

Bloomsburg University Commission for Gender and Sexuality

Meeting Minutes

General meeting, Wednesday, September 22nd at 2:00 pm, via Zoom.

Members Present: Rona Anderson, James Black, Beth Brennan, Jessy Defenderfer, Andy Dunlap, Asa Kelley, Peter Kelly, Dave Kube, Julia Leighow, Damien Marken, James McCormack, Dan McCurry, Mike McFarland, Gretchen Osterman, John Polhill, Whitney Robenolt, Brad Swenson, Carolyn Taggart, Mark Usry

Called to order by Jessy at 2:02 pm.

I. Introductions

II. Executive Officer's Reports:

- a. Secretary (Kelley)
 - i. No report.
- b. Chairperson (Defenderfer)
 - i. New opportunity to work with Student Veteran Association.
- c. Vice Chair (Kube)
 - i. No report.
- d. Treasurer (Brennan)
 - i. LGBTQA Resource Center 1011040702 \$
 - ii. LGBTQA Conference 1012130200 \$ 8,444.35
 - iii. LGBTQA Commission 1013010013 \$ 3,440.00
 - iv. LGBTQA Education Fund BUF #66487 \$ 27,139.93
 - v. LGBTQA Scholarship Award BUF #E5059 \$ 1,200
 - vi. Payne/Lyons Scholarship Award BUF #E5125 \$ 1,000

III. Committee Reports:

- a. Visibility Committee (Anderson)
 - i. Updated ally list is published to website.
 - ii. Carolyn and others will staff a booth at Outfest.
 - iii. Meeting scheduled for next week, contact Rona for details.
- b. Advocacy Committee (Vacant)
 - i. No report.
- c. Recruitment & Fundraising Committee (Osterman)
 - i. Reception scheduled for April 8, 2022.
 - ii. Distributed brochures and presentation to new faculty.
- d. Scholarship Committee (Marken)
 - i. Planning to take photos with last year's winners for promotional material.
 - ii. Anyone interested in volunteering on the committee should contact Damien.
- e. Mid-Atlantic LGBTQA Conference Committee (Black/Taggart)
 - i. Registration and CFP are open.
 - ii. Keynote Kena Gilmour
 - iii. Athletics and Protect Our Pack will be involved.
- f. Nomination Committee (Kelley)
 - i. Discussion regarding refilling the advocacy position or merging with Visibility.

IV. Auxiliary Organization Reports:

- a. LGBTQA Resource Center (Taggart)
 - i. Center has a GA this semester, planning to attend all BUEA meetings.
 - ii. Also in process of hiring students pending HR paperwork.
 - iii. Trainings are happening.
 - iv. Rainbow coffee social went well last month, next is on 9/27.
 - v. Looking for volunteers to join speak out panels.
 - vi. 10/11, mask tie-die for coming out day.
 - vii. Columbia-Montour Pride is Outfest this October 16. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/columbiamontourpride> for more information.
 - viii. Working with Title IX for self-defense programs.
 - ix. Trans clothing closet should have grand opening next month.
 - x. Hierarchy of resource center is changing soon.
 - xi. Campus pride index subscription is now part of resource center budget. Looking into athletic index.
- b. Equality Alliance (Taggart/Young/Black)
 - i. Meetings Tuesdays at 7. Topics for all semester have been set.
 - ii. Exec board is meeting after each general meeting to plan upcoming events.
 - iii. 30-35 students per meeting.
 - iv. Working to publicize events to keep interest.
 - v. Drag Show for November - the current Exec Board is looking to return to the 'old' format of having professional drag queens be part of the drag show, so that the entire show does not rest completely on students performing. They are all very excited for the possibility of the Mid-Atlantic LGBTQA Conference to be in-person again, and to plan for the Drag Show.
 - vi. Panel discussion on October 26 for Asexual awareness. Guest speaker from Pittsburg. Motion from Carolyn to sponsor in the amount of \$100. Seconded by Gretchen. Passed.
- c. President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion (Kelley/Taggart)
 - i. Meeting Friday.
- d. PASSHE LGBTQIA Consortium (Kelley/Taggart)
 - i. Working on meeting with vice chancellor.
 - ii. Discussion of impact of integration.

V. Old Business

- a. No items.

VI. New Business

- a. Request from Mark to support high school diversity conference in the amount of \$500 from the commission budget. Seconded by Damien. Passed.
- b. Working on design for new table cloths.

VII. Open Forum

- a. Discussion of Women's Resource Center.
- b. Looking for a volunteer to coordinate queer lunch.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.