

**Chancellor's Task Force on LGBT\* Issues**  
**December 11, 2014**  
**9-10am, UC 261**

**Present: Cindy Konrad, Pat Jankowski, Tami McCullough, David Havas, Dan Colleran, San Van Aacken, Gwen Hering, Crista Lebens, Scott Allen, Karen Fisher, Mai Yer Yang, Shawn Werner, Brooke Winchell, Terry Tumbarello, Kate Braman (minutes)**

- I. Review of Minutes from November 13, 2014:  
<http://blogs.uww.edu/lgbtforce/files/2014/11/2014-LGBT-Taskforce-Meeting-11-13.pdf>
  
- II. Updates
  - a. Facilities and institutional updates
    - i. Gender Inclusive Restrooms (Tami McCullough and Pat Jankowski)
      1. Reported most, if not all of the designated single-stall bathrooms around cited for gender inclusive restrooms have proper signage
      2. Remaining restrooms will be completed soon, pending plumbing codes
      3. WI plumbing codes have delayed and prevented many of the gender neutral signage around campus, being a delicate situation in dealing with renovations and expansions and complying with building codes
      4. Doing best to accommodate as many needs as possible, such as creating a gender neutral facility that is ADA compliant
      5. Distributed spreadsheet listing gender neutral facilities around campus (will send to committee and will be posted on blog and other LGBT\* resources)
      6. Suggestion from committee for designation of gender neutral facilities on campus maps for students and visitors
    - ii. Proposal to expand our Inclusive Housing (Terry Tumbarello)
      1. Recommendation for Inclusive Housing expansion to more RA facilities was approved by several committees and is now awaiting approval/denial by Chancellor
      2. Building codes may be a road block to expanding inclusive housing options, but may still be approved by Chancellor as an exception
      3. Inclusive Housing information:  
<http://www.uww.edu/residencelife/assignments/room-reapplication/inclusive-application>
  - b. PB Poorman PRIDE Center (Cindy Konrad) – none, except for approaching spring events

- c. Warhawk Connection Center (Mai Yer Yang) – had a very successful Fall semester with popular events; handed out a flier promoting the upcoming 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Event to be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 3:30pm in the UC Hamilton Room
  - d. Safe Zone (Cindy Konrad) – tabled until next meeting
  - e. LGBT\* Peer Educators/B.R.I.D.G.E (Sean Van Acekn) – reported 3 or 4 new peer educators will be on staff for the next spring semester with more panels
  - f. IMPACT (Ban Ahmed) - NA
- III. Approaching events – Spring 2015
- a. Queer Cultural Series
    - i. Speaker: Jessica Kota, expert on two spirit identities  
Individual and family therapist Jessica Kota from Mingus Mountain Academy will speak about The Two-Spirited: Living in Multiple Worlds. Thursday, February 19, 2015 in UC 275A from 3:30-4:30pm
    - ii. Film: (A)sexual  
Facing a sex obsessed culture, a mountain of stereotypes and misconceptions, and a lack of social or scientific research, asexuals – people who experience no sexual attraction – struggle to claim their identity.  
Tuesday, February 24, 2015 in Warhawk Connection Center from 3:30-5pm
    - iii. Speaker: Rob Smith, black gay veteran of the war in Iraq  
Openly gay Iraq war veteran, journalist, author, and LGBT\* activist Rob Smith will bring his lecture “Closets, Combat, and Coming Out” to UW-Whitewater and speak about being black and gay in the U.S. military.  
Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in the UC Hamilton Room from 6:30-8pm
  - b. Safe Zone - tabled until next meeting
  - c. PRIDE week – April 6-10, 2015 (details forthcoming)
  - d. Rainbow Celebration of Excellence
    - i. Award celebration and recognition will be held on Monday April 7, 2015 in the Fern Young Terrace from 4:30-6pm
- IV. Discussion: Safe Zone Module 2 – tabled until next meeting
- V. Nomination for Chancellor search committee?
- a. Committee discussed a member to nominate to represent on the search committee
  - b. Cindy will contact nominated representative
- VI. Rainbow Celebration of Excellence

- a. Revisions to awards and applications were discussed and a few suggestions were made to the forms
  - b. Clarify between graduating and non-graduating nominations
  - c. Suggestion for outstanding program award
  - d. Cindy will update forms
  - e. Suggestion for a list of past winners
  - f. Committee to review applications
- VII. Meetings for spring semester – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month in UC 261
- a. Thursday, February 12 at 9:00am
  - b. Thursday, March 12 at 9:00am
  - c. Thursday, April 9 at 9:00am
  - d. Thursday, May 14 at 9:00am? Final exam week