

January 20, 2005

Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Issues

Present: Roy Badger; Michelle Bolduc (Co-Chair); Roberta Hanus (Co-Chair); Anthony Harris; Anthony Hightower; Yves LaPierre; Justin Mayer; John McCaw (Co-Chair); Bri Smith. Guest: Gloria Kopke (Former Co-Chair)

Excused: Todd Biedermann; Anthony Hightower; Sarah Morgan; Peter Rosenblatt

The meeting began at 2:00 pm in Holton 341.

1. All Committee members and guests introduced themselves.
2. The minutes of the May 10, 2005 meeting were approved.
3. As Gloria Kopke is no longer on the Committee, John—the remaining Co-Chair—invited self-nominations from the Committee members to participate in Committee leadership. Both Michelle Bolduc and Roberta Hanus volunteered, so Michelle, Roberta, and John will Co-Chair the Committee for this term (Spring 2005). According to information provided by Denise Newell via Gloria Kopke, John's and Roberta's terms on the Committee will expire in June 2005, and Michelle's term will end in June 2006.
4. The Committee reviewed accomplishments from the past two years, and began to discuss goals for the present and future. Michelle recommended that the Committee begin to develop a set of bylaws, if none currently exist in administrative policy or in documents from the Committee's founding. Members of the Committee agreed to investigate this matter and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. Michelle also recommended that the Committee consider acting in response to the statewide movement to ban same-sex marriage. This movement, if successful, threatens to minimize or extinguish privileges, rights, and protections well beyond the scope of same-sex marriage.
5. Michelle, Roberta, and John have agreed, in their role as Co-Chairs, to set up a meeting with Dev Venugopalan, the new Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
6. Other announcements on accomplishments were made, including Yves' report that progress is being made on establishing gender-neutral bathrooms in the Student Union.
7. The Committee approved the meeting schedule for Spring 2005. The meetings will take place at 3pm on the second Wednesday of each month of the semester: February 9; March 9; April 13; and May 11. The meeting locations will be announced in a timely manner, and the Committee may decide to continue meeting throughout the summer.
8. Bri announced that the Milwaukee LGBT History Project, sponsored by the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, is recruiting individuals with good listening skills to record the life histories of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals in Southeastern Wisconsin. For more information, please call 414-961-0775.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bolduc (Co-Chair)
Roberta Hanus (Co-Chair)
John McCaw (Co-Chair)