The Chancellor’s Commission for LGBT People

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2021

Attendance: Dr. Mitsunori Misawa, Addie Welch, Tom Cervone, Jeremy Gilbert, Laura Bryant, Kristen Gonzalez, Ronda Wright, Jill Malolepszy, Tyler Lewelling, Will Martinez, Stephanie Langley, Casey Darby, Matt Blaylock, Christa Gloster, Tammy Renalds, Corinne Tandy, Joseph Winberry, Jeremy Mobley, Kristen Wyckoff, Judi Gibbons, Sarah Browning, Diane Kelley, Kristen Gonzalez, Skye Lee, Merrill Walker, Kelley Kain, Janelle Coleman, Jordan Murphy, Kristen Desselle, Yasja Hemmings, Lori Smith, Rachel Carretta, Kim McCullock

I. Introduction
   A. Dr. Misawa welcomed Commission members to the meeting. Dr. Misawa split the Commission members into breakout rooms to discuss personal wellness and self care strategies.

II. Approval of Minutes
   A. Meeting minutes were approved from the March 1st meeting.

III. Updates from the Chair
   A. Collaborations with Other Commissions
      1. Dr. Misawa discussed several ongoing and upcoming Commission initiatives and workshops. The Commission supported the Pride Center’s Transgender Day of Visibility even with torrin a. greathouse with much success. Dr. Misawa talked about several commission-sponsored professional development workshops through TLI including two upcoming workshops about academic bullying and trauma-based pedagogy for sexual assault survivors on April 6th and 13th.
   B. Upcoming Initiatives
      1. Dr. Misawa highlighted several upcoming initiatives that he has been a part of as Commission Chair. He's been involved in the creation process of a faculty mentoring taskforce and a LGBTQ+ reading group for faculty and graduate students. He also shared that he has been asked to participate in discussions about improving inclusivity in hiring practices for the University and hopes that updated materials will be available by the fall semester.

IV. Subcommittee Updates
   A. Communications and Alumni
1. Tyler Lewelling updated that the subcommittee has sent out an email to members to collect resources for the website and that they are still in need for transgender/non-binary resources to add.

B. Equity and Climate
   1. No updates at this time from Commission

C. Dr. Coleman updated the group about the timeline of the Campus Climate survey that the survey will now take place in the fall semester. She touched on the AAPI resources on the Division for Diversity and Engagement website and the process for hiring a full-time Coordinator who will assist all the Commissions has begun.

D. Bonnie Johnson updated the group that herself and others have met with the Campus Pride Index and that the university’s information will continue to be updated in the Campus Pride Index.

E. Membership and Awards
   1. Stephanie Langley updated that the winners for the Chancellor’s Honors Awards have been notified and are in the process of notifying nominees.

F. Transgender and Non-Binary Issues
   1. The group is still working towards a proposal for LLC. Christa hosted a student focus group gathering feedback. We should submit an application before the next Commission meeting.

V. Membership AY 20/21
   A. Dr. Misawa informed that all Commission members will need to reapply to be a part of the Commission. Other Commissions are wanting to centralize the process with a standardized application. Stephanie Langley went into more detail about the previous application cycles and Dr. Coleman gave more details about the proposed centralized Commission application. This shared application will be online and applicants can list their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Commission placement choices.

VI. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3rd at noon.