

**CCSLGBTQPA**  
**2013-14 ANNUAL REPORT**  
 CHANCELLOR’S COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,  
 TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER PEOPLE AND ALLIES  
**Philip Vasquez and Patricia O’Brien, Co-Chairs**

**2013-14 Appointed Members**

Patricia O'Brien	JACSW
Philip Vasquez	Student Development Services
Laura Stempel	VPPP
Alicia Phoenix Matthews	CON
Francesca Gaiba	IRRPP
Mariah Sciacero	Bioengineering, Student
Kurt Stevens	Counseling Center
Tonda Hughes	CON
Carrol Smith	CON
Jennifer Wheeler-Brooks	JACSW
Steven Whitley	VPPP
Fransley Robles	Student
Keith O'Neill	Student Affairs
Mark Manderino	Student Affairs
Alberto Locante	Pathology, COM
Lisa Kuhns	Community Health Services
Megan Carney	GSC

**Committee Goals for the Year:** During the 2013-2014 academic year, the work of the CCSLGBTQPA focused on several thematic areas: (1) Health Equality and UI Hospital Inclusion Trainings, (2) Lavender Research Forum, (3) Funding and Sponsorship, and (4) Transgender Inclusion. The sections below describe our activities in each of these areas and a brief note the other work of the committee.

**I. Health Equality and UI Health Sciences**

Following up on a medical student’s concern noting that UIC’s Hospital was not listed on the Human Rights Campaign’s Healthcare Equality Index, Bernie Santarsiero worked with campus and health system administrators to develop a UI Health Sciences Diversity Leadership Council to identify, review, recommend, and promote issues relating to diversity and inclusion, cultural sensitivity, and cultural proficiency within the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System. Most of the members of the Leadership Council have been appointed and Bernie will serve as co-chair of the committee along with Mary Jo Smith out of Hospital Administration. An immediate outcome of this advocacy is the development of patient’s listing of rights and responsibilities on the Hospitals’ website that is inclusive of an antidiscrimination statement on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. A one-page brochure of the same list is handed to every patient upon registration.

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## **II. Lavender Research Forum**

The biannual Lavender Research Forum was held on Monday, April 14, 2014. The Forum provides undergraduate and graduate students to submit a paper for consideration for presentation and a small monetary Award. The winners for this year's forum were senior Fransley Robles and PhD Candidate Jude Hines. In addition, current students, Marc Flores, Zachary Pope, and Jen Geiman, presented research "in progress" with their mentors Philip Vasquez and Megan Carney. A highlight of the day was a keynote address given by Kim L. Hunt, the executive director of Affinity Community Services on the importance of relationship in partnering with community partners.

## **III. Funding and Sponsorship**

We provided support and sponsorship for the Minority Health in the Midwest Conference, Kay Undulay Barret who identifies as Filipino, transgender gender queer, and a person with a disability for an evening of spoken word performance. We also supported the Education campaign to roll-out of the Campus Care Gender Affirming Surgery Benefit and the production of a video for this purpose, the Women's Leadership Symposium, the Chicago Dyke March, and of course—the annual Lavender Graduation which this year was held at the UIC Forum and included 43 student participants. In addition, Liz Thomson worked with us to refine our application for support to make it (and the event hopefully) more transgender inclusive. Our Committee also co-sponsored the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual LGBTQ Health and Wellness Conference sponsored by the IMPACT LGBT Health and Development Program.

## **IV. Transgender Inclusion**

We continued to work on making gender neutral bathrooms available, this year focusing on mapping West campus locations and will continue to enlist groups in health sciences to collaborate on this project over the summer. Additionally, we adjusted the funding proposal applications to be inclusive of transgender programming for the upcoming year. The committee also co-sponsored the transgender health insurance video, produced by the GSC, meant to outreach to student populations seeking access to health care services on campus.

### **Note from Co-Chairs**

As a final note, early in 2014, we welcomed the new Vice Provost for Diversity, Dr. Tyrone Forman to campus. In addition, we were pleased to meet with Chancellor Allen-Meares and Dr. Forman on April 3 to provide an update on our Committee's activities.

We continue to appreciate the Chancellor's attention to diversity on our campus and hope that the Diversity Committees continue to be sustained in future years under new leadership. We also appreciate our members and colleagues who continue to work across our campus to insure inclusion and equality for lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender, queer people and allies.