**LGBT Faculty-Staff Association Steering Committee**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2012 – 4 PM to 6 PM**

**Members Present:** Shawn Bible, Forrest Clift, Jerrod Nickels, Gary Van Harn, Megan Woller-Skar, Kim Ranger, Kyle Felker, Michael Kluczyk

**Guests:** Amy Ranger

**Absent:**

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**9.0 Call to Order**

9.0.1 The meeting was called to order @ 4:16 by Shawn Bible.

**9.1 Treasurer’s Report**

9.1.1 Not given.

**9.2 Old Business**

9.2.1 *Welcome Back Reception*, Wednesday, September 19, 4-6pm in the U-Club.

\* Please arrive ½ hour early to help with setup

\* The Steering Committee will be introduced by Shawn.

\* Jerrod will bring a digital camera and take pictures of the event.

\* Dr. Jeanne Arnold and President Haas are scheduled to speak.

9.2.2 *Film Festival*

\*Forrest has made a new connection with Alexis Whitham @ Frameline in which we can rent films for $50 per unit. All proceeds go back to the film’s directors.

\* A week long or Monday through Thursday format was discussed

\* A varied topical program is suggested.

\* Tentatively, we’re shooting for February 4-7 in PAC 1600, one of the dance studios.

\* Please check out links Forrest provided in order to make film selection suggestions.

9.2.3 *Center for Scholarship and Creative Excellence*

*\** Megan recently met with Robert Smart @ CSCE and brought home an amazing proposal and significant statements of support in promoting scholarship that supports the mission of the FSA. CSCE is willing to commit to $1,000 per year for the next three years as long as the FSA matches it. The purpose would be to provide five $400 grants for LGBTQ scholarship. CSCE does all the intake and processing. We will promote, advertise, recruit, help establish guidelines and assist with review and recommendations.

9.2.4 *FTLC Partnership*

\*We will schedule a date to meet with FTLC, probably in library conf. room.

9.2.5 *Mission Statement approval*

The revised mission statement will be sent out to the membership via Survey Monkey for their review and approval.

**9.3** **New Business**

9.3.1 *Invitation & Collaboration*

There was misc. discussion about inviting Sean Huddleston and Dwight Hamilton to a meeting to discuss partnerships, various issues.

9.3.2 *Information Management Issues*

Kyle proposed, presented and explained several options for new communication methods; a listserve, and Org. blog. Kyle will research and provide links to examples. We agreed to move forward on this point.

**9.4 Other New Business**

9.4.1 *Domestic Partner Benefits*

IRS rules now allow someone to be both a dependent and a recipient of domestic partner benefits. GVSU rules do not. Dave Smith will review.

9.4.2 *RC Library Fund*

The LGBT Resource Center has established a library fund that faculty and staff can now contribute to. The Steering Committee feels strongly that a promotional brochure should be created by the RC. We agree to promote and advertise.

**9.5 Adjournment**

9.5.1 The meeting was adjourned by Shawn Bible at 5:25 pm.

Next FSA Meeting:

The next FSA Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 16, from 4 to 6 pm, location TBA.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Van Harn

FSA Secretary