

Chancellor's Task Force on LGBT* Issues
Thursday, December 12, 2013
9-10am – UC 261

Present: Cindy Konrad, Terry Tumbarello, Heather Niemeier, Officer Mike Sacco, Liz Woolever, Crista Lebens, Robin Fox, Ken Kohberger, Mai Yer Yang, James Sheets, Karen Fisher, Kate Braman (minutes)

- I. No minutes to review

- II. Updates:
 - a. PB Poorman PRIDE Resource Center (Cindy Konrad)
 - b. Safer Sex Drive was very successful! 120 HIV tests taken; could have done more if they provided more test kits; lots of students showed up, approximately 615 students attended
 - i. Watched promotional video made by PB Poorman PRIDE Resource Center students - : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XedRYPgZ-4g&feature=youtu.be>
 - ii. Video was shared with several student groups and broadcast on UWW-TV and partnership with UW-Health Center – helped reach more students to make them aware and participate in the drive
 - c. Warhawk Connection Center (Mai Yer Yang)
 - i. Finished lecture series for the Fall 2013 semester; handout with statistics for successful and well attended events
 - d. Safe Zone (Cindy Konrad)
 - i. One person showed up for the training with Officer Sacco in November and one person showed up for training with Cindy in December
 - ii. Approximately 75 people attended Safe Zone training throughout this semester
 - e. IMPACT (James Sheets)
 - i. Had final meeting of the semester
 - ii. Planning for meetings next semester
 - iii. Drag Show – **Thursday, March 20 at 8:30pm in the UC Hamilton Room**
 - iv. Upcoming Breaking Barriers – February 5, 2014

- III. LEAP Team to create resources and opportunities for faculty/staff to learn about LGBTQA* identities and issues (Heather Niemeier)
 - a. Heather submitted an application for LEAP training to include LGBT* issues for faculty and staff sensitivity training in the Spring 2014 semester
 - b. Awaiting approval and funding
 - c. Discussion that all faculty and staff should take a training session (similar to workshops for instructional faculty orientation week workshops and Sexual Harassment training workshops) on LGBT* issues

IV. Discussion:

- a. LGBT* student panel**
 - i.** Understanding intersectionality – how identities overlap
 - ii.** Students overall feel really supported and safe at UWW
 - iii.** Many places on campus are welcoming and supportive and encouraging to students' diversities
 - iv.** But our work is not done; while we have a level of tolerance, we still have lots to do to create a fully accepting campus
 - v.** Lack of knowledge and information
 - vi.** Low expectations by some students about how they are treated (such as, their rainbow flag on their dorm door was not torn down = tolerance)
 - vii.** We can do better than tolerance!

- b. Mara Kiesling lecture**
 - i.** Students from Heather Niemeier's class had a positive reaction from the presentation
 - ii.** She highlighted real life reasons why everyone, even straight allies, should support LGBT* issues (such as heterosexual couples could have an LGBT child)
 - iii.** Suggestion: LGBT* Force should create a video from straight allies supporting LGBT* community on UWW campus

V. Cindy discussed handout for Checklist for Campus Readiness for Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming Students from Will Van Roosenbeek, UW System Women's Studies and and LGBTQ Studies Conference, Oc. 2013

- a.** Discussed where we are as a campus on the different items listed
- b.** Terry highlighted the Royal Purple editorial and question to the students about gender-neutral housing
- c.** He stated housing has a question on their forms asking students if they are comfortable having an LGBT* student as a roommate
- d.** Admissions not currently adding a question to self-identify as LGBT* student on their forms
- e.** There was a suggestion for a preferred name option on application forms

VI. January meeting for Safe Zone "train the trainer" session – did not have enough time to discuss

VII. Meetings for Spring Semester: 9-10am in UC 261

- a. Thursday, February 13, 2014**
- b. Thursday, March 13, 2014**
- c. Thursday, April 10, 2014**

d. Thursday, May 8, 2014