

Summary of CLGBTE Meeting, December 20, 2005

OLD BUSINESS

A program is being planned that focuses on gender issues in sports featuring Bob Drago and Sue Rankin and a short film.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

The commission's position statement regarding the allegations against Rene Portland has been distributed via listservs and posted on the commission Web site.

A letter is being sent to Billie Willits regarding the lack of visibility of domestic partner benefits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ALLIES/Undertones USG/ Coalition of LGBT Graduate Students**
 - Planning is going well for the film festival and a proposal for commission funding will be submitted soon.
- **LGBT SRC**
 - Planning for Pride Week in April.
 - Leadership retreat will be held January 20-21.
 - Twenty-five students are enrolled in the Straight Talks class for spring.
 - Planning for the Lavender Graduation and Awards Reception is going well.
- **Communications and OUTreach**
 - Focusing on revision of the commission brochure text.
- **Curricular Integration:**
 - Updating/expanding the list of LGBT relevant courses to include non-UP courses and working to make the list easily accessible.
 - Exploring how to provide LGBT information and resources for instructors of first year seminar courses.
- **Employee Concerns:**
 - Working to establish an ANGEL site as a resource for the professional association and is hoping to sponsor an event in conjunction with local groups in January.
 - Considering commemoration of the CLGBTE's fifteenth anniversary and asks for the collaboration of the other committees.
- **Joint Chairs:**
 - Discussed addressing the issue of supervisor support through language in the appointment letters.
 - Follow-up on the childcare issue discussed
 - Establishing liaisons with the University Faculty Senate a priority.
- **Network:**

- Training program was successful and the committee is planning to hold one training workshop per semester, including the possibility of conducting workshops at campuses other than University Park.
- Compiling a list of administrators to invite to apply for membership.
- Next film will be held on January 25.
- Nine new members were approved.
- **Nominating:**
 - Recommended following up with the Joint Commissions Committee to develop a newswire article about the commissions in conjunction with the call for nominations.
- **Transgender Issues Task Force:**
 - Discussed pursuing educational programming starting with the CLGBTE and expanding to the University community.
 - Brainstorming questions for a pre-assessment to determine knowledge levels and where to start with educational efforts.
 - Discussed approaches to adding gender identity to the nondiscrimination statement and the student code of conduct. Drafting the proposal to the President.
 - Affirmative Action is fully supportive of the proposed change. Suzanne Adair, training specialist in the AAO, will participate in the task force. AAO offers workshops, through HRDC and by request, that include sexual orientation and gender identity issues.

Upcoming meetings:

- Friday, January 20, 2006, 7:30 a.m. representatives from CLGBTE, CORED, CFW, and the Commission for Adult Learners will participate in a breakfast discussion with the Board of Trustees.
- Thursday, February 23, 2006, 4:00-6:00 p.m. 129 A/B HUB-Robeson Center, CLGBTE student issues meeting with representatives of student organizations, interested students, and Vicky Triponey, Vice President for Student Affairs. This meeting is co-sponsored by the LGBTTA SRC.

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>.