

LGBT Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2005, 2:00 pm
Bolton Hall, Room 191

Present: Todd Biedermann, Michele Bolduc, Moreen Carvan, Yves LaPierre, Justin Mayer, Sarah Morgan, Janice Warren. Excused: Peter Rosenblatt. Absent: Cheryl Andres, Anthony Hightower, Bri Smith, Beth Warner.

I. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

II. Approval of November 14, 2005 Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes from the October meeting were unanimously approved by the committee.

III. Sub-Committee Reports.

The following activities that took place since the November meeting:

1. Michelle met with Jeff Merrick to discuss the draft of the bylaws. Michelle reported that he made several suggestions regarding the committee's membership.
2. Discussion ensued regarding the "types" of membership on this committee. The following suggestions were made:
 - o Include the Chair of the Council on Inclusion
 - o Include Joan Prince (ex-officio suggested)
 - o Not include Anthony Lemelle (concerns with the power of his position)
3. Maureen, Peter and Michelle will meet again to continue work on the bylaws.
4. Michelle reported that she drafted a letter to Anthony Lemelle requesting a meeting to discuss the committee's bylaws and our questions regarding membership.
5. Janice reported that she was in contact with UW-Madison's LGBT Committee and learned that Dr. Mariamne Whatley is chair of the committee in Madison.
6. The Legislative Forum subcommittee did not meet since the November meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of holding a forum during the spring 2006 term. It was decided that late September 2006 would be a better time to hold the forum (closer to the actual referendum). The following suggestions, however, were made for when we do hold the forum:
 - o Maureen suggested asking Tom Luljack to be the moderator. She will volunteer to ask him as we get closer to the event.
 - o WUWM might be interested in doing an "At 10" segment.
 - o Sarah suggested getting the event listed on the UWM Web page.
 - o It was noted that the Cultures and Communities program has recently received a \$100,000 grant to explore 'Race, Ethnicity,

and Cultural Differences.’ Ginny McBride is the contact person. It was suggested that this may be a route for the committee to show the HBO video: ‘The Middle Sex.’ Sarah will investigate the availability of funds for our use.

- The ‘Broad Vocabulary’ bookstore might be willing to sponsor a series of programs geared toward students, e.g., seminars, reading series, etc, over a span of several months.
7. Michelle made the following recommendations for goals for this committee by the end of the 2005-2006 academic year:
 - Draft a set of recommendations for the campus regarding LGBT issues, to be presented to the Provost.
 - Obtain a copy of UW-Madison’s study on benefits and how they affect recruitment and retention of employees.
 - Make a recommendation to the Chancellor regarding current benefits, should the proposed legislation be passed. Maureen noted that the UWM Faculty Senate has sent forward a statement to the Regents.
 8. Yves had nothing new to report on the Council on Inclusion.
 9. Maureen reported on UW System President Riley’s address to UWM. The content of his message was not very encouraging. UW Milwaukee is still considered to be a ‘stepchild,’ meaning there will be no increase in funding for doctoral programs. He ‘skated’ questions posed to him by the audience regarding ‘campus climate.’

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm

VI. Next Meeting

The committee’s next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13 at 2:00pm in **Bolton B-72**.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Mayer