

Chancellor's Task Force on LGBT* Issues
October 9, 2014
9-10am – UC 261

Present: Cindy Konrad, Cindy Anderton, Terri DeWalt, Terry Tumbarello, Robin Fox, Liz Woolever, Sean Van Aacken, Han Ngo, Karen Fisher, Crista Lebens, Ban Ahmed, David Havas, Dan Colleran, Sean Werner, Kate Braman (minutes)

- I. Review of minutes from September 11, 2014:
<http://blogs.uww.edu/lgbtforce/files/2014/09/2014-LGBT-Taskforce-Minutes-9-11.pdf>

- II. Updates
 - a. PB Poorman PRIDE Resource Center (Cindy Konrad)
 - i. Coming Out Day and guest speaker both had good attendance;
 - ii. Ally Open House had a great turnout with a great mix of faculty, staff and students as well as LGBT* and allies
 - b. Warhawk Connection Center (Mai Yer Yang)
 - i. Multicultural lecture series ongoing
 - c. Safe Zone (Cindy Konrad)
 - i. Module 1 – successful with RSVPs showing up; 6 people for each training session; 20 people for a counselor education class
 - d. IMPACT (James Sheets)
 - i. Ban reported a successful Coming Out Day celebration with lots of speakers
 - ii. Homecoming events – participating in parade, trivia and window painting
 - iii. Suggested university do something to address the crime incident on campus and put together a plan for resources and support system for safety for LGBT* students and allies
 - iv. Sean Van Aacken reported on LGBT* peer educators
 1. Students trained to be LGBT* peer educators who share their personal and school-related experiences with other students
 2. Training happens this Friday
 3. 12 students total: 2 allies and 10 LGBT* spectrum
 4. Anyone interested can contact Sean to have LGBT* peer educators speak in their class
 - e. Facilities Updates (Cindy Konrad)
 - i. Committee expressed frustration over the stalling and length of time it is taking for the gender neutral bathroom signage to be put in place across campus (3 years + discussing this and would like to finally see it completed)
 - ii. Student government will be taking a vote on Monday, October 13 on proposed legislation for single use bathrooms across campus to be gender inclusive

- iii. Most likely will pass and move on to the next step to get the signs actually put up across campus
- iv. Committee will write up a response and sign it to turn into the Chancellor, Greg Swanson and Jeff Arnold with a deadline to get the gender neutral bathroom signs put up immediately at all single use bathrooms across this campus

III. Approaching Events

- a. Queer Cultural Series
 - i. Coming Out Day – Tuesday, October 7, 2014 from 12-2pm at the UC North Mall
 - ii. Kara Laricks – lesbian fashion designer – Queer Cultural Series Speaker – Tuesday, October 7, 2014 from 3:30-4:45pm in UC 275
 - iii. *Boy Meets Girl* – Queer Cultural Series Film – Tuesday, November 11, 2014 from 6-8pm in the Warhawk Connection Center
- b. Safe Zone
 - i. Module 2: Gender Identity
 - 1. This workshop covers the concept of gender identity and delves deeper into transgender and non-binary gender identities. Participants will discuss students’ needs and experiences on campus.
 - a. Friday, October 10, 12-1pm, Career & Leadership Development conference room
 - b. Wednesday, October 15, 8:30-9:30am, Career & Leadership Development conference room
 - ii. Module 3: LGBT* Student Experiences
 - 1. This session allows you to hear directly from students about their experiences as LGBT* people – growing up, on campus, and out in the world. A great opportunity to ask students questions.
 - a. Tuesday, October 28, 12-1pm, Warhawk Connection Center
 - b. Thursday, November 6, 2-3pm Warhawk Connection Center
- c. Boxes and Walls
 - i. Terry Tumbarello mentioned it will be held Mondays through Thursdays in Esker Hall from 6-10pm
 - ii. 6 different experiences: 1) GLB 2) Gender 3) African-American 4) Latino-American 5) Socio-economic 6) Abilities

IV. Police incident report and campus climate/safety

- a. Committee was informed about the incident where a student was called a sexually derogatory name “faggot” by 4 white males. When student replied there was no need for name-calling, the perpetrators beat and kicked him. This happened in an off-campus facility near Theta house and Whitewater Police

Department is handling the situation, but working closely with UW-Whitewater Campus Police as well. Committee hopes for a quick resolution and those perpetrators held responsible for such an awful act. LGBT* students and allies have admitted to not feeling safe on this campus because of this incident and others like it where no one had been found responsible.

- V. Safe Zone Module 1 updates
 - a. Cindy handed out a packet discussing the Module 1 training for the committee to look at and discuss at a later date.
- VI. Meetings for Fall semester, in UC 261
 - a. Thursday, November 13 from 11am-12noon
 - b. Thursday, December 11 from 9am-10am