

LGBTQ TASKFORCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2009
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
ADELBERT HALL, ROOM 351

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Sarah Andrews	Jennifer Lhotsky	James Sellers
Jane Daroff	Dorothy Miller	Lynn Singer
Mitchell Delaney	Marilyn Mobley	Michael Spivak
Jerry Floersch	Sue Nickel-Schindewolf	Sarah Yarry
T. Kenny Fountain	Dean Patterson	

1. T. KENNY FOUNTAIN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

Kenny Fountain is a new member of the faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences. He is an Assistant Professor in the English Department and has his Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Scientific and Technical Communications. Professor Fountain was at the meeting to discuss the new course he will be teaching in the Fall semester regarding Language and Gender. An attachment was distributed to the members of the committee outlining information that the course will cover. There will be three major topics discussed:

- 1) Is English a sexist language?
- 2) Is there such a thing as “gay speech”?
- 3) Differences of language among different cultures

There was much discussion among the group concerning these topics and the group thanked Professor Fountain for attending the meeting to share this information.

2. DISCUSSION OF ALUMNI WEEKEND IN OCTOBER

Sarah Andrews sent as an attachment, minutes of the meeting between Alumni Affairs and members of this committee. Only event details from these minutes were highlighted for discussion at today’s meeting. There will be the need to create a sub-group from this committee to focus their attention on the planning of these events. Alumni weekend is Friday, October 23rd through Sunday, October 25th, and there will be two events for LGBT Alumni and friends. On Friday, October 23rd, there will be a reception starting at 5pm at the Alumni House, and on Saturday, October 24th, there will be a brunch. There was a discussion about having a speaker at the brunch and having our Spectrum representatives plan with their group’s members to build a float for the homecoming parade, which is the same weekend.

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3. REVIEW OF HRC DINNER

There was a brief discussion about the evenings' affairs at the HRC dinner, which was held on Saturday, March 28th. At the dinner, Co-Chair, Jane Daroff, had the opportunity to present President Snyder and Deputy Provost Singer with their Leadership Awards. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and there were a lot of CWRU alumni in attendance that evening.

4. TEACH MINISTRIES

Jes Sellers, Co-Chair of the LGBTQ Committee, distributed a handout for T.E.A.C.H. (To Educate About the Consequences of Homophobia), which features speaker, Mary Lou Wallner. Mary Lou's story was featured in the movie "For the Bible Tells Me So" regarding her daughters' suicide. She will be speaking at the community hour on Friday, April 24th starting at 12:30pm at Thwing Center Ballroom.

5. CLEVELAND PRIDE PARADE

The Cleveland Pride Parade this year will be Saturday, June 20th. Jennifer Lhotsky distributed flyers to committee members and requested a volunteer to assist as a marshal, also known as a PeaceKeeper. The Cleveland Pride organization asks that each group marching has two PeaceKeepers and they attend an orientation held at the end of May regarding parade policies. Jennifer asked for the flyers to be distributed through the offices and have those interested in marching to contact her at 368-0705. Also, Jes mentioned possibly having a tent representing LGBTQ resources at CWRU at the festival after the parade. It will be looked into to see if there would be enough people to staff the tent. This idea could be explored and incorporated for the following parade. It was suggested that besides students working the tent, it could also be staffed by Admissions and Alumni.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Lynn Singer laid out the proposed plans for the proposed center. There are three different designs, with features and benefits available in each plan. The proposed space is still the Hitchcock Room in Thwing Center.
- There was an interest to have a summer Faculty and Staff for Equality Happy Hour in June, details to follow shortly.

Minutes by Jennifer Lhotsky.