

# LGBTQ+

FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2025

## it's fall & you're fabulous!

Welcome to our monthly newsletter to keep LGBTQ+ FSA members updated on our events, opportunities to get involved, and issues affecting the 2SLGBTQIA+ community at GVSU.

In addition to sending the newsletter out via email, we'll also post the newsletters on our website each month.

In this issue:

- Fall Town Hall Review & voting results
- Fall 2025 Events
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**CHECK OUT THE LGBTQ+ FSA WEBSITE!**  
OR EMAIL US AT [LGBTFSA@GVSU.EDU](mailto:LGBTFSA@GVSU.EDU)

# TOWN HALL REVIEW

**Thank you to everyone who attended the Town Hall Meeting and/or voted absentee!**

We had a great turnout and appreciate your commitment to the health and longevity of our organization!

After a brief introduction of the Steering Committee and a preview of the remaining events for the semester, we started with a discussion of the options for an updated name for the organization. After voting on the name, we proceeded to talk through the proposed changes to the organization constitution and bylaws, voting on sections after they were discussed. The full results of the voting (both live and absentee) are presented below.

## Organization Name Change Vote

### **Winner (13 votes) - LGBTQ+ Faculty Staff Association**

8 votes - Queer Faculty Staff Association

1 vote - Pride Alliance Faculty Staff Association

2 votes - Rainbow Connection Faculty Staff Association (suggested at town hall meeting)

0 votes - LGBT Faculty Staff Association (no change)

Read on for the Constitution and Bylaws voting results..

[Click here to view the updated LGBTQ+ FSA Constitution & Bylaws passed by the membership.](#)

## Constitution Updates Voting Results

[Click here to view the proposed updates and document sections referenced in the voting tallies below.](#)

### **Constitution Section 1: Purpose - passed**

Yes - 22      No - 1      Abstain - 0

### **Constitution Section 2: Membership - passed**

Yes - 20      No - 1      Abstain - 2

### **Constitution Section 3: Steering Committee - passed**

Yes - 23      No - 0      Abstain - 0

[No changes to sections 4 & 5]

### **Constitution Section 6: Sub-committees - passed**

Yes - 22      No - 1      Abstain - 0

### **Constitution Section 7: Records - passed**

Yes - 22      No - 1      Abstain - 0

### **Constitution Section 8: Amendments - passed**

Yes - 21      No - 0      Abstain - 2

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## Bylaws Updates Voting Results

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### **Bylaws Article 1, Section D: Minutes - passed**

Yes - 21      No - 0      Abstain - 1

### **Bylaws Article 2: Membership, Section A - passed**

Yes - 21      No - 1      Abstain - 0

### **Bylaws Article 2: Membership, Section B - passed**

Yes - 21      No - 1      Abstain - 0

### **Bylaws Article 2: Membership, Section C - passed**

Yes - 18      No - 2      Abstain - 2

### **Bylaws Article 3: Steering Committee Members Elections & Responsibilities, Section A - passed**

Yes - 22      No - 1      Abstain - 0

### **Bylaws Article 3: Steering Committee Members Elections & Responsibilities, Section C - passed**

Yes - 22      No - 0      Abstain - 0

### **Bylaws Article 3: Steering Committee Members Elections & Responsibilities, Section D - passed**

Yes - 21      No - 0      Abstain - 1

### **Bylaws Article 3: Steering Committee Members Elections & Responsibilities, Section E: Association Finances - passed**

Yes - 20      No - 0      Abstain - 2

### **Bylaws Removing Article 4: Sub-Committees - passed**

Yes - 19      No - 0      Abstain - 3

### **Bylaws Renumbered Article 4: Amendments - passed**

Yes - 21      No - 0      Abstain - 1

### **Bylaws Article 5: Programming & Events (previously Awards) - passed**

Yes - 22      No - 0      Abstain - 0

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**GVSU LGBTQ+ FSA**

# FALL 2025 EVENTS

**SEPT 4**

Thursday

**HAPPY HOUR**

5:00 PM - 07:00 PM New Holland GR

**SEPT 30**

Tuesday

**LGBT FSA TOWN HALL**

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM - Zoom (link will be in an email)

**OCT 15**

Wednesday

**ADVOCACY RESOURCE FAIR**

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM - Kirkhof 2263

**NOV 3**

Monday

**LUNCH/CRAFT/GAME TIME**

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Kirhof 2270

**HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN EVENT OR WANT TO MEET UP FOR A COMMUNITY EVENT? LET US KNOW!**

 [GVSU.EDU/LGBTFACSTAFF](https://GVSU.EDU/LGBTFACSTAFF)  [LGBTFSA@GVSU.EDU](mailto:LGBTFSA@GVSU.EDU)





LGBT FSA PRESENTS

# **Faculty and Staff Advocacy Resource Fair**

**15 October 2025**

**12:30 - 2:30pm**

**Drop in any time!**

**Kirkhof 2263**

**What to expect:**

- ▲ **Enjoy free pizza and beverages**
- ▲ **Learn about on- and off-campus resources that support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community**
- ▲ **Connect with members of GVSU FSAs**

**See you there!**

## 3 Ways to get involved with the LGBTQ+ FSA!

### Join the Steering Committee!

After the bylaws updates, there are now 2 open spots on the LGBTQ+ FSA steering committee. Current openings are in programming/events and communication. Commitment is only a few hours a month and all steering committee members receive a small stipend for their work each semester. Commitment would be through May 2026, with possibility to continue on if elected in April.

