

Chancellor's Committee on the Status of LGBT Issues
Minutes From October 16, 2007

In attendance: Scott Boots, Melanie D'Andrilli, Mark Martell, Nick Popovich, Bernie Santarsiero

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

B. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Advocacy & Policy, Education, Outreach & Communications
 - a. Laura wants to work on outreach
2. Curriculum & Pedagogy
3. Research & Scholarship
4. Finance & Fundraising
 - a. Employee payroll deduction cards were sent out so that people can donate to our scholarship fund. Joey Volpe from the Office of Special Scholarships will tell Bernie every month what our account balance is. So far one has \$10,000 and one has \$12,000. Our goal is to get each account up to \$25,000.
 - b. The first GLBT alumni newsletter is in the works, and will be 4-6 pages long.
 - c. Liz and Bernie have been attending meetings with gay alumni from all around the Chicago land area, and the group puts on events every month and have had a good turnout. This is showing a great way for GLBT alumni to network with others.

C. BUDGET UPDATE

1. We have not yet received the official budget, but we have put together a proposed budget for the year.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bernie and Robbie need to look at the Strategic Plan and figure out what to work on for this year, as well as to see if we accomplished the goals for last year.
- b. We discussed the kickoff/meet and greet event that was scheduled for Friday, November 9th from 4-6pm in the Latino Cultural Center. We agreed upon putting this event on hold and instead focusing all our energy into planning a great kickoff/meet and greet event for next semester, on Thursday, January 24th, from 3-4:30, location TBA. We need to start planning this event, so if anyone wants to be on the planning committee, please contact Melanie at

mdandr2@uic.edu and let her know. Scott Boots has already volunteered.

- c. Lavender Graduation/Rainbow Banquet committee will be having their first meeting on Tuesday, October 30th at 10am in room 183 BSB. Please e-mail Patrick at pkfinn@uic.edu if you want to be involved. We want to make this year's event bigger and better! Mark Martell volunteered to help.
- d. Spring Research Fair – we talked about this being an all day affair, maybe on a Saturday, and inviting other schools to participate. We still need to set a realistic date and get a committee going. Nick Popovich has volunteered to be on the committee.
- e. Website update – the new website is ready to go, we are just waiting on the designer to put it live.
- f. Scott Boots talked about GLBTQFA, a group comprised of graduate students on campus who meet monthly for social reasons.
- g. In the next six months, the College of Dentistry will be hosting a group from St. Louis who puts on skits and has discussions on the topic of homophobia. Scott will keep us informed on when and where, when those details are available.

Our next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14th at 3:00 p.m. in room 183 BSB.