

LGBT Advisory Committee
March 9, 2005 Meeting
Minutes

Members present: Roy Badger, Todd Biedermann, Michelle Bolduc, Roberta Hanus, Yves LaPierre, Justin Mayer, John McCaw, Sarah Morgan, Peter Rosenblatt. Excused: Tony Harris, Bri Smith, Anthony Hightower.

The meeting commenced at 3:00pm in Holton 241.

1. Gender Neutral Bathrooms

Because of technical difficulties, it was decided to show the movie "Toilet Training" at the next meeting of the LGBT Committee, which will take place April 13 at the LGBT Resource Center. The movie will begin at 3:00pm, with the meeting following at 3:45, thanks to Yves LaPierre's generous offer to allow us to use the meeting space at the LGBT Resource Center.

Yves updated the committee concerning a recent article in the Post, and suggested that the LGBT Committee might discuss working toward a campus-wide policy to make gender-neutral bathrooms standard requirements in any new construction or renovation on campus. He noted that the Union would provide adequate signage for a gender-neutral bathroom, and he also promised to distribute details on the listserv of a Forum concerning gender-neutral bathrooms to take place March 29.

2. LGBT Committee Minutes

John McCaw said that he would forward the archives of LGBT meeting minutes from the last academic year to Dev Venugopalan.

3. Speakers Forum (concerning the proposed amendment to ban civil unions, domestic partnerships, and gay marriage)

The group clarified that a Spring Speakers Forum would serve as a prelude to a series of events that will take place during the Fall '05 and Spring '06 semesters. The forum during the next year would be organized according to specific themes (e.g., the proposed ban in terms of human rights, legal issues, etc.), with speakers from the community at large.

It was agreed that the Spring Speakers Forum would take place in late April, early May, with speakers primarily from campus. Yves agreed to reserve Spaight's Plaza, and also noted that students from the LGBT Resource Center have been tabling and holding mock weddings on the issue. Sarah Morgan announced that Sarah Drummond has agreed to be a speaker. Sarah also agreed to place a call for speakers on the caucus listserv. Both Sarah, on behalf of the LGBT Certificate Program, and Yves, on behalf of the LGBT Resource Center, agreed to sponsor the event. Yves said that students from the LGBT Resource Center would be able to staff booths inside the Union to direct people toward the event in the plaza. Roberta Hanus agreed to be the contact person for speakers. Details of the event would be finalized at the meeting in April.

4. Report of meeting with Dev Venugopalan, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
John, Roberta, and Michelle reported on their meeting with Dev. They noted his willingness to be an advocate for the LGBT Committee concerning participation on the Diversity Council, and his support for the establishment of by-laws.

5. May Meeting

It was agreed that at the May meeting, we will plan for the next year's events (as regards the Speakers Forum) as well as for membership on the committee for AY 2005-2006. Peter Rosenblatt and Michelle Bolduc also agreed to work on writing bylaws to present to the rest of the Committee in May.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.