

**Chancellor's Committee for LGBT\* Issues**  
**February 2, 2017**  
**9-10am, UC 261**

**Present: Stephanie Selvick, Shawn Werner, Terry Tumbarello, Dan Colleran, Han, Ngo, Robin Fox, Britta, Svboda, Valerie Vargas, Megan Tickner, AJ Pape, Kate Braman (minutes)**

**I. Announcements**

- a. Robin introduced Ceilia and Rebecca visiting from Sweden
- b. Britta Svboda introduced Senta Hall from Admissions
- c. Shawn Werner announced the Gay Men's Chorus will be on campus October 16-20, 2017 as the main component to the diversity forum, hosting various activities throughout the week, all culminating with the It Gets Better Project performance on October 19<sup>th</sup> in the Young Auditorium
- d. Boxes and Walls will be moving to avoid conflict with the diversity forum – dates will be announced later
- e. Discussed the impact of the Affordable Healthcare Act repeal impact not covering employees for gender reaffirming, but (in some instances) students are still protected. See attachment.
- f. Be mindful of the LGBT community as the President issues an executive order (expected today) about Religious Freedom, which would allow for discrimination against the LGBT community for religious reasons
- g. Paige Reed and a graduate student drafted a sample Preferred Name Option Policy over winter break
  - i. Committee discussed policy with a few suggestions, changes, and clarifications
  - ii. Stephanie attended Preferred Name Option meeting in December – expected to be implemented by Fall 2017
  - iii. Preferred Name Option Committee will be meeting again next week – updates will be announced at our next meeting

**II. Safe Zone Training Update**

- a. Meg and Sam are facilitating the Safe Zone Train-the-Trainer today
- b. 22 people are signed up for the Safe Zone Trainer session
- c. 3 open spots for a few others to fill who want to attend; Stephanie will reach out to the wait list
- d. Safe Zone Training Team will be available for training sessions after this week
  - i. Some groups have already requested sessions
  - ii. Team may even hold an open training date (preferably on Fridays) for drop-ins to attend sessions

### **III. Goals for the semester/top LGBT campus priorities**

- a.** AJ mentioned starting an LGBT Learning Community
  - i.** If students want it, make it happen
  - ii.** Possibility for students of all years to join
  - iii.** Possible name: IMPACT Learning Community
  - iv.** Stephanie will teach an Intro to LGBTQ Studies course every Fall semester that can serve as one academic tie-in. Discussion about a second course...
  - v.** 8-24 people are needed for a successful community
  - vi.** Contact the Learning Community Office to get the community started
- b.** Pride Center students are putting together an educational video on gender neutral pronouns
- c.** Megan suggested more colleges and departments make handmade posters to help let students know they are safe and welcome (especially majors not typically accepting of the LGBT community)

### **IV. Upcoming Events**

- a.** Zohra Sarwari "No I'm Not a Terrorist" – Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 3:30pm in the Summer's Auditorium
- b.** Rainbow Celebration of Excellence – award ceremony to be held on Wednesday, April 26 in the Fern Young Terrace – sending out nomination application soon
- c.** Pride Campus Index
  - i.** Survey evaluation of campus climate for LGBT\*-inclusive policies, programs and practices – looks at strengths and weaknesses of a campus outreach and safety for LGBT\* community
  - ii.** Stephanie will contact the appropriate person about implementing survey on Whitewater's campus this spring

### **V. Spring Meeting dates: 9-10am in UC 261**

- a.** Thursday, March 2
- b.** Thursday, April 6
- c.** Thursday, May 4