

## Commission for LGBT People

### *Meeting Minutes*

April 2, 2018

Attendance: Tatiana Messersmith, Jordan Smith, Jennifer Jabson, Bonnie Benson-Palmgren, Bonnie Johnson, James Perlow, Matthew Theriot, Cody Harrison, Eric Carr, Diane Goble, Mary Virginia Ireland

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Updates from co-chair Jennifer Jabson
  - a. The LGBT Health Equity Symposium will be held on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Speakers and panelist are confirmed, and 110 people have registered.
    - i. Volunteers can email Jennifer for clean-up.
    - ii. They may possibly provide Facebook Live feed of the event.
    - iii. There will be 12 poster presentations.
    - iv. Thank you to the Commission for donating \$150 to support the symposium.
  - b. We will elect new co-chairs during the May meeting.
- IV. Updates from Committees
  - a. Equity and Climate: No updates to report.
  - b. Communications and Alumni: They are hosting a LGBT Faculty and Staff Social on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Sunspot.
  - c. Membership and Awards: Awards were selected and will be announced at the Chancellor's Honors Banquet in the coming weeks. The LGBT database has been beta tested and will be sent to the Commission to receive submissions, then it will be sent to the campus community for submissions; the database will be password protected. The committee is also still looking for co-chairs for next year.
  - d. Trans and Non-Binary: Nancy has created an Excel spreadsheet of gender neutral restrooms, and a few places are still outstanding. A member noted the TRECS has gender inclusive signage, and the Ceramics building is hard to get into. The committee will submit a map to the Chancellor in May with the recommendations for all new buildings to have a gender-neutral restroom with a particular placard. A summary will be accompanied for her.
- V. Other Group Updates
  - a. Commission for Blacks: The CFB expressed interest in a climate survey similar to what the CFLGBT did in the fall during their last meeting. They will be holding elections soon.
  - b. SGA/GSS: No updates.
  - c. OUTgrads: No updates.
  - d. Pride Center: They will be hosting a film screening of *Pride*, a film about LGBT labor, in collaboration with UCW and YDS on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm. They

also are hosting free HIV testing from 10:30 - 2 pm on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Lavender Graduation will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> in Stokley MPR (119), and the Chancellor is attending.

VI. Other Updates

- a. Question: How does the Commission select the “issues” faced each year?
  - i. Jennifer Jabson discussed the surveying process at the beginning of the academic year that inquires about issues to be addressed, goals for the year, etc.
    1. James, a Pride Ambassador, expressed they are interested in Lavender LLC aimed at LGBTQ students and allies - leadership components, WGS Department; exploring a Gender Neutral Inclusive Housing component and an opted-in option and more inclusive for non-binary students. They met with Housing about accommodations for trans/non-binary accommodations, and there is hesitation with a public option. So, the LLC may be a great start to creating gender inclusive housing. They noted seeking out peer institutions who have the LLC offering may be helpful in pushing forward. Data that shows retention numbers would be helpful as well.

VII. Adjourn