

September 16, 2003

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

Present: Roy Badger; Todd Biedermann, John Blaszczyk, Roberta Hanus, Gloria Kopke (Co-Chair), Yves LaPierre, John McCaw (Co-Chair), Steven Miller and Debbie Renard

Excused: Anthony Hightower, Jeffrey Merrick and Ellen Semran

The meeting began at 2:10 pm.

1. The minutes from the July 23, 2003 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation drafted by Yves and Jeff regarding the inclusion of “gender identity/expression” in UWM’s Non-Discrimination Equal Opportunity Policy. Gloria will send it on to Sona who will proceed with presenting it to the appropriate university committees.
3. The Committee began a discussion on UWM’s role in the annual United Way campaign, but decided to set up a separate meeting in which to address this issue.
4. The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 22 at 2 pm in Bolton 191; this meeting will address issues regarding the United Way. Other meeting days/times have been set up for 2 pm on the following (Monday) dates:

October 6
November 3
December 1

Gloria suggested inviting Sona to attend the October 6 meeting, and then inviting Interim Chancellor Greenstreet to attend the November 3 meeting. There is a possibility that one or both of these meetings will be moved to another Monday if it is more convenient for the guests we plan to invite. Stay tuned.

5. The Committee discussed some possible Committee goals for the 2003-2004 Academic Year. Items were proposed as possible goals: 1) the development of an updated Campus Climate Survey on LGBT issues (the last one was done in 1994 by the LGB Task Force); 2) discussion of the NGLTF Report on Campus Climate (www.nglftf.org/downloads/CampusClimate.pdf); 3) checking into what institutional body exists on campus that functions in the way that the Multicultural Recruitment and Retention Committee did (in relation to recruitment of LGBT faculty and staff); 4) educating faculty, staff and students on LGBT issues; and 5) using the popularity of the television show “The Queer Eye for the Straight Guy” to bridge the divide between LGBT and others on campus in a fun and light-hearted manner.
6. Yves announced the LGBT Film and Video Festival on campus and handed out brochures.

Respectfully submitted,

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R. John McCaw (Co-Chair)