LGBTQ+ Caucus Meeting – September 23, 2021

Called to order by President Bill Mattera at 9:03 a.m.

1. Bill Mattera, President
   1. Working with HR to address gender selection requirement on hiring documents
   2. Looking to reactivate committees shortly, so please consider joining if you are interested/able to serve
   3. Developing some awards/recognition for caucus members (like what the BFSC does)
   4. Please let us know if your department or a community org has an upcoming event that you’d like us to promote.
   5. Advocacy committee are looking for trans/queer affirming therapists who accept our insurance
   6. Sophie Ziegler, Cat Jacquet and Bryan McCann will now be serving as Title IX advocates for folks on campus; would also like to recognize Jane Cassidy for proactively reaching out to our community to make sure we had representation
2. Sophie Ziegler, Vice President
   1. Will begin reaching out to new members to get to know you (continuation of last year’s listening our to include our new members)
   2. University Council on Gender Equality is working on a few items like pronoun use in policies, making it easier to change names in the LSU systems, etc. Sophie will keep us updated as progress occurs.
   3. Reminder: Spectrum has invited us to join their Discord channel, so please sign up if you’re interested, the students are excited to get to know us!
3. Sam Baldridge, Secretary
   1. Continuing to add our previous agendas and minutes to the website and to the archives with the LSU Libraries
   2. Ashley Mack is seeking trans & gender non-confirming panelists for an upcoming Chat & Chew panel, so please contact Ashley if you’re interested in participating
4. Laurie Braden, Treasurer
   1. Processing the payroll deduction forms so please send these to Laurie if you have not already
   2. Current bank balance is sitting at about $2,000
   3. Update from Staff Senate re: vaccination status
      1. President Tate does not intend to stigmatize employees or terminate folks for non-compliance. Individuals can request an exemption from the vaccination mandate; if granted, those individuals will need to be tested regularly
5. Alexandra Chiasson, Graduate Student Representative
   1. Continuing to collect names of businesses, services, organizations, etc. who are LGBTQ+ inclusive and welcoming, so please continue to send in recommendations! Alexandra will also send out a reminder via the ListServ.
6. Savannah Mattox: OMA Update
   1. The LGBTQ+ Project is hosting a BIngo event to celebrate Bisexual Awareness tonight
   2. Qroma is looking for a faculty advisor, so if you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Savannah
   3. Looking to host a coming-out event on Monday, October 11; check the OMA website for updates!
7. Open Floor
   1. Danielle Costello (Science Librarian), newly arrived from Georgia, and excited to connect with folks and looking to join to social committee
   2. Ryan Campen (Residence Coordinator) new this year, excited to be here
   3. Dereck Rovaris – disability caucus getting off the ground this semester! Please contact Dereck for more information
   4. Laurie Braden- UREC hosting a Come OUT and Ride campus bike ride event on Octover 11
   5. Alex Torres – LatinX Heritage Month events can be found on the website, please share with your students because there is a lot of fun stuff coming up!
   6. Kim Breaux – new to the caucus, happy to be here! Teaches Spanish at LSU and originally from Puerto Rico, looking forward to connecting with the caucus
   7. Emily Shockey – new as a counselor, graduated from LSU in 2019 and excited to be back as a staff member

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. by Bill Mattera; Zoom room will stay open for folks to socialize