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Education & Awareness for the URI Community for LGBTIQQ Issues January 20, 2011 1:00 p.m. Memorial Union 354

A meeting to discuss the goals of the Education and Awareness sub-committee of the LGBTIQQ committee. Present at the meeting were Riley Davis, Anne Marie Vaccaro, Karen de Bruin, Joseph Santiago, Andrew Winters, Erin West

Topics Discussed

Safe Zone/ URI Welcome Project

- Currently the GLBT center is giving out stickers with brochure if interested faculty/staff come to the center
- February 9, 2011 GLBT center will be holding a Welcome Wednesday event at noon
- Discussion about the importance of making sure faculty/staff who have stickers are safe people
- *Action: To collaborate with GLBT center and the Safety and Security subcommittee to assist with the evolution of URI's Welcome Project*

Educational Modules

- Committee members thought modules were a good start and would like to see them tailored for URI
- Culture at URI will influence the curriculum we will extract from the University of Denver materials
- Discussed training that GLBT is preparing for the resident assistant about bullying
- *Action: Committee will assess University of Denver's materials to determine what we want to see in our curriculum*
- *Needs: Committee members would like to get the University of Denver's modules in hard copy for the evaluation process*

Faculty/Staff outreach

- Host social mixer for faculty and staff to determine who might be interested in future participation of LGBTIQQ events and to conduct a focus group to determine educational need
- *Action: The committee will need to decide logistics for the social event as well as determine possible costs and funding*

Additional topics

- Supporting the 17th Annual URI Symposium on Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Intersex Queer and Questioning Issues April 5-10th
- Possible creation of an annual lecture series
- Hosting fun events to promote awareness and education at URI
- Creating a wish list of what we believe URI's LGBTIQQ educational needs/wants are to present to the LGBTIQQ committee