



Commission for LGBT People  
August 24, 2015 (in lieu of September meeting)

- I. Call to order
- II. April minutes approved
- III. Co-Chair nominated and elected
  - a. Michael Porter (class of 2014), former President of Lambda Student Union, current undergraduate admissions counselor, presents at national conferences on LGBTQ+ undergraduate student issues.
- IV. Committees
  - a. Membership and Awards: spring duties, Chancellor's award and expanding membership
  - b. Equity and Issues: by-law revision
  - c. Communications and Alumni: LGBTQ+ Alumni Council and Welcome Back Reception, other upcoming events
- V. Updates
  - a. Upcoming event: Welcome Back Reception, 5-7 p.m. in the Mary Greer Room, September 24
  - b. Pride Center Updates
    - i. Formerly the LGBTQ+ OUTreach Center
    - ii. Welcome Back Open House had around 150 attendees
    - iii. New Graduate Assistant, Kristen Godfrey
  - c. Safe Zone
    - i. Now managed by the Pride Center
    - ii. Curriculum and course has been revised and is recruiting new trainers
      1. Train the Trainer session on Saturday, August 29
    - iii. Third Monday of each month: ongoing ally discussion group of individuals trained in the Safe Zone Program
    - iv. Emphasis on continuing education after Safe Zone training with a newsletter, email signature, buttons and stickers
    - v. Why? UT is the 5th "most LGBT unfriendly campus" in the nation, as ranked by the *Princeton Review*
  - d. OUTstanding: October 24
    - i. "LGBTQ+ Self-Revelations"
    - ii. Keynote speaker is Janet Mock
    - iii. Hosted by the Knoxville Convention Center
    - iv. Contact at [outstandingseminar@gmail.com](mailto:outstandingseminar@gmail.com)
  - e. LGBTQ Mentoring Program
    - i. Goals: differentiate from other diversity and inclusion mentoring programs, expand advertising

- f. Commission for Women
  - i. Active year planned with programming, coordinating with student groups
  - ii. Upcoming Sexual Empowerment & Awareness at Tennessee (SEAT) Red Zone events, September 1-4
  
- VI. Future topics
  - a. Same-sex marriage and implementation
    - i. Update from HR on same-sex spouse benefit enrollment
  - b. Gender-neutral restrooms
    - i. Update from Dave Irvin and Facilities Services
  - c. SEAT & Sex Week
    - i. Funding goals