

# Bloomsburg University Commission for Gender and Sexuality

## Meeting Minutes

General meeting, Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am, via Zoom.

Members Present: Rona Anderson, James Black, Rebecca Bourgault, Beth Brennan, Jessy Defenderfer, Albra Heineman, Asa Kelley, Dave Kube, Damien Marken, Dan McCurry, Gretchen Osterman, Whitney Robenolt, Mark Usry, Craig Young

Called to order by Mark at 10:33 am.

- I. Introductions
- II. Executive Officer's Reports:
  - a. Secretary (Kelley)
    - i. No report.
  - b. Chairperson (Usry)
    - i. Discussion of response to protestors. Drafting emergency policy to be released before the end of the semester.
  - c. Vice Chair (Osterman)
    - i. Chief Diversity Officer interviews are underway.
  - d. Treasurer (Brennan)
    - i. LGBTQA Resource Center (DofS) 1011040702 \$ 2,571.72
    - ii. LGBTQA Conference 1012130200 \$ 5,744.35
    - iii. LGBTQA Commission 1013010013 \$ 1,290.00
    - iv. LGBTQA Education Fund BUF #66487 \$ 26,571.93
    - v. LGBTQA Scholarship Award BUF #E5059 \$ 1,160.00
    - vi. Payne/Lyons Scholarship Award BUF #E5125 \$ 1,000.00
- III. Committee Reports:
  - a. Visibility Committee (Young)
    - i. Virtual Lavender graduation
      1. Saturday, May 8, 2021, 2 pm via Zoom
      2. 8 students registered so far.
    - ii. November 2021 – Transgender Day of Remembrance
    - iii. November 2021 – 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of faculty group
  - b. Advocacy Committee (Marken)
    - i. No report.
  - c. Recruitment & Fundraising Committee (Osterman)
    - i. Reception scheduled for April 8, 2022.
    - ii. Working on new brochures and faculty orientation agenda.
    - iii. Motion to move forward with lapel pin designs.
  - d. Scholarship Committee (Defenderfer)
    - i. Jessy, Damien, and Rona to review applications and meet to discuss on Tuesday.
    - ii. Planning to publish article and photos in the fall.
  - e. Mid-Atlantic LGBTQA Conference Committee (Heineman/Black/Taggart)
    - i. More meetings upcoming.
    - ii. Discussion of involving athletics.

- f. Nomination Committee (Kelley)
    - i. New slate of officers to be distributed later this week.
- IV. Auxiliary Organization Reports:
- a. LGBTQA Resource Center (Taggart)
    - i. Working on event schedule for the spring semester.
      - 1. April 19th at 7pm - Out At Work panel in collaboration with Alumni and Professional Development, moderated by Joshua Payne (Class of '89).
      - 2. Dr. Zachary Shirley will present on being LGBTQ in traditionally black fraternity during Sankofa.
    - ii. Potential LGBTQA Resource Center office relocation from the SSC to the Kehr Union, and for the coordinator office in Elwell Hall to also be relocated to the Kehr Union.
    - iii. Columbia-Montour Pride is looking to have its first-ever Outfest this October. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/columbiamontourpride> for more information. We are looking for people who would like to help plan the first-ever Pride Festival in our counties, please contact Carolyn or Craig if you are interested.
    - iv. Discussion of campus pride index rating improvements and press release.
  - b. Equality Alliance (Taggart/Heineman/Young)
    - i. BUEA is continuing to meet each Tuesday at 7pm in the Kehr Union and via Zoom.
    - ii. We will be reviewing the Constitution and looking at the possibility of Exec Board elections being held at the beginning of Fall 2021 when there will hopefully be more students in attendance at meetings.
    - iii. There are some BUEA members who are not able to be at meetings this semester due to conflicts with classes.
    - iv. Exec Board is sending out weekly meeting minutes to members.
    - v. We will be looking to hold Second Chance Prom and Virtual Drag Show on May 4th in lieu of BUEA's end-of-semester cookout due to COVID restrictions and concerns. This will allow students to have a space to drop in (both in-person and virtually), take a break from studying, and enjoy some drag performances. The Resource Center is currently in contact with Jake and with the Chibicon Traveling Cosplay Dragshow to hopefully do some pre-recorded drag performances that we can edit together for a pre-recorded virtual drag show. Students, faculty, and staff are also encouraged to submit recordings for the virtual drag show!
    - vi. 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.
  - c. President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion (Kelley/Taggart)
    - i. Trainings and presentations are ongoing.
    - ii. Meeting next Friday.
  - d. PASSHE LGBTQIA Consortium (Kelley/Taggart)
    - i. Meeting this afternoon.
- V. Old Business
- a. No items.
- VI. New Business
- a. No items.
- VII. Open Forum
- a. Discussion of issues at Greenly Center art gallery.
  - b. Motion to craft a release regarding trans rights, rape culture, and other forms of prejudice.
- VIII. Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.