The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by the co-chairs.

1. Co-Chair’s Announcements
   Introduction: Dan Coleman, Program Coordinator for LGBT Center – Dr. Jes Sellers
   Co-chair Dr. Jes Sellers, Director of University Counseling Services, introduced Dan Coleman, the new Program Coordinator for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center. The center does not have an official opening date, but Dan has heard June 1-ish. Dan has been actively involved in creating new liaisons on campus and getting the word out about the new center.

2. Media & Marketing
   Website overview – Hollie McGivern and Dan Coleman
   Hollie McGivern, Office of the Provost, presented the new and improved LGBT website to the committee. Rob Kinsey, the LGBT webmaster, has made lots of updates and improvements. The committee commented that it is a very user-friendly, interesting website. Hollie also encouraged the committee to send in their website profiles, if they have not already done so.

   Liz Roccoforte, Diversity Program Manager in the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity, and Safe Zone coordinator, updated the committee on the Safe Zone portion of the website. All the information currently on the website is out of date, and Liz is rewriting the content. She is planning on having a sign-in portal for everyone who attended and completed the Safe Zone training, with access to the Safe Zone PowerPoint presentation used in training. She is thinking of having a message board and/or a list of Safe Zone allies.

   Dan Coleman updated the committee on further changes and improvements he and Rob will be making to the website. They are working on the national identity of the site and center, and adopting language used nationally by the LGBT movement. He is also working on building a page for alumni. He asked members to volunteer for a website planning subcommittee. Liz Roccoforte, Hollie McGivern, and Don Hunt volunteered to work with Dan and Rob; also, Media & Marketing subcommittee member Tim Marshall is to be contacted.
3. **Campus Education and Outreach**  
   **Safe Zone** – Liz Roccoforte  
   80 people have gone through the Safe Zone workshop so far. Liz reminded everyone that even if you previously attended a Safe Zone workshop in past years, you must go through training again to receive your Safe Zone sticker. Two sessions for Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences faculty and staff are scheduled, along with a session for the Student Affairs Office retreat on May 25, 2010, which is from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Farm. She also has two sessions scheduled for Kelvin Smith Library staff. There have been no students trained yet; Liz had a student session scheduled but it was cancelled. More open sessions will be scheduled, and she plans to target staff training this summer. Liz is also working on the Safe Zone facilitator training, which will have three parts: attending the workshop, shadowing Liz at one of her training sessions, and then facilitating with a person who has already been trained.

   The Safe Zone stickers aren’t ready yet. A student had been designing the new logo, but Rob Kinsey took over and the design is still waiting for approval from University Marketing & Communications. Liz is hoping to have stickers and magnets, and perhaps window cling-ons.

   **Ideas for summer programs/fall orientation** – Dr. Jes Sellers and Dan Coleman  
   Kate Kraus from Educational Enhancement Programs has informed Dan that there are 1082 paid registrants for the fall of 2010 freshman class. Among these are 86 international students, with 12 conditional admits.

   The committee discussed several different venues for advertising the LGBT Center to new students. Dan will try to get the LGBT flyer to as many programs and venues as possible, and will be meeting with school deans over the summer.

   **Lavender Graduation** – Dan Coleman  
   The LGBT Center held the university’s first Lavender Graduation on April 28, 2010. Several people spoke at the gathering, including Jes, Liz, Dorothy Miller (Director, Flora Stone Mather Center for Women), Emily Cole (Assistant Director, Alumni Relations), Tim Atherton (Visiting Assistant Professor, Physics), and Deputy Provost Lynn Singer. They distributed rainbow tassels to the graduates, and the Alumni Association gave out champagne glasses. The event was very nice and well-attended, and is an important step for Case to raise its rating in The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students.

   **Douglas W. Nock Endowment Scholarship** – Dr. Jes Sellers  
   Jes would like to form a subcommittee for the new Douglas W. Nock Endowment. The scholarship gives $2000 a year to an undergraduate engineering or math & science major who is dedicated to LGBT issues. The application is ready to go and the subcommittee will work with Nancy Issa in Financial Aid. This award is need-based. Dan Coleman and Judith Olson-Fallon volunteered to be part of the subcommittee.

4. **LGBT Center** – Dan Coleman  
   **Updates**  
   - The LGBT Center is scheduled to have a “soft opening” in June for a tour for the Board of Trustees. There is no solution to the issue of a private meeting space yet.
   - A new Case LGBT alumni affinity group will be formalized at their inaugural meeting in July. The alumni will decide how they want their group structured.
   - Dan is preparing the updates for the The Advocate College Guide.
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- A review of the domestic partner hire form (formally named the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership) has been on the agenda for committee meetings for several months. Hollie will get the current policy from Human Resources and distribute it to the committee, so that when we invite Marcia Beasley from Human Resources, we will be ready with questions and suggestions.
- Mayo Bulloch, Director of Educational Enhancement Programs, will be working with Lynn Singer on the LGBTA Committee’s mission statement. Dan asked that in the mission statement, the committee add the charge of guiding the LGBT Center as part of its mission.

Strategic Planning
Dan would like to form a strategic planning committee to lay out a strategic plan for the Center’s next few years. Christine Ash, Vice President of Planning and Institutional Research, has agreed to moderate the group, which Dan hopes will have approximately 10 people. He is hoping that over the course of the summer, the group can devise a strategic plan in approximately 3 meetings. Jes recommended that the strategic plan committee has a few community members, such as Jan Cline, the director of the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland. The committee will be comprised of Dan, Liz Roccoforte, Jane Daroff, Mayo Bulloch, Jes Sellers, Sarah Andrews, Don Hunt, Dorothy Miller, and Hollie McGivern. Dan hopes to have a plan to present to the LGBTA Committee for review in July.

5. Community Engagement
   HRC Dinner – Jane Daroff
   The Cleveland Human Rights Campaign dinner was this past Saturday and was an excellent event. Jane and Jes are hoping to involve more students in HRC planning. There are options for students to participate with political issues. There were 53 student volunteers the night of the HRC dinner.

   Old Lesbians Organizing for Change Conference – Sarah Andrews
   Old Lesbians Organizing for Change, a group of lesbians 60 years old and older, will be holding their annual conference in Cleveland this year from July 14 through 18, 2010. Sarah distributed flyers. This year they will be focusing on racism, with the topic of Old Lesbian Pride: Sharpening the Radical Edge. It will be held at the Skyline Hotel & Conference Center of Independence.

6. Announcements – All
   - Dan has tickets to the 3rd Annual TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium, which will be held on the campus of the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, from August 13 through 15, 2010. Please contact him if you are interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes by Hollie McGivern.

Future agenda items:
-Affidavit of Domestic Partnership form
-LGBT History course