

LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Caucus Meeting Minutes

Date: April 29, 2022, 10am

Location: Zoom

Updates from Caucus President, Sophie Ziegler

Queer Space on Campus

- We met with Jane Cassidy in March and saw a space in a Quad Building that looks great; we hope it will be available to us soon. We roped in undergraduate reps through Spectrum.
- Additional information from Summer Steib: Jane is working on planning and designing, and furnishings. It is estimated to be a \$15,000 project to update the space. The plan is that the space will be open in the fall 2022.

University Provost Candidates

- The university has been meeting consistently with provost candidates. The caucuses have been invited to attend, Sophie has represented the Queer caucus. The question we have asked of the prospective candidates is: You are visiting our campus during a legislative session where the Queer community is feeling under attack. This has been going on for several years. How will you as Provost communicate to the LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff that LSU still wants us here?

Executive Committee

- President Bill [what is Bill's last name??] left last fall, Sophie Ziegler became interim-President
- Sam Baldrige, Secretary left for another job recently. Caroline Ziegler will be interim-Secretary
- Cat Jacquet is helping with the website.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 9am

- Let's be prepared to talk about things that bring you joy!
- Also let's talk about things that we're reading!

Elections

- Nominating Committee: Ryan Campen, Cynthia Sampson, and Chris Barrett
 - Made sure we had a full slate of candidates, all candidates are un-opposed
- New executive committee:
 - Vice-President: Leah Duncan (she/her)
 - Secretary: Caroline Ziegler (she/her)
 - Treasurer: Andrew Kuo (they/them)
 - President: Sophie Ziegler (they/them)

A/AAPI Faculty and Staff Caucus

- 2nd annual Listening Room hosted by the A/AAPI Caucus is today, April 29, 2022, 3-4:40pm, everyone is invited.

Update from Alexandra Chiasson

- Planning to have a transition with new ex-com to share in-progress items
- Still collecting queer businesses, hoping to publish sometime this summer. You can contribute via this form:
https://lsu.formstack.com/forms/lgbtq_faculty_staff_caucus_recommended_local_businesses

Update from Treasurer: Laurie Braden

- Balance is around \$1,800-2,000

Update from Graduate Assistant: Savannah Mattox

Lavender Graduation

- The Lavender Graduation will take place in the Magnolia Room in the Student Union
- Registration Link to participate:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9xVzGTM_KJO-z7vjywhKpv3xvZK2UM-yJV03kw42t308YoA/viewform?usp=sf_link
- You can sign up as a volunteer or just participate in the walk
- Caterer: Bonefish Grill

Open Floor:

Summer Steib

- Job posting for assistant director of the Women's Center,
- announcements this and next week regarding the position

Leah Duncan, Mental Health Project Group

- Progress is being made
- The Project Group will reach out laterally to other caucuses and groups across campus to find out if they would like to be involved before taking our concerns and findings to administration
- Sophie recently broached the other caucus heads and there is a lot of interest from them.

Andrew Kuo

- Introduction to Caucus! Hi! Associate Professor of Marketing, really excited to be a part of the caucus.
- Question: I'm on a DEI Taskforce and one of the priorities is an all gender bathroom that's accessible in our building – are there any standards that the caucus recommends for how to set up clear signage for these restrooms? There is good support from the dean.

- Sophie: The bathrooms that we know of that are non-gendered have clear signage with the boy|girl icon on the sign
- Summer: We worked to have all single stall bathrooms on campus to be non-gendered. Signage was adopted.
- Sophie: And here are the non-gendered bathrooms across campus that we know about: bit.ly/Where2Pee

Graduate Representative: Desh Gaskins

- Grad student in the College of Business: Public Administration, excited to be part of the project! And we're excited too!

Have a great weekend!

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