

October 3, 2006 Minutes

1. Attendance/Welcome

Lex, Political Chair, Lambda Alliance
Billy Hanafée - QSA
Jon Kiman – Lambda Alliance
Ben Linder – Lambda Alliance
Jennifer Kaminski - LGBT Center
Yana Sigel - J-Bagel
Ninah Harris – LGBT Center
Bob Schoenberg – LGBT Center
Keandra Dodds - QPOC
Brittany Bliner - PAATH
Malek Lewis – DLP
Dave Sherin – Wharton Alliance
Sheyla Medina, ALLIES

2. Announcements

a. New GB meeting dates

- Add Oct 17 as GB meeting; 5:30-7pm LGBT center

a. UC Seat Announcement

- Lex: Applied and got Academic Affairs Committee

b. Leadership Retreat

- Kevin: 12:00pm-3:00pm in Harrison Rooftop Lounge
- Waiting to hear from facilitator
- All LGBT leaders as well as some other people in LGBT community invited
- RSVP via EVite
- Committee to be developed for next

3. Listserv

a. Collection of Listserv

-Ben: Have yet to receive certain Listservs
-Will contact Fran Walker to see if easy way of transferring e-mails from UNIX
-Send as soon as possible

b. Newsletter Policy

- Ben: Submissions due Sundays at noon; Sent out weekly Sunday evenings
- Submit all events, keep brief
- Lex: Sent opt-out e-mail to group if have not done so already

4. UC Advocacy Agenda

- Cliff: Past issues: gender-neutral housing, restrooms (when QSA had UC seat)
 - Issues:
 - Academics
 - Gender and sexuality studies
 - Increased number of out faculty; courses with LGBT content (Bob)
 - Safe Zone training for coaches, one member per team (Bittany)
 - Lex: Expand training to faculty and staff, notices on door
 - Bolster efforts of athletic goals by focusing on wider use of Safe Zones
 - Keandra: Would like additional meeting later
 - Gender Identity
 - Transgendered Issues (Malek)
 - Ninah: No definitely policy in place
 - Practice = Policy
 - Red Cross Policy (Ninah)
 - Cornell has addressed
 - HIV/AIDS testing on campus (Dave)
 - Anonymity/confidentiality
 - Yana: Student Health offering every Friday
 - Bob: Confidentiality requires giving name; Anonymity, no name
 - Jon: List of available testing sites will be on Lambda site
 - Military Recruitment (Bob)
 - Inclusion of LGBT students in minority recruitment (Lex)
 - Lex: Demographic study – people have given mixed reactions
 - Ninah: Offer option for questioning students
 - Dave: People comfortable enough to let questioning be known would express in alternate outlet as far as Penn app.
 - Lex: Increase in freshman coming to Center- app. option will make students more comfortable
 - Bob: 2 full-time people working to recruit persons of color, no materials working to recruit sexual minorities
- Gender and sexuality studies, safe zone expansion, ender identity, red cross, military recruitment, LGBT students in minority recruitment, HIV/AIDS testing – options to be sent out to boards to be voted on; choose top 3

5. NCOD Collaboration – 10/11/06

- a. List of events – Several events – see Google calendar
 - Events between 10/7-10/18
- b. Flyers
 - Hang up by this weekend
- c. Hand-holding QSA
 - Billy: Table outside from 11am-3pm – giving out QSA t-shirts
 - Working on flyer for heterosexism campaign
 - 12pm – handholding walk from Au Bon Pain to “Love” Statue
 - DP Reporter
 - Wear pink

6. Sapphire Fund Committee

- Jon: Challenge is applying via LGBT Center – need to be non-profit
- Funds can trickle down to other groups
- Grant application due October 20th
- Bob: Asked Jen to get involved
- “Today’s LGBT students are tomorrow’s LGBT leaders” – aim of grant
- Funding possibly from Delaware Valley Legacy Fund – can’t apply to both organizations for same purpose
- Will receive response by November 10th – can send application from Sapphire to DBLF if rejected
- To meet next week
- Cliff: Sign up if interested

7. Open Forum

- First Wharton Alliance GB meeting Tomorrow (10/4)
 - 6:30pm JMHH; discuss advocacy and Lambda
- ALLIES: Laramie Project screening; 6pm before meeting
- Keandra: Are You Man Enough? – Gender and Sexuality in the hip hop community
- Ninah: Send reps. to DART Meetings
- Keandra: Leadership retreat – contact Race Dialogue Project – when dealing with leadership, important to be able to lead people of different classes, races