April 16, 2007: LGBT Faculty-Staff Advisory Group

Victor Groza, MSASS
Ryan Keytack, Housing/Greek Life
Don Feke, Provost’s office
Dick Jamieson, VP Campus Services
Dan Clancy, Alumni Relations
Kathryn Karipedes, Ofc. Provost
Michael Spivak, MSASS/Law student
Lynn Singer, Vice Provost
Dorothy Miller, Center for Women
Erica Merritt, EEO/Diversity Office

Dan Clancy, Alumni Relations: no specific alumni associations addressed at particular groups; open to discuss; Heidi McCormick and Emily Cole working on group relationships; one/both of them should attend in future; idea that LGBT donors would be more willing to give in a directed manner for LGBT areas; explore idea with alumni relations and development, have more idea/information by mid-May or so; will look at website and get to know group better; timeline is to get established by fall semester, begin working over summer

Dick Jamieson, VP Campus Services: implementing multicultural training for campus police re: LGBT issues; Case PD is now actual PD since October to upgrade capacity to help provide public safety services; heavy emphasis on training in general and technical issues needed to get certification/standing; always had multicultural/diversity training; welcome addition to add to regular training, not sure who proper person to conduct training would be; suggest LGBT Center & Dan Clochesy; aim to schedule training in next quarter

Ryan Keytack, Safezone: other resource to do training for PD/other campus dept’s, ask Glenn Nichols to give charge to his dep’t to create small task force to bring campus-wide Safezone program online and email to Student Affairs; timeline of week or so to initially establish; need to know where to get online, where in university to house program, etc., take off students’ hands and move to having LGBT Center

Michael Spivak, speaking about LGBT center:

CMU: SOHO appears to be volunteer-based. Website last updated June 2006. Offers Safezone-trained counselors when open, but does not mention regular hours. Has weekly movie night and is located in University Center. http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/student-development/soho/

OSU: 1.5-2.0 FTE staff including Coordinator of GLBT Student Services and GAA of GLBT Student Services; unit of Multicultural Center; offer weekly digest and coordinate events, such as Other Prom Dance (akin to Lavender Ball?); offer resources for allies and regarding trans/intersex information; old layout was
Multicultural Center had entire 4th floor of union then every coordinator had own office and GAA shared offices, 2:1, had one very large classroom divisible into two smaller ones and two smaller conference rooms for meetings and the like; info in magazine rack and on tables, etc. 
http://multiculturalcenter.osu.edu/page.asp?id=22

Would including as part of multicultural center be more welcoming and say, “equal, not having to be separate” or would it make people more uncomfortable to have to walk in, etc. different because no one has their family say, “My family abandoned me because I’m Latino” for example. Erica and Mike to work further

Michael Spivak, LGBT courses: Liz Bly, HSTY dep’t, submitted proposal to Sadowsky. Send survey out to fac/staff to get info on courses. Mike will contact Shane Windmeyer, info@campuspride.net, and cc Victor with new contact info and find out next time guide is coming out, adv on what we’ve been doing; timeline for courses info being as soon as they respond

Don Feke, scholarships for LGBT students: Jes Sellers knew of scholarships for LGBT students and asked how CASE promotes external scholarships; Case FinAid is web driven and lists variety of scholarships, federal, state, and external, external by FastWeb which lets students search; school happy to note LGBT scholarships info on website and literature in office

Michael Spivak, Day of Silence: Wednesday, May 18, dayofsilence.org

Victor: leadership change, Patricia Princehouse will be new faculty leader beginning in Fall, Victor will be on sabbatical in fall. Marti will be following up with new staff leader

Lynn: Pride parade, Saturday June 16. CaseDaily, undergrad and grad student groups (MSASS, Law, Medicine, Spectrum), website, email Victor to coordinate overall, send to Lynn Singer as announcement to Case Daily

Social event: Tuesday, 5/1/07, 5-7, That Place on Bellflower, in conjunction with Cleveland Clinic, Case, possibly CSU

Kathryn Karipedes shared editorials from NYT.