LGBTQA Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2016
12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Room 204 (Game Room), Tinkham Veale University Center


LGBT Center Update, Elisabeth Roccoforte, Director LGBT Center
• Weatherhead Work It Out: Tuesday, January 26th, from 5-6:15pm
• Drag Ball: Friday, February 12th at 8pm.
• CWRU Convening: Friday, February 12th at 6pm.
• LGBT Spring Gathering: Thursday, April 14th, from 5pm-7pm at the Alumni House.
• Lavender Graduation: Tuesday, April 26th, from 6pm-8pm, located in Ballroom B, TVUC.
• Douglas W. Nock Scholarship deadline is Friday, April 1st.

LGBTQ Research Group, Matthew Garrett, Faculty Co-Chair, LGBTQA Committee
January meeting highlights:
• Tracy J Wilson-Holden, Director Research Integrity and Education (CWRU IRB) met with the group in December and returned this month to answer questions raised at the previous meeting.
• Matthew Garrett and Liz Roccoforte will begin work to develop a research resource designed to offer demographic options beyond the male/female binary required by federal reporting agencies. The resource will live on the LGBT Center website and a link will be placed on the IRB website to that resource. This topic will be discussed further at the February 16 meeting.
• The opportunity for research presentation feedback will be extended to Q-Grad in anticipation of their upcoming research symposium.

QGrad Update, Anne Walker, Vice President of QGrad
• The LGBT/Ally Mentorship Program dinner went well; however there were no students from the School of Engineering and College of Arts and Sciences present.
• QGrad will have a Spring Pizza Social and General Body Meeting on Thursday, January 28th, from 6-7pm in the Wolstein Research Building, room 1402. The North Coast Men’s Chorus spring concert will be in attendance, and will give away free tickets to their Spring show.
• The Second Annual LGBT Research Symposium is Wednesday, March 16th, from 8:30am-1pm in Senior Classrooms A and B, located in the Tinkham Veale University Center. The deadline for all poster abstracts is Friday, February 26th.
• Jeffrey McCune, Jr., Associate Professor in the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program at Washington University St. Louis will visit the CWRU campus for the ACES+ Distinguished Lectureship on April 11-12th.

Ongoing Business, Matthew Garrett, Faculty Co-Chair, LGBTQA Committee
• There is still continued progress with the curriculum project. The LGBTQ Research group is interested in moving forward with the project. The goal is to have the project completed by spring break. Help is still needed, and the spreadsheet that contains the full list of courses is available online.
• Matthew Garrett and Liz Roccoforte are working with Deputy Provost Lynn Singer on campus restroom accessibility issues in the Kelvin Smith Library. There is a bathroom inventory available on the LGBT Center website.
Announcements/New Business, Matthew Garrett, Faculty Co-Chair, LGBTQA Committee

Suggestions for new focus topics this semester: Health Care Equity and Grossing-Up. The committee addressed concerns about updates regarding the Grossing-Up initiative from Human Resources. The proposal was presented to the Faculty Senate in April 2014 and was charged by the Faculty Senate for Human Resources to provide additional research and later present it back to the Senate at a later date. Further discussion will take place at the following LGBTQA Committee meeting in February along with Deputy Provost Lynn Singer about bringing the proposal back to the Senate for updates.

2015-2016 LGBTQA Committee meeting dates and locations:

- Thursday, September 17, 2015, from 12:15pm-1:30pm, room 140 (First Floor Conference Room), TVUC
- Thursday, October 15, 2015, from 12:15pm-1:30pm, room 140 (First Floor Conference Room), TVUC
- Thursday, November 19, 2015, from 12:15pm-1:30pm, room 204 (Game Room), TVUC
- Thursday, January 21, 2016, from 12:15pm-1:30pm, room 204 (Game Room), TVUC
- Thursday, February 18, 2016, from 12:15pm-1:30pm, room 204 (Game Room), TVUC
- Thursday, March 17, 2016, from 12:15pm-1:30pm, room 204 (Game Room), TVUC
- Thursday, April 21, 2016, from 12:15pm-1:30pm, room 204 (Game Room), TVUC
- Thursday, May 19, 2016, from 12:15pm-1:30pm, room 204 (Game Room), TVUC

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.
Minutes by J. Jackson