

Chancellor's Task Force on LGBT* Issues
February 12, 2015
9-10am, UC 68B

Present: Cindy Konrad, Jeff Angileri, Robin Fox, Brooke Winchell, Han Ngo, Gwen Hering Sean Van Aacken, Karen Fisher, Crista Lebens, Sam, Terry Tumbarello, Officer Mike Sacco, Liz Woolever, Mai Yer Yang, Kate Braman (minutes)

- I. Review of minutes from 12 February 2015:
<http://blogs.uww.edu/lgbtforce/files/2015/02/2015-LGBT-Task-Force-Minues-2-12.pdf>

- II. Updates
 - a. Facilities and institutional updates (Cindy Konrad)
 - i. Preferred Name Option – most used and most visible areas on campus will implement in Fall 2015, and other areas will take effects shortly after initial rollout
 - ii. Gender Inclusive Facilities – Facilities is seeking a code variance to obtain more gender inclusive restrooms – Cindy offered to be of assistance in this time-consuming process to help it move forward, but it is believed this will be a low priority
 - iii. Student Government is confirming signs are all up and visible
 - iv. Some students have complained that these inclusive bathrooms are locked and inaccessible at various times and lack certain amenities such as toilet paper when needed
 - v. Greg Swanson is working on creating a GIS map to pinpoint all inclusive facilities
 - b. PB Poorman PRIDE Center (Cindy Konrad)
 - i. Successful event held in February with asexuality film – 30 people attended with good discussion about identities
 - ii. Preparing for PRIDE Week events
 - c. Warhawk Connection Center (Mai Yer Yang)
 - i. Completed two lecture series
 - ii. Asian Month celebration in April – watch for poster of events
 - d. Safe Zone (Cindy Konrad)
 - i. Completed Module 2 with good attendance and discussion
 - ii. Module 3: LGBT* Student Experiences - 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.
 - Thursday, April 9, 12-1:30pm in UC 259
 - e. LGBT* Peer Educators/B.R.I.D.G.E. (Sean Van Aacken)

- i. Took students over to the tutoring center to help with their academics
 - ii. Taking applications for more Peer Educators for the Fall semester
 - iii. Would ideally like 15 Peer Educators, but more are always welcome
 - iv. Looking into having open panels attend to each college department
 - f. IMPACT (Cherish Golden)
 - i. Drag Show tonight at 7:30pm – Carnival theme
 - ii. Retaining good members and good attendance at meetings with good ideas
 - iii. Elections for next year’s eboard happening soon

- III. Approaching events – Spring 2015
 - a. Queer Cultural Series
 - i. Speaker: Rob Smith – 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 (see attached)
 - c. PRIDE Week – April 6-10, 2015
 - i. LGBT* service day – community center for service in local areas focusing on LGBT* youth
 - d. Rainbow Celebration of Excellence – Monday, April 27, 2015 in the Fern Young Terrace from 4:30-6pm

- IV. Discussion: Additions to Safe Zone to help faculty/staff apply knowledge
 - a. Committee discussed several handouts and provided feedback on how to reach out to more faculty and staff about LGBT* resources for their students
 - b. Where to find information and where to send others inquiring about LGBT* resources and information
 - c. Update some of the resources
 - d. Suggestion to provide outreach to surrounding area local high schools
 - e. Need to know how to recognize what abuses need to be reported and how to properly file reports

- V. LGBT* Fundraising Gala (Sean Van Aacken)
 - a. Formal attire event to be held sometime in Fall 2015
 - b. Goal to raise \$30,000 to help LGBT* homeless youth in the Janesville and Whitewater area
 - c. Establish a scholarship to have it as an annual event
 - d. Next meeting is Thursday, March 19 at 3pm for anyone interested in attending

- VI. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Thursday, April 9 at 9:00am in UC 261
 - b. Thursday, May 14 at 9:00am in UC 261 (do we want to meet Final Exam week of the week before?)