

October 17, 2006 Minutes

1. Attendance/Welcome

Lex Ruby Howe – Lambda Alliance
Jon Kiman – Lambda Alliance
Ben Linder – Lambda Alliance
Cliff Jones – Lambda Alliance
Kevin Rurak – Lambda Alliance
Ninah Harris, LGBT Center
Bob Schoenberg – LGBT Center
David Wolf, Allies
Brittany Binler, PATH
Keandra Dodds, QPOC
Yana Sigel, J-Bagl
Billy Hanafee – QSA
Rachel Tran – QCF
Dave Sherin – Wharton Alliance
Brett Thalmann

2. Old Business

- Sapphire Fund (Kiman)
 - Will hear back November 10th
 - Applied for \$14,900 to host a leadership series and mentorship program
- NCOD Collaboration Recap (Cliff)
 - Kiman: Planning should be further in advance and more formal structure (i.e. chairs, point person)
 - Billy: Collaboration was relatively limited, but effective. Improve by holding groups accountable for responsibilities
 - Brett: Groups should disseminate information to their listservs more expeditiously
- Newsletter (Ben)
 - Aggregated all lists – 930 members
 - Individual groups should send a few lines each Sunday by mid-day for inclusion
 - First newsletter the Sunday after break

3. Advocacy priorities (Lex)

- List of Priorities (Lex)
 - Rankings:
 1. Academics
 - Queer studies, benefits for LGBT staff and partners, attract

LGBT faculty

-Academic and Related Affairs committee seat

2. Recruitment/Form Reform

-More difficult

-UA/NEC proposal on demographics

-survey that doesn't invade privacy

-find out voting demographics from queer community

-Change forms to tally data on queer students

-Help with recruitment of LGBT students to univ.

-Billy: find out strategy admissions use for other minorities to learn what we are missing out on

-Keandra: Wording on forms is an issue; Requesting sexual minorities to be included in multicultural weekend?

-Lex: NEC asked about how to include sexuality. Options for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, other, heterosexual (all optional)

-Lex: Questionable inclusion in minority community

-Dave: Certain grad schools have specific minority weekends

-Billy: Think about recruitment prior to focusing on weekend

3. Safe Zone/PATH

-Lambda board met with PATH

-PATH looking to do diversity training with players and coaches

-bring to UC as diversity training including LGBT issues, to administrators and down

-mandatory for all varsity teams – non-varsity through Penn Rec

-borrow DART's model and justification

-Billy: More of a UA steering issue; should include other groups, like UMC and Prism

-Keandra: Trying to get support from Student Athletic Council

-Cliff: UMC and Prism already on UC

-Billy: Should be a lateral proposal to advocate effectively

4. Gender Identification

5. HIV/AIDS

6. Military

7. Red Cross

-LGBT SAC Exec (Lex)

-Upcoming elections for SAC exec.

-All SAC funded group members eligible

-Helpful to get LGBT student on board

-University Council Meeting (Lex)

-UC Council meeting Wednesday, October 18th from 4pm-6pm,

Bodek Lounge

-35K meeting (Cliff)

- \$35,000 annually
- Fund given to all minority coalitions, including grad groups
- 5 minority coalitions will meet to go over proposals to use funds and subsequently allocate
- Open for grad groups to apply for, but they seem to want less active role in facilitating
- Lambda's view
 - Give funds to both big and small funds
 - Groups from different communities should work together
 - Across minorities or undergrad w/grad
 - Increased communication and get members involved
 - Leadership retreat across groups at beginning of year
 - Proposals before specific deadline to allocate funds
- Billy: How does money work?
 - Undergraduate and graduate groups come together and then allocate for collaborative events
 - Can we use for QPenn?
 - Can use to fund collaborative events within QPenn
 - Difficult to project what events will be for year?
 - Can apply each semester, so will need to know at beginning of each semester. Deadlines can be changed later if needed

4. New Business

-Leadership Retreat (Kevin)

- Previously scheduled retreat changed to November 4 – 12-3pm
- Another round of invitations will be sent out tomorrow
- Held at LGBT Center
- Facilitator – Elise Betz
- Topic will be the same

-QPenn Planning (Kevin)

- Oct 26, 2006 5:30-6:30pm
 - Initial meeting to start thinking about theme, keynote speaker, generate interest, and set dates
- Positions – will be chosen in following weeks
 - Chairs (x2 or more...)
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Supplement Editors (x2)

5. Open Forum

Bob: Passes to see Running with Scissors on October 26, 2006 at 7:30pm

Ninah: 2-week symposium for MLK in January, starting on MLK Day with day of service

-Consider contribute with your groups (i.e. organize a service project)

Bob: Out 4 Biz and Wharton Alliance co-sponsoring event tomorrow – Olivia cruises and lifestyle – CEO is Penn gay alum

-High-end raffle for ~\$3,000 cruise

Bob: East coast swing IQ3 dance series beginning tomorrow evening

-3rd Wednesday of every month

Keandra: QPOC meeting, topic is interracial dating, 7:30pm

Ninah: Gay and Lesbian History Month added for Philadelphia schools

-backlash, showing ignorance

-meeting tomorrow afternoon to show support