

LGBTQA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
ADELBERT HALL, ROOM 353

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Amanda Apostol
Rajiv Bawa
Jane Daroff
Don Feke

Quentin Jamieson
Rob Kinsey
Tim Marshall
Dean Patterson

Jes Sellers
Lynn Singer

1. NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2009-2010

It was announced that Sarah Andrews, a faculty member from MSASS has accepted the Co-Chair position for the LGBTQA Committee. She will join Jes Sellers and Jane Daroff.

2. MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION: INITIAL PERSPECTIVES

There was a discussion on who should be included on the committee. Suggestions included:

- Asking Marilyn Mobley if Liz Roccoforte could represent the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity on the committee.
- Should each of the Schools have a student representative serving on the committee or should they be directed to a subcommittee? Should the committee invite faculty advisors instead of students since there is a high turnover rate among students?
 - A question was raised about whether or not each LGBT student organization has a faculty advisor. Lynn agreed to send an email to all School/College Deans asking if the LGBT student organization has a faculty advisor, and if not, if one could be assigned.
- Should anyone who volunteers to be on the committee be accepted? How formalized should membership be and should potential committee members define who they will be representing?
- Should we invite SAC to send a representative?

3. INITIATIVES IN PROGRESS

Communicating with Professional Students: There was a discussion on how to improve communication between the committee and professional students. The committee brainstormed ways to communicate to these students outside of the Deans. Student Affairs Council could serve as a link. It was determined that Amanda would compile a

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membership list for all of the LGBT Professional School student organization by contacting their leadership.

Marketing the Brochure: Rob Kinsey designed a brochure highlighting the LGBTQA community at CWRU. A suggestion was made that a future brochure include professional students as well.

The committee discussed ways to distribute the brochure as widely as possible. Incoming graduate students had already received a copy in their orientation packets, as had incoming freshmen. Strategies included:

- Distribute to professional student organizations through their leadership or other contacts within the schools. Once a list is obtained of other students groups around campus, brochures will be distributed to them.
- Paul Kwak will distribute to Medical School students; Andrea Przybysz will distribute to Law student mailboxes; Tim Marshall will distribute to Nursing School students.

Website Subcommittee: The committee formed a website subcommittee to update information and redesign the current LGBTQA Committee website: Amanda Apostol, Quentin Jamieson, and Rob Kinsey. The committee would like to have a group picture of its members on the website.

Marketing Subcommittee: The committee also discussed forming a Marketing Subcommittee.

Committee Name: The committee discussed changing the name of the LGBTQA Concerns Committee. It was decided that the word “concerns” would be eliminated from the name. Other ideas included using the words education and advocacy in the name. It was decided that the committee would revisit the name issue at a later date when the mission statement had been revised. Until then, the committee will be called the LGBTQA Committee.

Revising the Mission Statement: The committee decided revising the mission statement would be a goal for the coming academic year.

4. ALUMNI WEEKEND: LGBT REUNION

The committee decided it would try to have the October meeting at the Alumni House in preparation for the LGBT Alumni Reunion weekend. The committee Chairs will work with the Alumni House staff to arrange the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2009, 10:00-11:30 in Adelbert 351.

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ACTION ITEMS

1. Amanda will create an email listserv. She will consult with the committee Chairs on who should be included.
2. Amanda will contact student groups from professional schools for membership contact lists.
3. Amanda will work on getting access to the LGBTQ website files.
4. Lynn will send an email to School/College Deans asking if student groups have a faculty advisor and if not, if one could be assigned.
5. Rob and Quentin will follow-up with contacts at the Schools/Colleges to distribute brochures.
6. The committee Chairs will work on scheduling the October meeting at the Alumni House.

Minutes by Amanda Apostol.