

Chancellor's Committee on the Status of LGBT Issues  
Minutes From January 23, 2008

*In attendance: Scott Boots, Jennie Brier, Melanie D'Andrilli, Patrick Finnessey, Tom Koster, Jacqueline Leskovec, Mark Martell, Charles Rhee, Bernie Santarsiero, and Laura Stempel.*

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

B. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Advocacy & Policy, Education, Outreach & Communications
  - a. Laura gave an update on the blood drive issue: they have put together a letter and a blood drive advocacy packet. So far there seems to be no official online petition regarding this issue...do we want to do our own? The next step is to continue looking for existing petitions and/or other organizations who are also trying to get support for this area.
2. Finance
  - a. Bernie is still working on the alumni newsletter and is excited to get it ready to go out!
  - b. The CCSLGBTI undergraduate and graduate scholarship applications are now available online using the standard SAUIC application. There is information about the scholarships on our website as well. The deadline is February 29, 2008. Bernie has been talking to Joey of SAUIC about making the scholarship office's website more conducive to any GLBT scholarships, so that they are more visible and not so hard for students to find.
3. Research & Scholarship
  - a. Brian was attending a conference so he was not physically at the meeting, but he submitted an update to us:
  - b. LGBT research fund. So far, thanks to the letters sent out, two foundations have contacted Brian about creating an LGBT research fund at UIC. We will hear the final word from the David Bohnett Foundation in May. The Arcus foundation will get back to Brian about his application after a discussion with their team. These awards range from \$20,000 to \$65,000. Thanks to Francesca for helping Brian get the letters and applications together.
  - c. IRB issues. Brian met with the IRB leadership to discuss LGBT research at UIC. He feels that much more work needs to be done in this area, and the board agreed that they want to work with us on this, and would like to attend one of our upcoming meetings – but our meetings may not be the best venue for this type of discussion, but maybe Brian

can pull together a group of faculty doing research in this area. Is there anyone who would like to help Brian with this? He is sharing the spot on the board with Stacey while she is on sabbatical.

- d. The committee discussed the issue of making sure to have a proper account so that we can truly establish a LGBT research fund at UIC and be able to access the money properly.

#### C. BUDGET UPDATE

1. We have had a co-sponsorship request by Bridget Harris from the student organization Showstopper Entertainment, for \$250, for their event Women Expressing Themselves Thought Art.
  - We discussed this request and decided that we need to know more information about this event, this organization, and who these women are in general. The proposal given was very vague, and we decided to find out more information before deciding to give them money or not.

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Spring 2008 Meet & Greet is on January 24, from 3:00-4:30pm in the Latino Cultural Center.
2. Lavender Research Forum update:
  - snail mail invitations were sent out, and e-mail invitations are being created now.
  - The Institute for the Humanities, which is located in the basement of Stevenson Hall, has been reserved for this event. They can hold a maximum of 50 people. The Latino Cultural Center has been reserved for lunch. We are looking into 2850 University Hall for the afternoon poster session.
  - A website for LRF has been allocated, but so far has not yet been put together.
3. Bernie has taken over Stacey's spot on the Diversity Advisory Committee while she is on sabbatical.
4. Pride request: Tom Koster from Pride gave the CCSLGBTI a proposal for program funding for this year's Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference, February 22-24, being held at UIUC. Tom and five other Pride members are going to the conference. Tom also hopes to be presenting one of the sessions at the conference.
  - The committee voted to give up to \$1,000 to Pride for this event, to help pay for food, transportation, registration fees, and lodging.
  - When the students return from the conference, they have agreed to come to a CCSLGBTI meeting and present to us what they learned from their experience at the conference.
5. Scott Boots discussed a presentation made the week before at the College of Dentistry about working with LGBTQ clients: what you need to know.

Brian Mustanski, a representative from Howard Brown and a member of the COD faculty presented, and there were about 140 people present.

6. Lavender Graduation/Rainbow Banquet is being held on Friday, May 2, 2008. Lav Grad will be held in SSB, rooms A, B, and C, from 5:00-6:30pm, with Wilson Cruz as the keynote speaker. From 7:00-9:00pm, the Rainbow Banquet will be held across the street at Stanley's, which has been reserved entirely for our event.

*The next meeting is Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm, in the College of Dentistry, room 501 – the address is 801 S, Paulina.*