

LGBT Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2007

Present: Interim Chair Ed Burgess, Todd Biederman, Michael Doylen, Sarah Morgan,  
Jennifer Murray, Shawnette Stephens, Pat Villareal

Guest: Michael Powell

**Proceedings**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Approval of minutes from 4/12/07 meeting tabled, minutes not available at this time.

**Updates:**

Murray reported that Tony Peasely continues on health leave. She sent a card on behalf of the committee and will continue to inform as to his recovery.

Murray reported that the LGBT Resource Center is in the budget planning process for 08/09; noted Fair Wisconsin's dance on national coming out day; noted SexPo on 9/25, 10/20, and 11/7; cued us to take a look at Multicultural Student Center Calendar for other event details.

Villareal provided update on Hate Crimes Reporting Initiative, a plan for reporting Hate Incidents on campus. It will require a buy-in from campus groups that deal directly with students (Police, Norris, Union). Burgess projected these types of incidents would have a place to be reported on the upcoming UW System Climate Survey.

Morgan provided an update on the LGBT Certificate Program. Both Women's Studies and the LGBT Resource Center have provided spaces where she may meet regularly with the students. She will be in the Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month and in Bolton from 1-4:30 on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. She has developed a new brochure to promote the certificate program. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual LGBTQ conference, Morgan will participate on a panel discussing the creation of LGBTQ studies programs. In response to a question from Burgess, Morgan indicated there are no plans to expand the certificate program into a minor in the near future.

Burgess indicated there was nothing to report on the domestic partner benefits for the system as the proposed budget is currently stalled in the Legislature.

**Committee Memberships:**

Cheryl Andres, Bri Smith, and Lauren Otte (new student appointee) have resigned. Christopher Harroun is a new student member appointed by the Student Association.

**Inclusivity Initiative:**

Burgess and Murray attended most recent meeting of the UW System Inclusivity Initiative on 9/21 in Madison. Time constraints prevented full reporting of those activities.

**Climate Study:**

Michael Powell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Climate, joined the meeting at 10:15. He expressed his willingness to be an ally on LGBTQ issues and make sure that all individuals are treated fairly and appropriately. Burgess and Powell attended the first meeting of the Climate Study Working Group last Thursday. Powell indicated the importance of using the study data to inform the administration in dealing with LGBTQ issues and disabusing them of the notion that hate incidents

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are isolated and unconnected. He also discussed the importance of creating a survey that will address the issues at play at UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Lacrosse, and the 13 UW Colleges.

Next Meeting:

Burgess will send out a list of dates for us to consider

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Doyle