready to go. Dean Brandel no longer participating in Condom Fashion Show.

Faculty/Staff –
- IMS Director search underway, Matt Tombaugh and David Spivey both on Selection.
- AZ Network: Grant funding may still be continuing, but at reduced amount.
- Gender Inclusive Housing applications are open

Community Reports:
Coconino Health:
HIV testing ongoing, seeing more positives in the ‘under 29’ community than usual, will be present at NAU PRIDE resource fair

PFLAG: Speaker J.J. presented recently, interesting content.

PRIDE:
PRIDE in the Pines moved from Wheeler to Thorpe Park this summer

Commission Reports:
Scholarship fund is currently at $2,327.50.

Presidential Search: Matt represented the Commission and spoke about finding an advocate for LGBTQIA students. Potentially hiring someone between July-September.

Press Requests: In regards to the recent AZ legislation: the Commission as a whole cannot take a stance on political issues outside of NAU, but individuals can express their opinions. Several members were out at the rally that occurred near City Hall.

Faculty development Session, Angel led How do I make my classroom a more inclusive space for LGBTQA students? Power point presentation and panel with a mix of faculty and staff. Positive overall impression. Another one hoping to be offered April/May.

Gender Neutral Restrooms: Katelin: map is in ITS’ hands now, they have all the information and we are expecting to hear back between one to two weeks.

Commission TypeFace: Derek Hansen provided three possible typefaces as a logo for the Commission. Voted on three different designs, design C is the winner!

Admissions Application: Looking into adding a section about transgender, but problems with data reporting. Question for sex and question for gender, but not sexual orientation at this point.
Old Business:
Preferred Name Updates on ID Cards: Legal had concerns, but thanks to Summer, that concerns have been laid to rest and we are continuing with conversation about preferred names on ID cards. 
Emergency/Disowned Student Fund: Overall at $2, 973. Fundraiser was cancelled. 
President’s Diversity Awards & Ally Award: Can submit Diversity nominations until 5 p.m 3/14. Cher-Has-No-Horse from Coconino Health nominated for Ally Award.

New Business:
Year in Review: We became a commission, started a scholarship, working with preferred names on campus, Queering Arizona, Rainbow Convocation, working towards summer orientation couple days before classes building in a track for LGBTQIA students, continuing work in addressing bias incidents, partnered with Registrar, conversations with Medical Services, gave input with Provost, Faculty Senate, and Presidential Search. Created Faculty Development session, starting dialogue with Admissions, NAUPD, etc

Where are we going?
- Ideas on informal peer mentoring, incentives, and bringing our community to the LGBTQA Center
- FYS class on supporting students academically & financially
- Increasing faculty presence on the commission.
- Queering classes for all colleges.
- How do we mobilize around HIV/AIDS issues? Community campaign
- Revitalization of AIDS Awareness Week for today’s generation
- Greek Issues: the struggle of determining accountability when anonymous. Continuing work from this year that Center has begun.

Announcements:
Next Social Gathering Thursday March 27th, 6 pm @ Oregano’s RSVP
Last All Group Meeting: Friday April 18th
Elections will be held in April for the Vice-Chair position.
Meeting ended at 3:12