



LGBTQA Commission

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

General meeting, Tuesday, February 2, 2016, SH 252

Members Present: Matthew Barcus, Samantha Boucek, Debra Chamberlain, Jessy Defenderfer, Jimmy Gilliland, Monica Johnson, Asa Kelley, David Miller, Timothy Oleksiak, Gretchen Osterman, Shavonne Shorter, Charles Starkey, Brad Swenson, Craig Young

Called to order by Gretchen Osterman at 11:04 AM.

- I. Introductions
- II. Officer's Reports:
 - A. Secretary
 - a. No report.
 - B. Treasurer
 - a. Commission Budget E&G \$ 3,721.32
 - b. Husky Fund (T Shirts) \$ 548.10
 - c. Foundation account \$ 21,544.01
 - d. Conference budget \$ 650.13
 - C. Vice Chair
 - a. No report.
 - D. Chairperson
 - a. Request to co-program with Multicultural Center for Judy Shepard event.
 - i. Motion for \$1,000 from Deb, second by Matthew, passed.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - A. Advocacy
 - a. Sticker Campaign: "We Serve Everyone" stickers are popping up around town and will continue to do so into this semester.
 - b. Elections: Did not go our way.
 - c. Sticker Training—Date TBD
 - d. Letter Writing to Mayor and Town Council
 - e. Coordination with BUEA and Visibility Committee.
 - f. Advocacy Committee Meeting Announcement
 - i. Setting our agenda
 - ii. Community Needs and Initiatives
 - B. Visibility
 - a. Anti-discrimination Ally List on website updated & reorganized. New member recruitment email sent. We are exploring the possibility of hyperlinking contact information to the list to make communication between students and faculty easier.
 - i. 31 new ally list members
 - b. Lavender Graduation – President of Clarion as possible keynote
 - c. Queer Poetry Creative Writing Group concept was discussed. C. Young will present the idea to BUEA in February. Staff/Faculty will be invited to participate as well.
 - d. We would like to co-program with the Women's Resource Center for Trans Visibility Day and are requesting \$250 to go towards refreshments for the event and hosting Miss Ross for dinner.
 - e. We would like to co-program with the Office of Sexuality & Gender Diversity for the Ally Week speaker and are requesting to match the funds offered by Athletics (\$500).
 - i. Motion for \$750 to support these events from Craig, second by Timothy, passed.

- C. Education
 - a. Continuing Revamp of Safe Zone and Ally trainings
 - i. Student video testimonials by Gabe Brown.
 - ii. Moving to BOLT course.
 - iii. Adding introduction to Trans issues course.
 - b. Conducted Ally training with Health Center staff
 - c. Will be asking for Education Committee help in revamping offerings
 - d. English 380 – Queer Theory and Cultures, should be available spring 2017
- D. Social Events
 - a. Queer Lunch on Thursdays at 11:45 in the Commons
 - b. Monthly “OUT”ings for Staff/Faculty. L. Clark and C. Young will plan the first for the end of March so that we can advertise at the Fund Raiser.
 - c. Fundraiser soon!!!
 - i. Online payment option is recommended
 - ii. Crowdfunding website will be launched at the fundraiser
 - iii. Always looking for donations for the silent auction
 - iv. Contact Brad Swenson for assembling baskets and storing alcohol items
 - v. Contact Caryn Terwilliger for storing other items
- E. Mid-Atlantic LGBTQA Conference
 - a. CFP: Out and ready for distribution
 - b. Video Tutorials
 - c. Conference Planning Committee Meeting
 - d. Three volunteers to create video tutorials
 - e. Help with Media Production of Videos
 - f. Is the website usable? What suggestions do you have for revisions to the Conference Website?
 - g. Discussion of art gallery show.
- F. Resource Center
 - a. Attended Creating Change 2016 in Chicago with 4 students
 - b. Working to organize resource center better
 - c. Growth in numbers for Resource Center averaging 15+ students a day consistently
 - d. Subcommittee for getting a preferred name policy in place
- G. Nominations
 - a. Will be seeking treasurer and advocacy chair. Official nominations information will be in the next few weeks.
- H. PASSHE LGBTQIA Consortium
 - a. PASSHE Survey of preferred name and non-discrimination policies.
- I. BU Equality Alliance
 - a. Creating change 2017 is in Philadelphia before the semester starts, possibility to send larger group.
 - b. Working on funding methods, go-fund-me, drag show, etc.
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Theatre department has materials for Laramie/Judy events. Contact Dave Miller for copies.
 - i. Possible co-hosted events around the shows.
 - b. Revised bylaws will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

V. Upcoming Events:

- a. Thursday, February 4, 2016, 7:30 PM, KUB Multi B – Gender Expression Workshop
- b. Saturday, February 13, 2016, 2 PM, Caldwell Consistory – Vagina Monologues
- c. February 24-28, 2016, Alvina Krause Theater – The Laramie Project
- d. Monday, February 29, 2016, 6 PM, Mitrani Hall – Judy Shepard
- e. Friday, March 18, 2016, 5 PM, The Barn at Boone’s Dam – The Eighth Annual LGBTQA Reception
- f. Thursday, March 31, 2016, 7:30 PM, KUB Multi B – Trans Visibility Day featuring Miss Angelica Ross
- g. April 9-15, 2016 – Ally Week
 - i. Saturday, April 9, 2016, 2 PM, KUB Multicultural Center – Lavender Graduation
 - ii. Monday, April 11, 2016, 7PM, KUB Ballroom – Athlete Ally Presentation by Chris Kluwe
 - iii. Friday, April 15, 2016 – National Day of Silence
 - iv. Friday, April 15, 2016 – Spirit Day – Wear your t-shirts!
- h. Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 5PM, KUB Multi B - Allison Miller Reception
- i. October 10-14, 2016 – Out Week
- j. Tuesday, October 11, 2016 – National Coming Out Day
- k. Friday-Sunday, November 4-6, 2016 – Ninth Annual Mid-Atlantic LGBTQA Conference

VI. Adjourn

- a. Meeting Adjourned by Gretchen at 12:22.