LGBTQA Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 15, 2015
12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Room 140 (First Floor Conference Room), Tinkham Veale University Center


LGBT Center Update, Elisabeth Rocoforte, Director LGBT Center
Liz Rocoforte, Director of the LGBT Center, reported plans for revamping the structure and content of Safe Zone training. A planning committee will have a meeting, scheduled on October 28th. The committee is open to anyone who is interested. There is a Trans Task Force meeting on October 21st, and the topic of discussion is gender inclusive housing. So far, the gender inclusive housing pilot program has been going well. There is a survey for students who are living in gender inclusive housing to provide feedback on their experience. The next step is to develop a focus group based on the feedback from the survey. Beginning on Tuesday, November 17th, and the week of Trans Day of Remembrance, pronoun workshops are going to be held all over campus. These 30 minute pop up workshops will provide information on what gender pronouns are and how to use them. No registration is required.

LGBTQ Research Group, Matthew Garrett, Faculty Co-Chair, LGBTQA Committee
The LGBTQ Research Group has met once since the beginning of the fall semester to determine the topic the group can focus on for the semester. Q-Grad has been invited to the next LGBTQ Research Group meeting for possible integration. One of the research group members agreed to start a discussion in regards to the Supreme Court and protections with Title IX. As a testing source, the goal is to receive feedback from the research group regarding how this dialogue can reach beyond the LGBTQA community to people who do not have the knowledge who works in the legal profession. The group is looking to bring in representatives from the Office of Multicultural Affairs to discuss non-Western European considerations, which can be brought into terms of possible research. There was a discussion about a concern that a member brought to the group about research translated into course curriculums on campus. The research group would like to begin a discussion and propose courses for further investigation. Deputy Provost Lynn Singer suggested coordinating a meeting with Charles Rozek, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs and Donald Feke, Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies who are chairs of the Education and Innovation Committee for the Strategic Plan Implementation under Victoria Wright, Associate Vice President for University Planning and Administration. Lynn also suggested speaking with Brian Amkraut, Executive Director for the Siegel Lifelong Learning. Sarah Andrews, Senior Instructor and Director of Social Work, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, offered to address the Undergraduate Education Committee for MSASS to see if the committee can create an undergraduate LGBT course to add to the social work minor curriculum or to offer the course as an elective in social sciences. There were a couple of part-time instructors who expressed interest in developing the course.

Q-Grad Update, Paul Cheng, President of Q-Grad
Q-Grad will host a film screening of Intersexion on Monday, October 19th beginning at 5:30pm in room A09, located in Crawford Hall. Dinner will be served, and a discussion will follow the film. The second annual LGBTA Mentorship Program dinner is currently in the planning stages, with a possible date in November. The Q-Grad Research Symposium is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 14th. T. Kenny Fountain, Professor in the Department of English and Q-Grad, are currently working on a campus visit from Jeffrey McCune, Jr., Associate Professor in the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program at Washington University St. Louis for the ACES+ Distinguished Lectureship on April 11-12th. Q-Grad will co-host happy hours with other graduate student groups throughout the semester.

Ongoing Business, Matthew Garrett, Faculty Co-Chair, LGBTQA Committee
Matthew Garrett presented a list of available courses for the curriculum project. The LGBTQ Research Group is anxious
to move forward with the project, and volunteers are still needed to assist with identifying professors who taught the courses on the list as well as the last time the course were offered. Matthew will then follow up with the professors for further information. The goal is to have the whole list completed by the end of the fall semester. There is a spreadsheet that contains the full list of courses available online.

**Announcements/New Business, Matthew Garrett, Faculty Co-Chair, LGBTQA Committee**

There were discussions about suggesting a solution for gender neutral bathrooms on campus. Deputy Provost Lynn Singer has been meeting with Arnold Hirshon, Associate Provost, and University Librarian about the strategic plan for the Kelvin Smith Library and suggested for the LGBTQA Committee to write a memo for a recommendation for construction of gender neutral bathrooms available to students in the Kelvin Smith Library. Lynn would also like for the LGBTQA Committee to create a list and identify high priority buildings of usage for students.

**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 1:15pm.
Minutes by J. Jackson