

UWM LGBT Issues Advisory Committee
Thursday March 8, 2007
Bolton B72

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Tony Peasley (Chair), Bri Smith, Michael Doylen, Ed Burgess, Jen Murray, Paula Johnson, Shawnett Stephens-Miles

2:04 Meeting called to order

1. The agenda for today's meeting was approved unanimously.
2. Our January 11, 2007 meeting minutes were approved unanimously – Tony wanted to note in today's minutes that our February meeting was cancelled.
3. Tony and Jen reported on their attendance at the Feb 23 Inclusivity Initiative – Tony will be on the sub-committee for Scholarly Activities and Jen will be on the sub-committee for the upcoming Fall Conference.
4. Tony reported that UWM is the only campus to include gender identity in our non-discrimination clause and that other campuses seem to be moving forward to do the same. Also in development: a system for reporting hate crimes, more support of safe zones, and support for the Governor's decision to include a commitment to domestic partnership in his upcoming budget
5. Campus Climate Survey
The Survey is planned for Spring 2008
UWM and Oshkosh already on board to participate in this survey, other campuses seem to be coming on board gradually
Tony reported that he is connected to an LGBT advocate on every single campus in the UW-system
6. LGBT Resource Center Funding
Yves reported that funding is stable through 2007-2008 academic year and that requests for the 08-09 academic year would be made during Fall 2007
The discussion that followed centered on our committee considering some amount of formalized advocacy on behalf of the Center and was specifically focused on the need for a more solid funding model for the center. Some ideas were listed as to how we might address presenting our advocacy on behalf of the center.
Yves announced he will begin a new job in two weeks and recommended that our committee be involved in the search for a new director of the center

7. Other

Tony reported that he will be meeting with Sarah Morgan to discuss the LGBT certificate program and specifically to discuss building/evolving this curricular area. It was noted that the core courses of this program need 'beefing up' if there is to be hope of our campus having a minor or major in this area of study.

2:38 Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 12, 2-3pm, Bolton B72

Minutes respectfully submitted by committee member Ed Burgess.