

## **November 28, 2006 – Lambda Alliance General Body Meeting MINUTES**

### **Welcome / Attendance:**

JBagel, Path, QSA, QCF, Allies, QPOC, Wharton Alliance

### **Old Business**

**PATH Update** – moving forward with initiative, no specific date to start training

#### **QPenn Update – Billy**

##### *Board Composition*

- Kellyn and Billy were elected as Co-Chairs
- Finance chair – Denny
- Speaker chair – Alexis
- Supplement Editor – Britney

- Board has met to create a timeline and strategic course of action moving forward.
- Wanted constituent groups or individuals to be organizing events: supplying funding, location, content, speaker, etc....being brainstorming ideas
- This Thursday @ 6pm, voting on theme for the week
- By January, want finalized event dates and times, from March 21<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
- Still looking for additional supplement editor, t.b.d. next planning meeting
- Kevin: Finance chair is meant to help secure funding, mentioned the 35k

#### **World Aids Day Collaboration - Kevin**

- passed out list of various events taking place over the week
- sending out finalized list of events
- Lambda Grads cancelled event for this Friday

#### **Mental Health Update - Lex**

- report from meeting with CAPS, discussion on improving services to the LGBT community
- discussion with Marlene Rosenstein regarding questioning students, existing workshops, support groups, and forums for discussion
- how to reduce the stigma regarding mental health issues

#### **Academics Update - Cliff**

- Meeting with associate provost of academic affairs with other minority coalition leaders
- Perception not to push too strongly regarding LGBT issues – specifically, forming a new major (gender and sexuality studies)
- Set action-oriented goals
- Rob Nelson, assistant to associate provost potentially helpful insider
- Lex: Meeting more education for associate provost
- getting administrators up to speed on current minority issues

### **All Minority Leadership Retreat – Cliff**

- use of 35k funds
- use retreat for network to encourage future collaboration amongst groups
- one day, six hour retreat
- tentative date: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- only leaders will be invited, requirements for invitation t.b.d.
- Two weeks after the retreat, application deadline for funding...any money not distributed within this first round will be granted on a rolling basis
- application form put together by committee to request funds
- expected attendance – between 60 and 70 people
- application must reflect interaction between two minority communities

## **New Business**

### **Upcoming Elections/ Turnover – Cliff**

- handout descriptions of Lambda Alliance positions
- encourage dec/jan elections
- Lambda Alliance elections scheduled for mid-January
- Chair of Lambda Alliance, cannot hold top position in a constituent group
- Chairs may not spend a semester abroad
- restrictions to freshman applicants for certain chair positions

### *Constituent Groups*

- JBagel: t.b.d.
  - QPOC: board staying
  - Allies: elections next month on the 4<sup>th</sup>, prospects in place
  - QCF: Board just changovered
  - Wharton Alliance – meeting this Sunday to discuss change over
  - QSA: Elections this Thursday at 7pm
- Cliff: Lambda Alliance board can help with placement of new board members

### **Open Forum**

- JBagel – Dairy dinner, this Friday at 6pm
- Allies coffee house on Wed.
- Bob: Looking for other sources of funding, since Sapphire Fund rejected us. Some obstacles exist regarding our affiliation with the University. Committee should reconvene to rework grant application to send elsewhere, to other foundations, corporations, etc.
- LGBT center not having extended hours during finals and reading days
- looking for new work study student for the following semester