



LGBTQA Commission

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

General meeting, Wednesday, September 30th at 1:00 pm, via Zoom.

Members Present: Rona Anderson, Beth Brennan, Jessy Defenderfer, Albra Heineman, Asa Kelley, George Long, Damien Marken, Mike McFarland, Gretchen Osterman, Whitney Robenolt, Brad Swenson, Carolyn Taggart, Mark Usry, Makayla White, Craig Young

Called to order by Mark at 1:00 pm.

- I. Introductions
- II. Executive Officer's Reports:
 - a. Secretary (Kelley)
 - i. No report.
 - b. Chairperson (Usry)
 - i. No report.
 - c. Vice Chair (Osterman)
 - i. No report.
 - d. Treasurer (Brennan)
 - i. LGBTQA Resource Center (DofS) 1011040702 \$ 4,525.00
 - ii. LGBTQA Conference 1012130200 \$ 13,944.35 (\$5,000 rollover, \$8,000 placeholder)
 - iii. LGBTQA Commission 1013010013 \$ 2,940.00
 - iv. LGBTQA Education Fund BUF #66487 \$ 26,409.00
 - v. LGBTQA Scholarship Award BUF #E5059 \$ 1,160.00
- III. Committee Reports:
 - a. Visibility Committee (Young)
 - i. Report on Survey of Activities for the Commission
 1. 16 responses
 2. Coffee/happy/lunch hour on Zoom are most popular
 - ii. What educational opportunities are there out in the community?
 1. Craig will explore when the world returns to 'normal'...
 - iii. Considering potential remote presentations for the fall.
 1. Developing intersectional speaker series.
 2. Motion by Gretchen, second by Carolyn to support Hayden Crystal presentation with up to \$1,000. Passed.
 - iv. Non-binary presentations were well attended, recordings are available.
 - i. Sunday, October 11, 2020 – National Coming Out Day/Week
 - ii. Monday, October 12, 2020, 12 or 6, tbd – Presentation by Lyosha Gorshkov
 - iii. Ally training, speak out panel, and other events for coming out week
 - iv. Friday, November 20, 2020 – Transgender Day of Remembrance
 - v. April 2021 – Day of Silence/Ally Week
 - b. Advocacy Committee (Marken)
 - i. Affirmed Gender policy has passed several committees and had a first reading at University Forum. Second reading scheduled for October 21.
 - ii. Town ordinance update.
 1. Presentation at committee went well
 2. Need to draft a letter from the organization and individuals to send to council.

- c. Recruitment & Fundraising Committee (Osterman)
 - i. LGBTQA Reception
 - 1. Event was successful.
 - a. 47 attendees, 26 no shows
 - b. \$4,175 registration fees and sponsorships
 - c. \$1,490 silent auction revenue
 - d. \$1,310 in additional gifts
 - e. \$2,879.32 expenses
 - f. \$4,095.68 net revenue
 - 2. <https://intranet.bloomu.edu/LGBTQA/Reception>
 - ii. Fall Social
 - 1. Gretchen working on concepts for Zoom and Socially Distanced events.
- d. Scholarship Committee (Defenderfer)
 - i. Jessy will contact recipients for photos to create a press release.
- e. Mid-Atlantic LGBTQA Conference Committee (Marken)
 - i. Presentation submissions are under review.
 - ii. November 6-8, 2020
 - iii. Keynote contract is completed.
 - iv. Curricular enhancement grant has been approved to cover keynote presentation.
- f. Nomination Committee (Kelley)
 - i. No updates.

IV. Auxiliary Organization Reports:

- a. LGBTQA Resource Center (Taggart)
 - i. What is needed to be listed LGBTQA friendly/recommended?
 - ii. Planning Tie Die Mask event
 - iii. New print materials will be available soon.
 - iv. Working on virtual programming for the semester.
- b. Equality Alliance (Taggart/Wheeler/Young)
 - i. Zoom transition is difficult.
 - ii. Leadership workshop at 9/29 meeting.
- c. President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion (Kelley/Taggart)
 - i. Final draft of Strategic Plan document will be distributed soon.
 - ii. Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion joined 9/25 meeting.
- d. PASSHE LGBTQIA Consortium (Kelley/Taggart)
 - i. No updates.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Open Forum

- a. No items.

VIII. Tabled until next meeting

- a. Seeking volunteers to help rework website content and create printed materials.
- b. Swag Bag suggestions and price per bag (Usry)
- c. Strategic Plan Task Force Report (Usry)

IX. Adjournment. Moved by Carolyn at 2:06.