

Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues
Meeting Minutes, October 18, 2006

In attendance: Robbie Lopez, Jennie Brier, Samantha Gray, Thomas Koster, Lindsay Hyland, Patrick Finnessy, Jerry Goldstein, Liz Thomson, Chuck Bright, Bernie Santarsiero, Jacqueline Leskovec, Scott Shippy, Brian Tapia

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We discussed the successful events of the LGBT Heritage month so far, including Annie Sprinkle's presentation and Sidewalk Sex clinic
2. Our annual meeting with the Chancellor will be December 13 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Those interested in attending should inform a co-chair.

C. BUDGET

1. Robbie presented budget for the year and the approved spending so far. Our budget is \$19,454.00 and we have spent \$9,146.64.
2. We discussed whether the CCSLGBTI should set aside a definite amount of money each year for the Office of GLBT Concerns and Pride. This money could be for a specific event, set of events (like Heritage Month), or be spent however the OGLBTC or Pride needs it. We agreed to continue this discussion at future meetings.

D. SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

1. Some people needed more time to decide which sub-committee they would like to join, so we agreed to table that until our November meeting. Meanwhile, the chairs of each sub-committee can answer questions about what exactly each sub-committee will do. The chairs are: Brian Mustanski for Research & Scholarship; Bernie Santarsiero for Finance; Laura Stempel for Advocacy & Policy; and chairs are still needed for Education, Outreach, & Communication and for Curriculum & Pedagogy. Questions can also be directed to Robbie, Stacey, or Lindsay.

E. DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

1. We got into a discussion of the current state of domestic partnership benefits at UIC. Currently, a same-sex couple has the exact same benefits as a heterosexual couple, unless dependent children are involved. We mainly discussed the different meanings of "family" and "family leave" and their implications for LGBTQ families at UIC. This is a topic that the Advocacy & Policy Sub-Committee will continue to address.

F. NOVEMBER MEETING

1. At our November 15 meeting, we will discuss which topics we would like to bring up at our meeting with Chancellor Manning.

2. We will also finalize sub-committees in November. Thank you to those who have decided on a sub-committee. If you haven't yet decided, please let Lindsay know your preference.
3. We won't have a regular meeting in December. We will have our meeting with the Chancellor, and may also have an end-of-the-semester social event.

G. OTHER

1. We would like to have the final version of our Strategic Plan by December 1. We will be presenting the finished product to the Chancellor and Provost at our December meeting. Anyone who has edits, please submit them to Robbie, Stacey, or Lindsay.
2. Laura suggested that we set a date for our scholarship winners recognition event. This will not be until April, but the sooner we have a date for the reception, the more likely it is that the Chancellor will be able to attend.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 15 at 3:00 pm on West Campus, exact location TBD. Lindsay will send an email to everyone upon confirmation of a location.

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