LGBTQA Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 12, 2016
12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Room 204 (Game Room), Tinkham Veale University Center


I. Welcome to New and Returning Members, Matthew Garrett, Faculty Co-Chair
Gretchen Sullivan will be leaving CWRU at the end of May to live in Phoenix, AZ. Kelly Kribel will be the interim LGBTQA Committee liaison for the Alumni Association.

II. Updates
A. LGBT Center, Elisabeth Roccoforte, Director LGBT Center
   Lavender Graduation was a wonderful event. President Snyder called it the best one yet! The LGBT Center is finished with programming for the time being. Over the summer, the LGBT Center will be planning for the coming year with a staff retreat.

B. LGBTQA Research Group, Matthew Garrett, Faculty Co-Chair
   One of the goals for the May meeting is to update the process as well as develop tools for guidance for research. Matthew will receive results of the 2015 U.S. Trans Survey from Jacob Nash. June will be used for open dialogue with members of the transgender community.

III. Ongoing Business
A. Domestic Partner Benefits
   The LGBTQA Committee is seeking a faculty member to present a proposal to faculty senate regarding grossing up. To our present knowledge, domestic partnership benefits are not leaving CWRU, though many of our peer and aspirant institutions are not continuing to offer them.

B. Curriculum Project, Matthew Garrett, Faculty Co-Chair & Liz Roccoforte, Director LGBT Center
   The current list is representative of the LGBTQ related courses at CWRU. The list will be published so that others may identify gaps. Lynn Singer suggests that this be presented at the PCUE meetings. Kim Emmons is the chair of the PCUE. Development – one credit course as an elective for graduate students. This program should be ready in Fall 2016 but may not be offered until Spring 2017. One credit elective for social work with LGBTQA communities.

IV. Announcements/New Business
A. Governance
   Matthew is happy to continue on the committee as a past chair. Jess and Jane’s last year is approaching. There was discussion of having a vice-chair and becoming a committee with official two year term memberships. We also need to solicit for new members to replace people leaving the committee. Is it possible to recruit faculty from the research groups? We will seek representatives from the following departments if they are not already represented: Student Affairs, Housing, Residence Life, Athletics, Registrar, ESS, ISS, College of Arts & Sciences, Undergraduate Studies, OIDEO, MSASS, School of Engineering, Medical School, Nursing, and Admissions.
B. Human Rights Campaign Gala
   CWRU is a hosting sponsor this year. It will be held at the Hilton Downtown on Saturday, August 27, 2016. Suggestions were made to have the Medical School and Dental School purchase tables. Student tickets have been $100 in the past.

C. FSM Center for Women
   New director, Elena Foulis, starts on August 1.

2015-2016 LGBTQA Committee meeting remaining dates and locations:

- Meetings will resume in Fall 2016

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.
Minutes by AmariYah Israel