

*Commission for LGBT People*

4/6/15

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- I. March minutes approved
- II. Co-Chairs elected: Libby Anderson, Wellness Coordinator, Center for Health Education and Wellness, & Tamara Griffin, Notetaker Coordinator, Office of Disability Services
  - a. About Libby:
    - i. *Libby Anderson is a Wellness Coordinator for the Center for Health Education and Wellness. As Wellness Coordinator, Libby oversees the VOLS 2 VOLS Peer Health Education program, the Volunteers Speak UP! Initiative, and the development of campus-wide sexual health programming. Libby spoke to the Commission at the March meeting about CHEW's new initiatives.*
  - b. About Tamara:
    - i. *Tamara M. Griffin joined the UT family in 2012 and currently serves as the Note Taker Coordinator in the Office of Disability Services. In this capacity, she is responsible for the coordination of note taking accommodations and the management of approximately 200 note takers hired to provide the accommodation. Tamara is honored to be elected by her peers to serve as co-chair for the LGBT People Commission. As an advocate for social justice, she wants to lend her voice to advance UT's efforts to make UT a safe, welcoming, and supportive campus for LGBTQ students, faculty, and staff.*
- III. SEAT
  - a. Sex Week: April 6 – April 10
  - b. Follow-up with SEAT at [sexweekut@gmail.com](mailto:sexweekut@gmail.com) if you have feedback.
- IV. Membership and Awards
  - a. Please use the form at <http://cflgbt.utk.edu/members/> if you would like to be a member of next year's Commission.
- V. Equity and Issues
  - a. Over 100 instances of gendered language in Hilltopics
  - b. Allison Heming provided revisions to gender-neutral language and it will be updated.
- VI. Communications
  - a. InQUEERies hosted “Navigating the Workplace: LGBTQ Professional Career Panel” on March 11, 2015, with a panel with careers in science, engineering, law, communications, and the helping professions.
- VII. Updates

- a. VolOUT
  - i. Drag Show as a part of Sex Week on April 10
  - ii. Officer elections for the upcoming year
- b. OUTreach
  - i. QPR Suicide Prevention training on April 6
  - ii. Five Year Anniversary Celebration on April 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Melrose Courtyard
  - iii. Lavender Graduation on April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Black Cultural Center, featuring Ed Patterson (Communications, 1989) as keynote speaker, as the first \$5,000 donor to the OUTreach Center
- c. OUTstanding
  - i. Keynote speaker planned: Janet Mock, author and transgender rights activist
  - ii. Goal of involving some attorneys from *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the SCOTUS same-sex marriage case, such as Regina Lambert, adjunct professor at the UT College of Law, and Abby Rubenfeld, Nashville civil rights attorney
- d. Mentoring
  - i. Contact Kirsten Pitcock at [kpitcock@utk.edu](mailto:kpitcock@utk.edu) if you have any ideas on how to promote the program to students for the upcoming year.
- e. Lambda Law
  - i. April 13: Freedom to Marry Town Hall with the Campaign for Southern Equality, and Tennessee Equality Project
- f. CFW
  - i. Women Artists at UT: Wednesday, March 25, featuring the painting, printmaking, and film works of four students in the College of Art, focusing on gender norms and the body
  - ii. First Annual Women in STEM Symposium: Saturday, April 18, in the UC, from 8-5:30, including poster sessions, a STEM faculty and staff panel, and plenary speaker, Dr. Claudia Rawn, Director for the UT Center for Materials Processing
- g. CFB
  - i. Final Trailblazer event of the year with Mark Dean, Distinguished Professor of Engineering, on April 7
- h. Campus Community
  - i. Office of Disability Services has a new home in Dunford Hall with gender-inclusive restrooms