

LGBTQA TASKFORCE MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
ADELBERT HALL, ROOM 352

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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| Mayo Bulloch     | Robert Kinsey    | James Sellers   |
| Jane Daroff      | Jennifer Lhotsky | Lynn Singer     |
| Mitchell Delaney | Dorothy Miller   | Michael Spivak  |
| Jerry Floersch   | Glenn Nicholls   | Beth Stepanczuk |
| Ryan Keytack     |                  |                 |

UNABLE TO ATTEND

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| Sarah Andrews   | Donald Feke    | Susan Nickel-Schindewolf |
| Diana Bilimoria | Martha Gibbons | Dean Patterson           |
| Matthew Colon   | Victor Groza   | Patricia Princehouse     |
| Anne Duli       | Erica Merritt  | Sarah Yarry              |

GUESTS

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| Daniel Clancy | Heidi McCormick | Wendy Shapiro |
| Randall Deike |                 |               |

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Jerry Floersch, Co-Chair of the LGBTQA Taskforce.

**1. ALUMNI GROUP PLANNING**

Dan Clancy, Executive Director of Alumni Relations, discussed with the taskforce the process involved with developing an LGBTQA Affinity Group. He shared with the group that a good starting point would be to set a group up on AlumNet, an online community of CWRU alumni. Dan distributed cards with the AlumNet information highlighting registering and features of the website. The website is <http://alumnet.case.edu>. Questions should be referred to Heidi McCormick, Director of Alumni Relations. Dan and Heidi shared that an affinity group would require the support and leadership of the alumni interested in having an LGBTQA alumni group. This leadership group would develop its mission and goals and work with the Alumni Relations office to be their liaison for setting up events at the university. Committee members decided to plan a reception for those who would be interested in a LGBTQA group for Alumni Weekend 2009. Committee members Jerry Floersch (Co-chair), Rob Kinsey, and Beth Stepanczuk will meet with Dan and Heidi to begin making plans for the reception. The next Alumni/Homecoming Weekend is October 23, 24, and 25.

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### **2. RECRUITMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Randy Deike, Vice President for Enrollment, discussed the recruitment efforts of students in the LGBT community as well as future scholarship opportunities. The specifics of present day recruiting were shared by Ryan Keytack, Associate Director for Undergraduate Admissions, by separating the highlights of the on-campus activities from the off-campus activities. A particular partner noted in regards to off-campus recruitment was Campus Pride which sponsors three recruitment fairs each year.

Randy reported on a new scholarship that is to be offered to a student who is supportive of the LGBT community. The donor is working with Development regarding how to start the funding and have it grow to the total amount for an endowed scholarship available to a student within a four to five year period. This committee would have a role in the selection process of a candidate.

### **3. SECOND LIFE PROPOSAL PLAN**

Wendy Shapiro, Director of Instructional Technology and Academic Computing (ITAC), discussed briefly working with Committee Member Marty Gibbons regarding the Bohnett Foundation proposal. She then focused on the Story time Project that could be incorporated into Second Life or as another type of programming that would share narrative coming out stories of the CWRU community. This would be a student run project. Equipment is needed for this program as well as a significant amount of time dedicated to the process. These stories could be used in the recruitment process. There have been discussions to partner with the Western Reserve Historical Society and use this programming in diversity teaching.

### **4. SPACE AVAILABILITY FOR CENTER**

Glenn Nicholls, Vice President for Student Affairs, discussed the three views regarding space availability for a LGBT Center. The long term goal will be to have the center located within the campus center. The campus center would be located in the heart of campus with a range of sites being reviewed. This project is in development and is part of the University's plan. The timeframe for this is three to four years. An intermediate plan for space concerns the Thwing Center. With plans to break ground on the Uptown project at the end of spring, there will be space opening up in Thwing as some current operations within the center have plans to move to the Uptown site. Therefore, space will become available and rearranging offices/centers into Thwing could take place. This option is looking at a timeframe of two years. Lastly, for a center to open now there is space that can be utilized in Thwing. It is a space located on the first floor of Hitchcock that is presently a student lounge space. This space could be converted with just a few months.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### Events

- 1) Cleveland Transgender Day of Remembrance  
Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30pm  
Lincoln Park, Tremont
- 2) Happy Hour for Faculty, Staff, Partners, & Friends  
Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-7:00pm  
Fairmount Wine & Martini Bar

#### Project

- 1) AlumNet & Reception Planning (Alumni Weekend-10/23, 10/24,10/25)  
Members taking lead: Jerry Floersch (co-chair), Rob Kinsey, and Beth Stepanczuk

#### CWRU Programming, needing additional support

- 1) Guest Poet, Joy Ladin – contact: Shira Schwartz at 216-536-6599
- 2) Athens Boys Choir – contact: Michael Spivak at [michael.spivak@case.edu](mailto:michael.spivak@case.edu)

The meeting adjourned @ 12:01 p.m.  
Minutes by Jennifer Lhotsky.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**TBD**