

CCSLGBTQPA Meeting Notes
October 23, 2015
1-2:30pm 2650 UH

I. Introductions

- Present: Bernie Santarsiero, Michelle Michelle, Shay Phillips, Steve Whitley, Megan Carney, Patricia O'Brien, Dan DiCesare (phone), Kurt Stevens, Mark Canuel, Laura Stempel (phone), Carrol Smith (phone)

II. Gender Inclusive Bathrooms

- Update on West Campus list
 - Collection exists on GSC website; don't know where historical document went
 - Bernie will contact students in social work/policy class to see where they're at.
 - GSC will upload documents to Box folder
- Action items and group assignments

III. Lavender Research Forum

- Laura, Liz, and Francesca have expressed interest in working on this. Are there others who are interested?
- Student-oriented forum
- Potential topics: trans issues; workshop/panel discussion on intersection of race, gender, sexuality, religion, disability
- Patricia will share process notes as the committee comes together

IV. Healthcare Advocate Program

- GAP Update
 - A number of interested advocates (6-7); trainings happening in December/January
 - HEALE program from Howard Brown training- look into this
 - Partnerships with other campus entities for broad-based training
- Subcommittee for policy revision/making coverage easier to access
 - Are people interested in being a part of a smaller group working on larger scale, institutional change?
- IPE certificate program centered around LGBT health care
 - Gay & lesbian medical association has a lot of experience among members with these issues. We can use them as a resource.
 - Nursing just revised undergraduate curriculum, added in more information about LGBT healthcare
 - Concrete next steps: Develop a template asking what do we need on the ground right now? Examine other institutions (Duke Transgender Center; Northwestern Lurie)
 - How do we get individual colleges to change curriculum in addition to developing a certificate program? Build a set of faculty advocates who are interested in this.

- Patricia O'Brien was involved in creating Graduate Concentration in Violence Studies. Finding the pieces to put together in interdisciplinary program takes time.
- Honors College course on LGBT health care? This might be a good place to start.
- George R. Miller Memorial Fund Health Science Student Research Award
 - Two faculty mentors, two health sciences students
 - Please spread the word

V. Students Experiencing Housing Instability

- Subgroup of people at UIC working on this, planning phase happening now
- GSC is putting together resource list
- Collaboration with Tracy Baim, Windy City Times; end school year with tiny homes summit (call will go out soon for designs of tiny homes); winning design will be built as shell
- Trying to pull in academic and enrollment services and student success initiatives
- Pilot tiny homes build in BSB parking lot (Kevin Brown offered this idea); add in film screening and panel discussion to go along with this?

VI. Next Meeting Dates

- November 13, 2750 UH
- Second Fridays in 2016, 3-4:30pm

VII. New Business/Announcements

- 4th Annual "Do Ask Do Tell" Conference
 - Can we do something for LGBTQ veterans?
 - Program at RUSH "Road Home"
- Chronicle of Higher Education Special Issue on Transgender issues on college campuses
 - Searchable online – check it out!
 - "Ask Me" video very good, very provocative
- Creating Change conference
 - GSC has submitted proposals to present, waiting to hear back. Sponsorship commitment from Academic & Enrollment Services. Actively recruiting students to volunteer and will subsidized some students to go. Helping to host an event in early December that is going to raise awareness and turning student towards conference.
 - Announcement to listserv, early bird registration ends October 31st
 - GSC will have an exhibitor booth that will provide opportunity for people to go to volunteer. If you volunteer for 4 hours, you get the rest of the day free.
 - If anyone has questions, contact Laura Stempel (on host committee)
- National Organization for LGBT in Sciences and Technology Professions (NOGLSTP)
 - No Chicago chapter, Bernie will be working to see if we can develop one