

LGBTQ+ Faculty & Staff Caucus Meeting. -September 16, 2020

Meeting called to order by Bill Mattera

- I. Provost Stacia Haynie
 - a. Recently returned from a retreat with the nine established working groups
 - b. Diversity initiatives are on the fast track
 - c. There's a team of 150 working on a diversity roadmap
 - d. There will be a continued implementation over the next few months
 - e. Lots of good movement since the gathering of student leaders on June 3
 - i. Imperative to create a just & safe campus for both students' safety and economic growth
 - ii. Since fall 2017, 87% growth in underrepresented groups
 - iii. An evaluation committee is in place to consider building names and potential name changes
 - f. Dr. Dereck Rovaris, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
 - i. Concerned about the backlash received → we need to be mindful of the local and global attacks on the LGBTQ+ community
 - g. Summer Steib, Women's Center
 - i. Looking at how groups can change our campus culture
 - h. Wes Heath, Office of Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Working to create an LSU Cares page specifically for faculty and staff
- II. Bill Mattera, President
 - a. Call for committees! Current options are advocacy, graduate student support, signature event, and socials
 - b. Anyone interested in participating, please contact the executive committee
- III. S.L. Ziegler, Vice President
 - a. Continuing the listening tour, so please keep an eye out for intro emails
 - b. Currently working on name change resources with Wes, please stay tuned!
- IV. Sam Baldrige, Secretary
 - a. Make sure that you're on the ListServ so that you're receiving all caucus emails
 - b. Minutes and agendas are being added to the website
- V. Laurie Braden, Treasurer
 - a. This year's dues will post on October 1
 - b. PDF and Word version of the payroll deduction form are in the chat
 - c. Our goal is to have \$1,000 in the account by the year's end
 - d. Remember, you can request a dues exemption if it is needed
- VI. Alexandra Chiasson, Graduate Student Representative
 - a. Introduction as grad rep
 - b. Would like to increase our outreach to graduate students
- VII. Wes Heath, Office of Multicultural Affairs Update
 - a. OMA/Safe Space/LGBTQ+ Project Update: Modules for all training courses are going live on Moodle & will be open to all LSU campuses
 - b. Bi-Bingo is next week, please spread the word

- c. The Hispanic Heritage Month calendar just launched – please check the OMA website for events and dates
 - d. Spectrum has a new office in Campus Life
 - e. Qroma has re-launched, please help spread the word!
 - i. Louisiana Trans Advocates (LTA) will help to support
- VIII. Open Floor Discussion
- a. Chris Barrett – looking forward to the fall semester and excited to connect with folks
 - b. Summer Steib – first Breakfast Break is this week!

Meeting adjourned by Bill Mattera