

UWM LGBT Issues Advisory Committee
2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2006
Bolton 521

Attending: Tony Peasley (Chair), Todd Biedermann, Ed Burgess, Michael Doyle, Yves LaPierre, Debbie Renard, Janice Warren

1. Tony asked someone to volunteer for secretarial duties, and no one stepped forward. He suggested that committee members take minutes on a rotating basis. Michael offered to take minutes for this meeting.
2. Agenda approved.
3. Minutes of the October 5, 2006 meeting reviewed and approved.
4. Old Business
 - a. Inclusion of United Way of Greater Milwaukee among the ten umbrella groups in the State and University Employees Combined Giving Campaign (SECC). There seemed to be some interest among group members in distributing information regarding UW's support of the Boy Scouts and, by extension, their discrimination policy. Decided to distribute message via the LGBT Caucus listserv this year, and post to Web site next year. Tony will distribute text to the group for our review.
 - b. Chair duties: Bri Smith has stepped down as co-chair, and Tony seeks a new co-chair. No one stepped forward.
5. New Business
 - a. Results of the marriage amendment: Tony will ask someone from administration to report to us, in writing or in-person, regarding the current and likely future status of domestic partner benefits at UWM and in the UW System.
6. Other
 - a. Janice suggested the committee expand its activities to include a proactive, educational role. Suggested coordinating activities with the LGBT Resource Center and the Women's Center.
 - b. Tony will schedule a meeting with Dev Venugopalan to put a "face" on the committee. He will notify others of the meeting date/time so they can attend as their schedules permit.
 - c. Debbie will investigate status of the committee's Website. It should be updated to include current roster.
7. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for December 14 at 2 p.m. in Bolton 521.