



# **LGBTQA Commission**

## **Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania**

General meeting, Wednesday, September 2, 2015, KUB 410

Members Present: Matthew Barcus, Janice Broder, Debra Chamberlain, Jessy Defenderfer, Jimmy Gilliland, Jason Godeke, Monica Johnson, Asa Kelley, Jake Kelley, Dave Kube, Emily Moscaritolo, Gretchen Osterman, Safa Saracoglu, Brad Swenson, Craig Young

Called to order by Gretchen Osterman at 8:05 AM.

- I. Introductions
- II. Officer's Reports:
  - A. Secretary
    - a. Motion to approve agenda by Debbie, second by Matthew, passed.
    - b. Motion to approve minutes by Jason, second by Jimmy, passed.
  - B. Treasurer
    - a. Commission Budget E&G                   \$ 4,111.02
    - b. Husky Fund (T Shirts)                   \$ 346.11
      - i. Still working with res life to get T-shirt money back.
      - ii. Matthew is going to work with Wagner's to get cheaper, local, more inclusive shirts.
    - c. Foundation account                   \$ 21,761.93
    - d. Conference budget                   \$ 16.79
  - C. Vice Chair
    - a. No report.
  - D. Chairperson
    - a.
- III. Committee Reports:
  - A. Advocacy
    - a. Since school is settling in, we are now going to need students to get out into the community to collect signatures and push the sticker campaign.
      - i. Need help with figuring out a training module, recruiting students, and logistics of reporting.
      - ii. Any interested students/faculty should contact Timothy (toleksia@bloomu.edu).
      - iii. Would like to make an announcement at an Equality Alliance Meeting.
  - B. Visibility
    - a. Working with Equality Alliance to plan Out Week.
  - C. Education
    - a. New PEP training curriculum complete.
    - b. Looking for help to update/revamp Safe Zone and Ally programs.
  - D. Social Events
    - a. Possible mixers coming up in September and October.
    - b. March 18 tentative fundraiser
  - E. Mid-Atlantic LGBTQA Conference
    - a. November 6-7, 2015
    - b. President Soltz will deliver welcome remarks.
    - c. Safa is working on curricular enhancement grants.
    - d. Janice suggests conference t-shirts.
    - e. Safa will be applying for grant funding
    - f. Motion to transfer \$1,000 from Commission to Conference by Debbie, second by Safa, passed.

- F. Resource Center
  - a. Working on new speakers for fall and spring.
    - i. Trans speaker, trying to bring Judy Shepard with Maddy. May need some funds
  - b. Possibly sending students to Creating Change again.
    - i. First week of class this year. Conference in Chicago. Needs additional funding
- G. Nominations
  - a. No report.
- H. PASSHE LGBTQIA Consortium
  - a. No updates.
  - b. Unsure about current status – is it active?
- I. BU Equality Alliance
  - a. Sept 15<sup>th</sup> educational program with Health Center
  - b. Upcoming exec board meeting. Will create and disperse calendar
- IV. Open Forum
  - a. Pending donation, need to adjust Foundation account to reflect
  - b. Possibility of using Go Fund Me for Creating Change student attendees
  - c. BU Foundation is exploring crowdfunding option launching at Homecoming
  - d. Queer lunch idea from Jessy. Potentially Thursdays, changing locations, open to all
- V. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 7 PM, KUB 345A - Celebrate Bisexuality Workshop with Albra Wheeler
  - b. October 5 – November 6 – Art Gallery Show
  - c. October 5-9, 2015 – Out Week
  - d. Sunday, October 11, 2015 – National Coming Out Day
  - e. Friday-Sunday, November 6-8, 2015 – Eighth Annual Mid-Atlantic LGBTQIA Conference
  - f. Thursday, November 19, 2015, 7 PM, KUB 345B - Transgender Day of Remembrance with Daye Pope
- VI. Adjourn
  - a. Meeting Adjourned by Gretchen at .9:07