

LGBTQ COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009
2:00-3:30PM
ALUMNI HOUSE

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Amanda Apostol-Office of the Provost
Sarah Andrews-MSASS
Brandon Boatman
Mayo Bulloch-Director, Educational Enhancement Programs
Jane Daroff-University Counseling Services
Judith Fallon-Educational Support Services
Michael Gross-Graduate Student, Law
Rob Kinsey-Student Affairs IT

Dorothy Miller-Flora Stone Mather Center for Women
Mel Morgan-Coordinator, Second Year Education
Liz Roccoforte-Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity
Jes Sellers- University Counseling Services
Lynn Singer-Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs

1. ALUMNI WEEKEND EVENTS

Jes Sellers, Sarah Andrews, and Jane Daroff have met with Nicole Ingram to finalize the events.

Friday evening's reception will include a welcome from Sarah. Barbara Snyder and Bud Baeslack will be in attendance for the entire reception.

At Saturday's brunch Sarah will introduce Lynn Singer. Tim Downing, an alumnus from the Law School, will speak on behalf of the alumni for about 10 minutes. The chairs are looking for current students who can speak about their experiences today. The chairs will contact the co-chairs for Spectrum, Mandel Allies, the chair of PEOPLE in Medicine, and Quentin Jamieson. In addition, there will be some discussion at the brunch about the developing an Affinity Group, a working group of alumni that will be modeled after the African American Affinity Group.

Some ideas for the weekend were discussed including: a timeline with relevant LGBTQ events on campus with post-it notes where people can write in and post their own memories/stories; making a wiki page for alumni to share stories with each other; Highlighting the artist of the *Turning Point* sculpture.

Action Items for Alumni Weekend:

- Jes Sellers will contact Quentin Jamieson, the co-chairs of Spectrum, and Jeremy Collette of PEOPLE in Medicine about speaking at the Saturday brunch.

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- Sarah Andrews will contact the co-chairs of Mandel Allies about speaking at the Saturday brunch.
- Rob will work with UMC to get the stickers printed and will email the design to Joanne.
- Mayo will give Jes 50 *Shared Vision* t-shirts.
- The committee discussed Winnie Lai and her work on LGBT issues while a student at CWRU. They agreed to try to find her and invite her to speak during the Saturday brunch as a representative of alumni, along with Tim Downing.
- All committee members will circulate the promotional card and encourage attendance at events. The co-chairs asked the committee to inform their contacts that even if they are unable to attend the event, they would like people to show their support by sending the Office of Alumni Relations and thank you message for hosting the weekend.

2. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- *Media & Marketing*: The website committee has finished transferring content from the old website into the new template. There are still areas for target audiences that need to be developed, but the basic site will be launched after the meeting. Committee members were encouraged to send upcoming events to Amanda Apostol. It was suggested that a “Social Life in Cleveland” section be added to the website in the future.
- *Safe Zone*: Planning committee met September 23rd. The tentative plans are to have an information session at the beginning of November to determine how many training sessions may be needed. The info session will be advertised widely, including the *Case Daily*. Training sessions will begin in the Spring term, and there will be separate sessions for students and faculty/staff. The planning committee is still working on securing a funding source that will ensure the program’s sustainability. Liz Roccoforte will be meeting with Lynn Singer to discuss the future of the program.

3. CAMPUS UPDATES

- The upcoming issue of the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity’s newsletter will feature LGBT issues.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Minutes by Amanda Apostol.