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Minutes
Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) People
April 30, 2008

Time: 12:00 PM

Place: Hodges Library, Room 605

Present: Melissa Bartsch, Alexis Boylan, Donna Braquet, Rusty Drummer, Leslee Fisher, George Hoemann, Joel Kramer, Erik Leander, Jenny Moshak, Gina Owens, David Patterson, Renee Smith, Stephanie Swain, Roger Weaver, Ed White, Lynn Woolsey

Call to Order: George Hoemann welcomed everyone and the meeting began at 12:01 PM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A) Approval of Minutes from April 2nd, 2008

Minutes approved at 12:01 PM.

B) Report from the Chair

The safe zone task force continues to meet. A graduate assistant will probably be hired to manage the safe zone program.

The commission will receive an operating budget next year which will be used to pay the stipend for the commission's [current] graduate assistant.

Last Tuesday, Dr. Hoemann spoke at the Hate Crimes Vigil sponsored by the Lambda Student Union.

President Petersen has been contacted, through several mediums, to arrange a meeting with the commission. No response has been received yet.

C) Awards Committee

The awards were presented at the Chancellors Honors Banquet.

D) Communications Committee

The committee has received approval for Voices of Diversity, a digital archive of stories told by LGBT alumni, students, and faculty. A web site for the project is available at <http://lgbt.utk.edu/vod>. Roger Weaver and Donna Braquet will also be participating in the GLBT Association of Libraries, Museums, and Archives and discussing this project on a panel. The project will initially focus on LGBT people, but it will eventually expand to include other minorities.

E) Curriculum Committee

A meeting will be held during either the summer or early fall to discuss opportunities to include LGBT content in certain courses.

F) Equity Committee

The University of Texas now offers domestic partner benefits to faculty and staff. The equity committee will attempt to acquire their report for study.

G) Resource Center Committee

The university center wants to preserve available spaces as student lounges. The resource center may have to register as a university agency and apply for space.

Erik Leander has put together an initial draft of a report outlining the structure and function of resource centers. To move forward, the committee will conduct a student needs assessment.

H) Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair

Renee Smith renominated George Hoemann for chair another two year period. Jenny Moshak seconded the nomination. George Hoemann was elected for another term as chair by a unanimous vote.

Roger Weaver nominated Jenny Moshak for a two year term as vice chair. Renee Smith seconded the nomination. Jenny Moshak was elected for a term as vice-chair by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment: 12:39 PM