### Join the Advocacy Sub-Committee!

Interested in being more involved with 2SLGBTQIA+ advocacy on campus? Consider joining the advocacy sub-committee. This group meets throughout the semester and works on various advocacy projects and events. For the fall, they are focusing on building awareness about resources and for the winter they are focusing on professional development and training.

### Attend an event or become an event volunteer!

You can always be involved by attending LGBTQ+ FSA events, but if you want to take it a step further, you can volunteer to host or help with our events. Have an idea for an event? Let us know! We are happy to add more events to our programming calendar, but the steering committee doesn't always have time to host additional events. We are happy to help with planning and organization, then you act as the host the day of the event.

Have questions for the Steering Committee or want to be more involved in the LGBTQ+ FSA?

Please email us at [lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu](mailto:lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu).

# QUEER CONNECTIONS



## **A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who applied to be a Queer Connections Mentor!**

The Queer Connections team was able to match all 14 students with mentors and we ended up with more mentors than students.  
What a great problem to have!

### **What is Queer Connections?**

Queer Connections is a mentorship program run collaboratively by the LGBTQ+ FSA and the LGBT Resource Center. Faculty and staff members are matched with 2SLGBTQIA+ students at GVSU to provide mentorship, opportunities for connection, support with GV resources, and help create a sense of belonging.

[More info about Queer Connections here!](#)





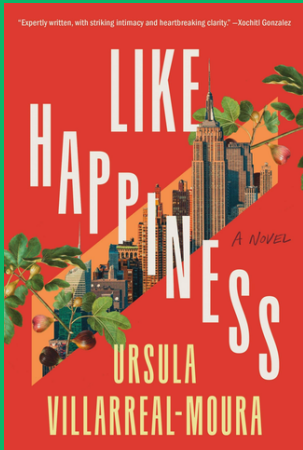
## Celebrating Women Award Winners and Nominees!

Congratulations to everyone in our community who was nominated for or won an award at the Celebrating Women Awards, presented by the Women's Commission, Positive Black Women, Dept of Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, and Center for Women & Gender Equity.

And a particular congratulations to all the award winners including Keigh-Cee Bell (Unsung Hero Award) & DL McKinney (Maxine Swanson Advocacy Award)

## Community Read with other GVSU FSAs!

This year's selection is *Like Happiness* by Ursula Villarreal-Moura



Book discussion 1: Oct 22 - City Campus  
Book discussion 2 & author visit: Nov 20 - Valley Campus

For a full schedule of dates and how to find the book, check out the [Community Read webpage](#).

## Inclusion & Equity Institute Fall Programs

LGBTQ Foundations Series with the LGBT Resource Center  
Creative Wellness: Mindful Making sessions with AJ  
and so much more!

Lots of great learning options available this fall!  
[Check this page for the full listing.](#)

## Looking for a great LGBTQ+ books, articles, podcasts, tv shows, movies, etc.?

We've got recommendations! Each month we'll highlight some queer media recommended by LGBT FSA members.

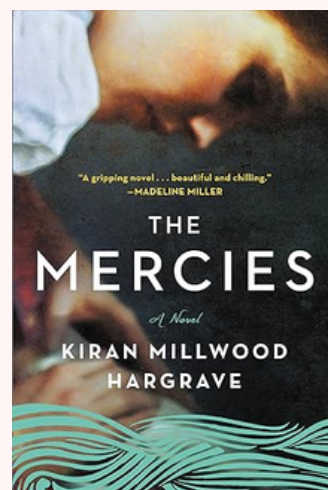
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A RECOMMENDATION!](#)

### **The Mercies**

by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Recommended by Hannah Noorman

After a storm has killed off all the island's men, the women in a 1600s Norwegian coastal village struggle to survive against both natural forces and the men who have been sent to rid the community of alleged witchcraft. Things get Sapphic in this feminist novel based on true historic events.



Available at [Bookshop.org](http://Bookshop.org) or at your local library!

### **Artist Kent Monkman**

Recommended by AJ Young

Kent Monkman is an interdisciplinary Cree visual artist. Monkman's gender-fluid alter ego Miss Chief Eagle Testickle often appears in his work as a time-traveling, shape-shifting, supernatural being who reverses the colonial gaze to challenge received notions of history and Indigenous peoples.



[See some of Monkman's work on his website.](#)

## Join the Out List!

The LGBT FSA and LGBT Resource Center maintain an Out List of LGBTQ+ faculty & staff at GVSU.

You can use this list to find and connect with queer colleagues across campus.

Participation is completely optional. **Click here to add your name to the list!**

## In next month's newsletter...

- More queer media recs
- Member spotlight
- and more!!

## Did a friend send you this?

Email [lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu](mailto:lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu) to sign up for the LGBT Faculty & Staff Association email list!

## Have an idea for our newsletter?

Please share it with us!

Check out our [idea submission guidelines](#) & [submission form](#)!