

Chancellor's Committee on the Status of LGBT Issues  
Minutes From February 20, 2008

*In attendance: Scott Boots, Melanie D'Andrilli, Patrick Finnessey, Michelle Garrido, Jacqueline Leskovec, Robbie Lopez, Brian Mustanski, Charles Rhee, Robert Rodriguez, Bernie Santarsiero, Laura Stempel, Peter Ureste.*

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

B. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Research & Scholarship

- a. Brian and Francesca have recently submitted two proposals for research funding, with the Arcus Foundation and the David Bohnett Foundation. By May Brian hopes to hear back from both proposals with a final answer. Arcus could award up to \$65,000 of fairly unrestricted funds, and David Bohnett up to \$20,000. April 24<sup>th</sup> at noon, David Bohnett will be coming to talk and anyone interested in attending should talk to Brian about this opportunity.
- b. Brian, Robbie and Stacey's departments have agreed to support these grants if they are awarded, and decided that the CCSLGBTI should not be in charge of this.
- c. Brian is planning to hold off for a while on sending out anymore letters, due to the fact that he has two proposals awaiting a response, and he is a bit overwhelmed at the moment.
- d. Brian gave an update on working with the IRB. He met with some IRB boards, and Brian (with Stacey as his alternate) is on IRB board 2.
- e. Brian would like to set up a forum panel discussion with us and the IRB on LGBT issues and the intersection with IRB issues. He would like to try and get this together before this upcoming summer, with the help of Robbie and Patrick setting it up.

2. Advocacy & Policy, Education, Outreach & Communications

- a. Laura has had much difficulty trying to find out if UIC's hospital is or is not included in the HRC Hospital Survey. She does not know where else to look to find out this answer.
- b. Patrick spoke about the current Domestic Partnership issues. DPB Task Force has been meeting quarterly, but meetings have now come to a halt. UI human resources is not willing to make a movement in any direction for DPB's, and legal counsel is now thought to be needed to get this process moving. Last Monday's meeting was

cancelled one hour beforehand, with no explanation as to why.

- c. What is the CC's response going to be in regards to this inactivity?
    - Laura has offered to talk to Mena as a start.
    - Patrick spoke about wanting this issue more on the shoulders of the CC and not the office's, because it is a policy issue.
3. Finance
    - a. Update on current amounts in the scholarship funds: graduate - \$10,916.65, undergraduate - \$12,414.80. We are still far from our goal of both funds having \$25,000 each.

#### C. BUDGET UPDATE

1. A current look at the breakdown of our budget, with what we have spent so far and what we plan to spend, was passed out.
2. CCSLGBTI will cover the costs of the SSB catering for the LavGrad/Rainbow Banquet, because we can only use our money for academic reasons on-campus, and this will make it easy to do so.

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

1. October Heritage Month: CCSLGBTI will be covering one part of this month, the G (gay) of GLBT. We are responsible for planning this part and we need to begin thinking and planning about any speakers, ideas, etc. The overall theme is health. By the next QUIC meeting in April, our plans for October Heritage Month need to be finalized.
2. The issue about renaming our committee was brought up and discussed – should we remove the 'I' because our committee should not be about issues, but about people? What should we change our name to? An e-mail dialogue is going to be started about this issue.
3. Lavender Research Forum is coming up on March 12<sup>th</sup>, in the Institute for the Humanities in Stevenson Hall's basement. We are set up with the date and venue, and we have a website but as of yet there is no content on it. The morning part will consist of the following speakers: Jennie Brier, John D'Emilio, Brian Mustanski, Alicia Matthews, and Stacey Horn. Lunch is going to be held in the Latino Cultural Center. The afternoon will not be a 'poster' session, but more of a panel discussion, but people can still be encouraged to bring posters if they have them to show. We still need to put out a call for posters.
4. LavGrad/Rainbow Banquet update: Friday, May 2, 2008. 5-6:30pm in SSB will be Lavender Graduation, and from 7-9pm at Stanley's on Racine will be the Rainbow Banquet portion. There will be an open bar at Stanley's. Wilson Cruz is the keynote speaker. The Provost has committed to attending the LavGrad portion.

5. Women Expressing Themselves Through Art co-sponsorship – we have decided to not co-sponsor this event due to too many unanswered questions about who is secured to appear and what this event is ultimately entailing. We talked about co-sponsoring the Vagina Monologues instead.
6. The website is still looking good! A big gay portal, which would be a lot of links to all things gay, is an idea to have and we are looking for any ideas or suggestions for what to include in it.

*The next meeting is Wednesday, March 19th, at 3:00pm, in room 183 BSB.*