

Bloomsburg University Commission for Gender and Sexuality

Meeting Minutes

General meeting, Wednesday, October 13th at 2:00 pm, via Zoom.

Members Present: Rona Anderson, James Black, Beth Brennan, Jessy Defenderfer, Asa Kelley, Dave Kube, Julia Leighow, Damien Marken, James McCormack, Gretchen Osterman, Diana Rogers-Adkinson, Carolyn Taggart, Mark Usry

Called to order by Jessy at 2:06 pm.

I. Introductions

II. Executive Officer's Reports:

a. Secretary (Kelley)

- i. No report.

b. Chairperson (Defenderfer)

- i. What are three most important things the commission does?
ii. Possible restructuring to discuss next meeting.

c. Vice Chair (Kube)

- i. No report.

d. Treasurer (Brennan)

i. LGBTQA Resource Center	1011040702	\$ 4,751.48
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	\$ 1,220
vi. Payne/Lyons Scholarship Award	BUF #E5125	\$ 1,000

III. Committee Reports:

a. Visibility Committee (Anderson)

- i. Carolyn and others will staff a booth at Out Fest.
ii. Planning 25th anniversary event.
iii. Planning participation in Tree Fest.
iv. Look for updates for other events.

b. Advocacy Committee (Vacant)

- i. No report.

c. Recruitment & Fundraising Committee (Osterman)

- i. Reception scheduled for April 8, 2022.

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. 2021 Conference Cancelled.
ii. Registration was low.
iii. Going to contact presenters to do presentations in another forum.
iv. Kena Gilmour may present for SANKOFA instead.
v. Mark suggests having administrators send personal invitations to some campuses.
vi. Damien suggests using some savings to get a big-name keynote for return in 2022.

- f. Nomination Committee (Kelley)
 - i. No report.
- IV. Auxiliary Organization Reports:
 - a. LGBTQA Resource Center (Taggart)
 - i. Carolyn is leaving for a position in Massachusetts.
 - ii. Resource center will remain open 10-4, M-F.
 - iii. Albert and Maddy (and possibly James) will continue to supervise GA and 4 student workers.
 - iv. Diana will investigate GA supervision requirements.
 - v. Discussion of position classification.
 - 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. Panel discussion on October 26 for Asexual awareness. Guest speaker from Pittsburg.
 - c. President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion (Kelley/Taggart)
 - i. Next meeting 10/27.
 - d. PASSHE LGBTQIA Consortium (Kelley/Taggart)
 - i. No report.
- V. Old Business
 - a. No items.
- VI. New Business
 - a. No items.
- VII. Upcoming Events
 - a. Columbia-Montour Pride is Outfest this October 16. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/columbiamontourpride> for more information. Contact Carolyn to volunteer.
 - b. Protect our Pack Pride Day at Soccer on October 23.
- VIII. Open Forum
 - a. Important things for the commission to do?
 - i. Community involvement
 - ii. Advocate for students
 - iii. Communicate to management
 - iv. Support Resource Center
 - v. Distribute information
 - vi. Social opportunities (build community and connections with faculty and staff)
 - vii. Educational opportunities
 - viii. Influence/write policy
 - ix. Connect with students, informal mentoring roles
 - x. Maintain awareness of the commitments the university has made to the community
 - xi. Host the conference (social and educational opportunity)
- IX. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.