

**LGBT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

August 22, 2008 • Mitchell Hall 341 • 10-11am

Present: Ed Burgess, Michael Doylen, Jen Murray, Sarah Morgan, Thomas Hughes, Shawnette Stephens, and guests Dev Venogupalan and Karl Sparks.

Proceedings

Before the official start of the meeting, Jen introduced Warren Scherer to the group as the newly hired Student Services Specialist for the LGBT Resource Center.

Official business began @ 10:05. We approved the minutes from the June meeting and July retreat.

Jen updated all on the various welcome week events sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center.

Ed's update on membership included announcing that Jerry Becker will be a new member of the group representing Classified Staff. In addition, referencing a list sent to us by the Office of the Secretary of the University, the group selected Carl Bogner from Film as someone to contact in the hope that he would join the group as a new Academic Staff representative for the coming year. Ed will make the initial contact with each and we will go from there as appropriate.

All present reviewed the July '08 first draft update of the existing ('03) Domestic Partnership Policies and Procedures document. Suggestions and edits were discussed and debated and agreed to with Sarah Morgan in charge of generating the final draft. The committee then intends to send the document forward to Dev (referencing Madison's version of same and the system's affidavit of domestic partnership) and Dev will see that the next necessary steps begin to happen.

The group agreed to meet on the following Thursdays in the fall of 2008: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, and 12/11 – the meeting time will be 9-10am, location TBA.

Regarding the committee's Chair for the coming academic year, Ed reminded the group that his responsibilities in the Department of Dance for 08-09 prevented him from serving in that capacity; Jen volunteered to take on the Chair duties for the committee after the September meeting. As necessary, the plan is to formalize this transition during the September meeting.

The group adjourned at approximately 11:05am

Respectfully submitted,

Interim Chair Ed Burgess