

Summary of CLGBTE Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2006

OLD BUSINESS

- Billie Willits responded to the commission's letter regarding the lack of visibility associated with the University's domestic partner benefits. Salient points include the following:
 - Presentation materials were updated to include mention of domestic partner benefits
 - The online enrollment process has been updated to include the benefits as well, and the policy information online will be reviewed again to ensure that domestic partners are noted whenever spouses are noted
 - Information about the benefit will be added to the commission's site and will mirror information also located on the OHR site
 - HR representatives at each campus are aware of the benefits
 - The commission suggested that HR representatives be encouraged to join the LGBT Support Network and will be invited to do so
- The "Out for a Change" educational program on diversity in Intercollegiate Athletics has been scheduled for February 16th. Planning for advertising and refreshments are ongoing. The CFW and CORED are considering sponsoring similar programs on diversity issues in Intercollegiate Athletics as follow-ups

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

- The Board of Trustees Breakfast (January 20, 2006) went well, with representatives from CLGBTE, CORED, CFW, and the Commission for Adult Learners in attendance
- A letter has been drafted to President Spanier regarding the proposed change to the non-discrimination statement and the student code of conduct. Additional discussions will be held with representatives from Student Affairs, Judicial Affairs, and Residence Life
- The commission will help to fund the One in Ten Film Festival being organized by the Coalition of LGBTA Graduate Students
- The Letter to the Renaissance Fund regarding their awards selection process is currently being revised for later distribution
- The chairs are currently working to ensure that diversity be considered in the University's Alumni Awards process

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ALLIES/Undertones USG/ Coalition of LGBT Graduate Students**
 - Planning for a Valentine's Day fundraiser
 - Coordinating s screening of the movie *Brokeback Mountain* for Who's Positive
- **LGBTA SRC**
 - The student leadership retreat was held
 - Speaker events are being planned, many surrounding issues in Intercollegiate Athletics

- **Student Concerns**
 - Coordinating a Pride Alliance meeting in conjunction with the February Student Concerns meeting
- **Curricular Integration**
 - Updating and expanding the list of LGBT relevant courses to include courses at non-UP campuses
 - Preparing to distribute a letter thanking faculty members for developing LGBT-focused courses in early February
 - Considering the development of web-based resources for the incorporation of LGBT issues into classes
 - Working to develop an Excellence in Curricular Integration Award
- **Employee Concerns**
 - Developing an ANGEL resource of LGBT-friendly professional services, resources, and other types of community information
 - Planning two events to support the celebration of the commission's 15th anniversary
- **Joint Chairs**
 - Working to strengthen supervisor support for commission membership
- **Network**
 - Preparing campaign to solicit new members
 - Planning the next movie screening
- **Nominating**
 - Soliciting new Commission members and preparing for application review process.
- **Transgender Issues Task Force**
 - Planning an educational program to educate commission members on transgender issues
 - Developing a survey to assess educational needs in this area

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning for Thursday, February 23, 2006 Student Issues Meeting
- Planning for Tuesday, March 28 away meeting at Penn State Dickinson School of Law
- Planning for Lavender Graduation and Awards Reception and awards nomination process
- Planning for commission's 15th anniversary events

For complete minutes of this meeting, contact Victoria Sanchez, Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity's liaison to the commission <vsanchez@psu.edu>.