**LGBTQ+ Faculty & Staff Caucus General Meeting**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020; Called to order by Bill Mattera at 9:05 am

Bill Updates:

* Successful caucus open house! Attendees have requested to join ListServ so we’ll make sure they’re added
* Still working through centerpieces for president’s task force re: the LGBTQ+ center
  + Please send any notes/ideas directly to Bill
* Survey to determine classifications is ready; will be sent out via ListServ
* Also working through a senior leadership (exec) search proposal for our folks to sit in on appropriate interviews (re: if you’re in the College of Ag, we might connect you with search committee instead of an XComm member)
* Committees will start rolling in the spring
* Will send out a survey to the membership regarding meeting times for next semester
* Good showing of caucus members (~7) attended the candidate interviews yesterday; please attend the interview today as well if you can

SL Updates:

* The pronouns working group is coming along nicely! Hoping to have it ready to go for the spring semester
* SL will be reaching out to the advocacy committee and will be its exec contact

Sam Updates:

* We now have a banner on the myLSU scroller!
* Website has been updated to include information on committees and meeting minutes

Laurie Updates:

* Up to $1500 in our accounts
* Has three more payroll deductions to process
* If you’re not up to date on dues, check in with Laurie and she’ll let you know your status
* Looking for a couple of folks to join the budget sub-committee; if interested, reach out to Laurie
* Bill: idea floated to create an “intersectionality bundle” for caucus dues

Alexandra Updates:

Wes Updates:

* Final Native American Heritage month event is Thursday – please attend if you can!
  + All about the LSU Indian Mounds
* Thursday there will be a Trans Remembrance event (10am – 2pm) in Free Speech Alley – folks can stop by and sign
* MLK planning has begun – everything will be virtual this year
  + Virtual day of service; will turn it into a competition and hope to keep it fun for folks

Open Floor:

* D. Rovaris:
  + USA Today has contacted several groups on campus for comments regarding the handling of sexual assault article
    - If you do choose to comment, let Strat Comm know beforehand so communication can be coordinated
  + Roadmap updates: Diversity statement has been completed and now available on the website (updated from the 2014 version)
    - Have been active in ensuring there is a focus on diversity with candidate searches
    - Current major drivers are race/ethnicity
  + Day of Giving is on Dec. 4 – encourage folks to give to the Office of Diversity’s fund and you can earmark those funds for specific subsets (like the LGBTQ+ center)
* Jordyn Warren:
  + Current, non-Honors LSU students can join the Honors College by completing the Continuing Student application and meeting the following criteria:
    - Have a 3.5 cumulative GPA in all college coursework taken
    - An excellent 400-600 word essay
    - At least four semesters of college coursework remaining in their major
  + https://www.honors.lsu.edu/admissions/apply-transfer-continuing/transfer-and-continuing-student-application
  + Application Deadline: Dec. 30
* Bill Mattera: if you have issues you’d like the committees to tackle (like benefits, mental health questions, etc.), please contact XComm and we can address that outside of the larger general meetings
  + SL: Brining something up doesn’t commit you personally to working on it, so don’t be afraid to submit ideas/concerns!
* Cassaundra: would like to put together a resource list for folks who are seeking out mental health services
* Annemarie Caleucia:
  + <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhOfZBsWi2E23aspg61Z7bCRXvMBcr97NJlNi-vIKgDOXGTg/viewform>
  + CXC form that students can submit faculty names to so that CXC can shout them out for making an extra effort during this time
* Caroline Ziegler:
  + Would like to host a zine workshop for the caucus
  + Sam will reach out re: putting together a social event for zines
* Michael Bibler: stop by the Mid-city Makers Market at White Light Night to pick up a copy of his new book! A holiday story for all genders, races, and species 😊
* Karina Rafati: please attend the LatinX Caucus meeting today at noon if you’re able!

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am