
LGBT COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
ADELBERT HALL, ROOM 352

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Matthew Colon
Jane Daroff
Mitchell Delaney
Jerry Floersch

Kathryn Karipides
Jennifer Lhotsky
Erica Merritt
Dorothy Miller

James Sellers
Lynn Singer
Michael Spivak

UNABLE TO ATTEND

Sarah Andrews
Diana Bilimoria
Mayo Bulloch
Anne Duli
Donald Feke

Dana Finch
Martha Gibbons
Victor Groza
Ryan Keytack
Robert Kinsey

Glenn Nicholls
Susan Nickel-Schindewolf
Dean Patterson
Patricia Princehouse
Sarah Yarry

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by the Co-Chairs of the LGBT Committee.

1. MEMBERSHIP TO CURRENT LGBT TA TASK FORCE:

Led by the Co-Chairs, a discussion about group membership among the attendees was the first topic of this meeting. The three points made were:

- 1) Defining the group
- 2) Size of the group
- 3) Establishing an organizational structure

Presently, LGBT TA is a task force with a specific charge to bring awareness of LGBT issues and provide information about LGBT resources to the University Community. Various campus organizations have shared an interest in joining the University group and the committee members in attendance want to be more inclusive of the other campus groups. A suggestion to expand inclusiveness would be to have representation of this group on other University committees. In conclusion, the discussion was summarized that the current structure of the LGBT TA task force has evolved into an advisory group and the membership should involve cross-representation with other University groups.

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2. STUDENT AND CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

A list of student and campus affiliated LGBT groups was assembled and will be updated on the websites' resources page:

<http://www.case.edu/provost/lgbt/resources.html>

The current listing of organizations sited at the meeting are:

- PEOPLE in Medicine (SOM)
- Lambda Law Student Association (LAW)
- MSASS Allies
- Spectrum
- Lambda Grads for Grads

3. FACULTY AND STAFF FOR EQUALITY

The Faculty and Staff for Equality Group is a sub-group of this task force that exists separate from the students to provide social activities for faculty and staff of the university. The group has approximately 50 members and anyone interested in being part of the mailing list can contact Jes Sellers (james.sellers@case.edu) or Jane Daroff (jane.daroff@case.edu).

4. DIVERSITY AND CURRICULUM

Jerry Floersch introduced the topic of diversity in curriculum to members with the plans to bring in faculty of the schools to discuss content and classes. This would serve as an information gathering session to focus on this objective for the next academic year. Erica Merritt mentioned offering workshops that focus on LGBT issues to bring university groups together and/or an orientation class where everyone would have to take it. Also, Jerry shared that MSASS is in a brainstorming phase of considering a minor in social work that could focus upon diversity, which if implemented would be available to tie to other majors. Dorothy Miller discussed the secondary major and minor in Women Studies and that it is expanding to gender studies. The future collaboration between MSASS and the Women's Center regarding their curriculum should be explored.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jane Daroff reminded members of the 15th Annual HRC dinner on Saturday, March 29, 2008 and that LGBTQA at Case has sponsored a table. If making reservations please refer to the table. Reservations can be made at the HRC Cleveland website (<http://www.boxofficetickets.com/hrc>).
- Jes Sellers announced that there were two special accomplishments for our Co-Chair, Jane Daroff. Jane has been elected to the Human Rights Campaign National Board of Directors and at the 15th Annual HRC dinner, she will be awarded the Cleveland HRC Steering Committee Leadership Award.
- Jennifer Lhotsky reminded members about the Experience Case Days Event and circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers to sit at the table.
- Metro Health GSA has invited members to attend their Movie series at Metro Hospital, next movie: For the Bible Tells Me So on March 19 at 5:30pm. The flyer is available on the LGBT website under national events.
- Bisexual Advocate Robyn Ochs will be in Cleveland on Tuesday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 26. She will be speaking on the CWRU campus on Tuesday, March 25. Information about her other activities in Cleveland are available on the LGBT website under events.
- Erica Merritt announced the Diversity workshop for spring 2008 and will distribute a flyer to the group with details. The flyer is available on the LGBT website under events.
- For the next meeting there was a request for an agenda item to discuss security, Case Police Force, and LGBT concerns. Once a date has been selected, Erica Merritt will arrange to have guest speakers: Dick Jamieson and Art Hardee.

The meeting adjourned @ 4:35 p.m.
Minutes by Jennifer Lhotsky.

NEXT MEETING:

April or May 2008

E-mail distributed with proposed dates