

LGBTQ Caucus Meeting – 1/28/2021  
Called to order by Bill Matera at 9:03 am

### **Bill Matera, President's Report**

- Invitation to participate in identity centers sent yesterday
- Updates on equity/diversity initiatives can be found on the roadmap
- Conversation between admin and committee to see if separate centers or one, larger joint center would be better
- The Caucus submitted a statement in support of the Faculty Senate initiative to make AAAS 2000 a required course
  - o Currently the initiative has not passed, but when it is picked up again, we'll continue to support that effort
  - o Chris Barrett: faculty members will continue to push forward; will keep us updated on the status
  - o Dereck Rovaris: transcript of 1/25/21 faculty senate meeting is available; committee was established to "further research" the best course of action
  - o Cat Jacquet: let's make sure the AAAS program knows they have the full support of the caucus. The white hysteria was palpable, and we need to double down on our anti-racist efforts at LSU.

### **SL Ziegler, Vice President's Report**

- The Pronoun Resource Special Committee has delivered their deliverable! The pronoun guide is now on the website
  - o Document addresses importance of pronouns, how to ask pronouns, how to correct misuse, etc.
  - o If you have ideas for additional content, please submit it – this is a working document, so it is not final
- Advocacy committee – is holding their first meeting to discuss the charge of the committee, goals, etc.
  - o If you're interested in participating on the committee, contact SL
- Listening Tour – please reach out to the Executive Committee if you're new/haven't been contacted so that we can reach out to you

### **Sam Baldrige, Secretary's Report**

- Minor updates to the website in the resources section
  - o As always, web updates/additions are welcome
- Sam connected with Zach Tompkins at Hill Memorial Library
  - o Will submit our official documents, photos, etc. for archiving in their collections
  - o If you have anything you think should be submitted, please send it to Sam
- Social Committee Update:
  - o First social is tomorrow: Zine workshop hosted by Caroline Ziegler!
  - o Surveys were sent out to gauge interest in event types – your participation is greatly appreciated!

### **Laurie Braden, Treasurers Report**

- If you have not yet submitted your dues or payroll deduction form, please do so
  - o The form can be scanned in

- If you are interested in joining the finance committee, please do so!
  - o Can help with oversight of funds, spending requests, etc.

#### **Alexandra Chiasson, Graduate Representative Report**

- Graduate Student Support Committee will be getting off the ground this semester
  - o Alexandra will be reaching out to everyone who expressed interest for first meeting

#### **Wes Heath, Office of Multicultural Affairs Updates**

- Savannah Mattox will give us an overview of upcoming events – held in collaboration with AACC
  - o Opting for all virtual programming for Black History Month
  - o Three programs:
    - Netflix Party on Zoom to view *13<sup>th</sup>*
    - Netflix Party on Zoom to view *Moonlight*
    - Plant based soul food demo – a hybrid program for social and education

*Folx, please join us for our Zoom Watch Party event, screening “13th” to kick off Black History Month on Friday, February 5th @7pm via Zoom.*

*Wear your favorite comfy clothes, bring snacks and drinks, and let's get connected through education & dialogue around the intersections of race, gender, & the prison industrial complex. Register today and receive a Zoom link via email prior to the event.*

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ehrNLDvLH-ol8cv67IAIsmi1xz01bDSdFrnad62G-\\_g/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ehrNLDvLH-ol8cv67IAIsmi1xz01bDSdFrnad62G-_g/edit)

*Folx, please join us for our Plant-based Soulfood Demo as we celebrate Black History Month on Friday, February 12th @6pm via Zoom.*

*We'll be getting educated around Black Veganism Movement while honoring the cultural significance & herstorical background of Soul Food amongst Black Descendants of U.S. Slavery. We'll be making a few different traditional Soulfood dishes with all plant-based ingredients & providing detailed recipes so that participants can try it out in their kitchen spaces during the demo in real time or try it out on*

- o Registration links coming soon!
- Safe Space trainings online and going very well – over 150 people trained so far
  - o A lot of special request trainings as well
- Spectrum will not be moving forward with LAQC this year, but are starting to plan for next year
- Moving forward with purchasing chord for Lav Grad – planning to do a socially distanced ceremony in the spring

#### **Open Floor:**

- Michelle Carter: Wes Heath and Annemarie Galeucia received the LSU Foundation Staff award
- Laurie Braden: UREC will have some special event for Black History Month Feb. 22-24; Laurie will send registration links to the ListServ
  - o Black Empowerment event to increase awareness if lack of diversity in sports like climbing
- SL Ziegler: the LA Trans Oral History Project is kicking off a suite of events on Zoom. Totally free – please register for awesomeness!
- Caroline Ziegler: just bought a button maker! Can make buttons for the caucus if we want – YAY CAROLINE!
  - o Design ideas are welcome

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am by Bill Mattera