LGBTQIA Commission Meeting Minutes 2-14-2014


Welcome: Introductions

Campus Reports
Student Support Services:
- Faculty Staff: Search for Jamie’s replacement, position posted next week, job description to be shared.

Housing:
- Gender-Inclusive housing application to open early

LGBTQA Resources & Support Office:
- Queering AZ conference: NAU brought 39 students, with over 130 students total, purpose on empowering students to make change. NAU presented six sessions total. Planning committee call for next year, funding will be an issue.
- Greek leadership summit: New trainings for January
- NAU PRIDE calendar dispersed
- SafeZone: rolled out with new, open curriculum. Two workshops, four hours total, as well as a classroom, hour-long version. Need additional facilitators, and more staff and faculty participants.

Community Reports
- PFLAG: Rescheduled speaker, March 9, J.J. at the Federated Church, 3 p.m.

Chair Reports
- Scholarship: Final draft letter of agreement passed out. Closer to $2200 in donations. Discussed preference towards giving scholarship towards current students only.

- Faculty Development Session: Angel’s presentation geared towards faculty on March 11 from 12:30-1:30, consisting of a panel, presentation, activity, open discussion. Themes of heteronormativity, transgender actions, homophobia in the classroom. Panel participants will be encouraged at a later date.

- Katelin: Gender-Neutral Bathrooms. Encouraged to put within existing maps, Summer and ITS gives support to this effort.

Old Business
- Restroom Access Statement: Available online, Director of Affirmative Action is looking for feedback on the main ‘Diversity’ webpage at Priscilla.Mills@nau.edu
-Rainbow Convocation: Sunday May, 4, 2-4, DuBois Ballroom, Asking for seamstress recommendations for stoles. Next meeting will be around agenda for the programs. Speaker announced: T.C. Tolbert of Tucson, AZ.

-Bias Incident Protocol: Several different options of online submission forms. Dean Brandel expressed interest in pulling a group of students for a focus group.

**New Business**

Preferred Name Updates:
Provost approval to update forms for Office of the Registrar, students must go into the Registrar. This option is also available for students who have already graduated. There was expressed concern about individuals at the desk not cooperating with those changes. There’s resistance about providing a preferred name NAU ID card, conversations are continuing. Expressed positive responses from offices hoping to follow Office of Registrar’s form and procedure.

Campus Health Services update:
ITS trying to help out with data they have already collected through AKA an ‘also known as’ option that patients can submit.

Emergency Fund for LGBTQIA students:
Chris presented on fundraising and tabling in process. Intended to be a short-term loan and help finding a job, a place to stay, etc. Current goal is to raise $1,000.

Diversity Banquet: Nominated faculty/students/staff Outstanding Service Award.
- Decided upon pursuing Ally Award at Rainbow Convocation.

**Announcements**

-Commission Social Thursday, February 20, 6:00pm at Hiro’s RSVP.
-Next meeting: Friday, March 14
- Vagina Monologues, 2/14-2/15. $7 NAU affiliates, $11 community members

Meeting ended at 3:17