

Chancellor's Committee on the Status of LGBT Issues
Minutes From November 14, 2007

In attendance: Scott Boots, Melanie D'Andrilli, Dan Dicesare, Stacey Horn, Tom Koster, Jacqueline Leskovec, Mark Martell, Brian Mustanski, Bernie Santarsiero, Laura Stempel, and Liz Thomson.

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

B. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Advocacy & Policy, Education, Outreach & Communications
 - a. Laura has not done anything with the committee recently
2. Research & Scholarship
 - a. Brian is getting letters signed and ready to send out to foundations, requesting funds to start a GLBT seed fund at UIC – he is also sending faculty biographies. He is hoping for a good response!
 - b. Brian is meeting with the heads of all IRB's in a few weeks to discuss GLBT research at UIC. Brian has been asked to be on the IRB committee, and his start date is negotiable. He needs an alternate faculty member who does GLBT research, specifically youth related.
 - Stacey said she can do it, but can't start until next fall. She suggested Laura Szalacha in nursing – ask her?
 - If Brian joins the IRB committee, he may want a co-chair to help him with the CCSLGBTI research sub-committee. Francesca? Anyone else interested?
 - c. HRC did a survey on hospitals – did UIC complete this study? Maybe Laura's sub-committee can take this on and try and find out?

C. BUDGET UPDATE

1. We now have our official budget! There was no 1.5% cut for any of the Chancellor's Committees, thanks to the Chancellor. We have set aside some money for the office and students, and we look to be in pretty good shape.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Our new website is now up and running! It is simple and useful. Matt was able to contact UIF and under the contribute section anyone can now donate to our scholarship funds through the website, in the same way the payroll deduction cards work.
 - Was Matt paid?
2. We had a vote on making the updates to Article 3 of the bylaws official – the sub-committees and their roles have been updated to reflect our Strategic Plan, and Joann from OAE wants to put every CC's bylaws and

goals on their website.

– Before the vote, Laura asked if Advocacy and Policy, and Education, Outreach and Communication are still one committee. As a committee we decided that for now we will leave them as separate committees in the bylaws.

– Are there enough separate things for the 2 sub-committees to do? Both are about climate.

– After the discussion, a motion to vote on the changes in the bylaws was made. There was a second to the motion. All committee members present voted, and the bylaw changes passed unanimously.

3. Stacey spoke about the committee needing to go back to the Strategic Plan to see if the sub-committees projects for this year align with our goals. Bernie and Robbie will get together and look into this.
4. Domestic Partner benefits have hit a bit of a bump, since Steve Rugg left. Bernie, Robbie, and Patrick plan to talk about what we can do on this issue. Should we draft a letter as a committee expressing our concern?
5. Laura talked about CCSW and APAC, and maybe we as a committee getting involved in or co-sponsoring one of their events about what we can do for staff. It would be good visibility for our committee. Stacey then spoke about her position on the DAC (Diversity Advisory Committee) and how they also address some of those issues. We need to find an alternate for Stacey on the DAC since she will be going on sabbatical.
6. Tom Koster from Pride gave us an update on the Coming Out Ball, which we gave \$2,000 towards co-sponsoring. It was a huge success, a lot of fun, and had great entertainment from GayCo! and two drag kings. 250 people were in attendance, and \$1,000 was raised, which, after costs, will be donated to the Gerber Hart Library.
7. Liz gave us an update from the OGLBTC, which we gave \$500 to put towards their October events. Last month's events were successful, and a diverse crowd was found at each event. Most of our co-sponsorship money went to fund a large banner in the Quad, 9 light boxes (6 in SSB and 3 in SCE), and professionally designed and printed posters.
8. We talked about our upcoming spring semester meet and greet, scheduled for January 24, 2008, from 3:00-4:30, in the Latino Cultural Center. We now need to work on making flyers and publicizing the event, sending out invitations, and deciding on what food and drink to have at the event. Please volunteer to help put this event together. Scott and Melanie can't do it alone!
9. Our spring research forum was discussed. We decided to give it a different, more professional sounding name, like UIC LGBTQ Research Conference. The theme of the conference will be centered around Kevin Barnhurst's book. We want to invite students from outside universities as well as UIC, and encourage faculty to have posters on their GLBT research at the conference to show to students who may be interested in getting involved. We want to reach out to more UIC faculty to get involved. Any student or faculty doing LGBT related research, or any

student or faculty member who identifies as LGBT doing research in any field, is invited to participate.

We want the research conference to be divided into three parts: morning will be a forum with a guest speaker, then we will have a lunch break, and the afternoon will be the poster session. We brainstormed different areas we may want to hold the conference: BSB, UIC Theatre, EPASW, JST, UH, and the Institute for the Humanities in SH were all ideas outside of SCE so we don't need to use UIC catering. We are tentatively scheduling the event for mid-march, before spring break.

Please volunteer to help put this event together! We need more people if we want to make this a success.

10. Mark gave an update on Lavender Graduation. At the Lavgrad meeting, a lot of brainstorming was done. A list of pro's and con's for having it on and off campus was made. A decision has not been finalized, but it is leaning more towards having it on campus. A wish list of potential speakers was created. The event will be held on Friday, May 2, 2008, tentatively at 6pm. We will be honoring graduating seniors, CCSLGBTI scholarship winners, and we are hoping to give out other awards such as alumni of the year. Rather than charging for admission, we are thinking of doing a suggested donation. The graduating seniors will probably be given a set of tickets for the event.
11. Scott spoke about an event in January hosted by the College of Dentistry. They will be having a lunchtime presentation on diversity, and are looking for speakers with facts on LGBT issues and health, specifically on Power of Attorney, insurance issues, HIV/AIDS, and ideally should be related to dentistry. Please e-mail Scott at rsboots@uic.edu with any suggestions.
12. The meeting schedule for spring 2008 was given:
Wednesday, January 23rd, 3:00-4:30, room 183 BSB
Wednesday, February 20th, 3:00-4:30, west side TBD
Wednesday, March 19th, 3:00-4:30, room 183 BSB
Wednesday, April 16th, 3:00-4:30, location TBD

Have a great end of the semester!