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LGBT Faculty-Staff Association Steering Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2012- 4 PM to 6 PM, CBG

**Members Present:** Forrest Clift, Jerrod Nickels, Kim Ranger, Megan Woller-Skar

**Members Absent:** Gary Van Harn

1. **Appreciation**
   1. Committee thanked Jerrod & Robert for hosting “Dread the Red.”
   2. Appeared to be a successful social event & a number of members have suggested that it be repeated next year
   3. Jerrod expressed some concern that the venue was too small, but Kim & Megan thought it work well with some nice socializing among members
   4. Committee agreed that three or four so social events per year seems like a good number: Fall Welcome Back Reception, Holiday Party, Late Spring Party & perhaps a Summer Party
2. **Steering Committee/Bylaws**
   1. The question of adding two new positions to the steering committee was discussed & it was determined that the by-laws need to be changed and that this would have to happen before the scheduled March election.
   2. The two positions under consideration are: web coordinator (or manager) & political (or legislative) liaison. The role of the first is to update and maintain the organization’s web site & the second to keep the membership informed regarding University, state, or federal political issues which could potentially affect the membership.
   3. Meg stated that she currently enjoys her unofficial status. Others in the group expressed that we all appreciate her active participation on the steering committee & feel her commitment should be honored with a title.
   4. ***Forrest indicated that he would write wording for a proposed change to the by-laws***.
   5. After a vote on the bylaws change, the election could happen by late March, early April.
3. **Prism Awards**
   1. Forrest announced that there had been no nominations to date from membership; nomination form was resent on 2/15/12. Due by February 29. Deadline extension possible.
   2. ***Meg to add nomination form to web site in Word or Adobe format; Forrest will send Meg the file.***
   3. Committee discussed opening nominations to the entire GVSU community & decided against it.
4. **Statewide FSA Conference**
   1. Forrest announced that Collette will not be hosting the state LGBT Center conference
   2. Proposed dates were reviewed: **June 7 (evening social event) and June 8 conference (9 am-4 pm) were proposed**
   3. ***Forrest will e-mail other FSA’s to determine interest & availability and to ask for discussion topic suggestions***
   4. ***Kim will confirm $1000 transfer from Arcus grant funds***
      1. **NOTE: Confirmed in e-mail on 2/16:** We received $1000 from the Arcus Grant for our spring conference (in August). We have co-sponsored 2 LGBT Resource Center events @ $500 each. We spent $386.18 on our fall event. Balance: $2967.55
   5. ***The concept of a keynote speaker was discussed & committee members were asked to make suggestions.***
   6. ***Forrest suggested that we spend the first hour of our next committee meeting (March 14) planning for the conference. Title suggestion: “New Gay Dawning.”***
5. Upcoming Events
   1. Note that monthly luncheon scheduled for Thursday, April 19 in Allendale conflicts with the AP Luncheon scheduled on the same day. ***Kim will see about changing reservation to Monday, April 16.***
6. New Business
   1. In her meeting with Forrest, Collette discussed:
      1. Possibility of FSA participation in New Student Orientation (meet & greet, held outside the center, first week of classes.) ***We are awaiting more details on this before proceeding.***
      2. Resurrect Queeries—possibilities for bring it back & FSA helping to fund. ***Jerrod will check with Student Life about the cost of renting current films.***
   2. Updating look & feel of LGBT FSA website; things to be included:
      1. Minutes from meetings
      2. Pictures from events (getting clearance from members first)
      3. Updated calendar of events
      4. Updated mission statement & constitution
      5. Job description for board members
      6. Current issues page
   3. Additional FSA Events this semester
      1. Post-graduation event:
      2. Laramie: Inside Out (movie; Wed., March 14 @ 6 p.m.; 2259 KC)
   4. End of semester planning meeting for FSA Steering Committee: New & departing officers
      1. ***Thursday May 24 proposed. Time & place TBD.***

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.