

Chancellor's Task Force on LGBT* Issues
May 14, 2015
9-10am, UC 261

Present: Cindy Konrad, Brooke Winchell, Liz Woolever, Officer Mike Sacco, Terry Tumbarello, Karen Fisher, Gwen Hering, Dan Colleran, Kate Braman (minutes)

- I. Review of minutes from 9 April 2015:
<http://blogs.uww.edu/lgbtforce/files/2015/04/2015-LGBT-Task-Force-Minutes-4-9.pdf>
- II. Updates
 - a. Facilities and institutional updates (Cindy Konrad)
 - i. Res Life announced the Chancellor has approved gender neutral housing expansion for the Fall 2016 – includes Tutt, Wellers, Fischer, Arey, Knilans, and Starin (already offered)
 - ii. Cindy and Res Life will coordinate to promote gender neutral housing
 - iii. LGBT* travel study program offered by the Center for Global Education with coordination from the Women's Studies and English departments – 4 students have applied
 - b. PB Poorman PRIDE Center (Cindy Konrad)
 - i. Planning for the 2015-2016 academic school year
 - ii. Straight ally intern hired for next year
 - iii. Reviewing graduate assistant applications
 - iv. Perform more awareness raising – get the word out about the PRIDE Center – who we are and what we do and offer campus community
 - v. Tabling at the UC and Esker/Drumling dining halls, Plan It Purple, and Premier Days
 - vi. Flier – did you know informational handout highlighting gender neutral facilities and preferred name option
 - vii. Green space – submit to Officer Sacco for approval to post fliers – suggested near Bookstore to reach more students from the dorms
 - viii. Suggestion to make a “rainbow brick road” to lead the way to the PRIDE Center
 - c. Warhawk Connection Center (Mai Yer Yang)
 - i. Planning for the 2015-2016 academic school year
 - d. Safe Zone (Cindy Konrad)
 - i. Handouts of attendance to events – good attendance
 - e. LGBT* Peer Educators/B.R.I.D.G.E. (Sean Van Aacken)
 - i. Peer Educators finishing up for the semester
 - ii. Panels had contact with about 400 people
 - iii. 12 Peer Educators hired; will hire freshman in the Fall

- iv. B.R.I.D.G.E – had low attendance; will create a closed Facebook group for outreach and support in hope to build a community in order to create a better way for the members to meet next semester
 - f. IMPACT
 - i. Eboard elections successful
 - ii. Goal to maintain continuity with leadership, such as having co-chairs
 - iii. Suggestion to create a LGBT* alumni listing
- III. Review of 2014-2015
 - a. Events
 - i. Discussed success and attendance of events (handout)
 - b. Safe Zone Training
 - i. Discussed attendance and goals to increase trainers
 - c. State of LGBT* people at UW-Whitewater
- IV. Discussion: Events for the Coming Year
 - a. Queer Cultural Series
 - b. Ally Open House/Rainbow Celebration of Excellence
 - c. Other ideas or initiatives?
 - i. Email Cindy with any ideas members have for events and speakers for the upcoming 2015-2016 year
- V. Discussion: Task Force Goals for the Coming Year
 - a. Would like more people to attend Safe Zone Trainings
 - b. Suggestion for Train the Trainers so more committee members can teach Safe Zone sessions – contact Cindy if interested
 - c. Suggestion to recognize a campus member who enhances and supports LGBT* issues with their accomplishments – such as an “employee of the month”
 - d. Suggestion to educate campus community about the strides we as a committee and the LGBT* community has made as well as highlight goals of what we want to yet achieve and get to in the near future
 - e. Collaborate with IMPACT and other student orgs to receive feedback from students about what we as the Task Force committee can do for them and better meet their needs
 - f. Have an “Ask the Chancellor” session
 - g. Invite the new Chancellor to our committee meeting to meet the members and hear about our goals and objectives
 - h. Poster fair – create posters to advertise outreach and services
 - i. It was mentioned that the “task force” is technically temporary and we should discuss making this committee permanent to continue progress for the LGBT* community on this campus
- VI. Upcoming Meetings: 2015-2016
 - a. 2nd Thursdays of the month at 9am – place TBD

- b. Thursday, September 10 at 9am
- c. Thursday, October 8 at 9am
- d. Thursday, November 12 at 9am
- e. Thursday, December 10 at 9am