

15 September 2023 General Meeting

LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Caucus

Meeting called to order at 12:02 PM

First meeting of the Fall 2023 semester - Zoom - 26 attendees

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report

- New Officers:
 - VP: Andy Trevathan - introduction
 - Treasurer: Noel Allison - introduction (dues won't be discussed for a bit) (Ashton moved on from LSU)
 - Secretary: Lauren Lay - listserv issues
 - Graduate Representative: Georgina Marielle Ramos Avalos - (She/they) introduction
 - Co-President: Andrew Kuo - introduction (splitting many duties of
- Book Bazaar Update
 - LGBTQ+ content misshelved
 - Reached out to Bazaar organizers - prompt reply and apologetic, open to meeting. Caroline and Andrew attended; they say they are allies; "we know it when we see it" Being Jazz in the adult section; Simon vs Homosapien's Agenda in the adult section
 - More careful in the future, nothing concrete, only a few of "those books" donated
 - Members of caucus may volunteer to help with proper categorization
 - Ask how they define sexual content? Very broad. No YA section.
 - Family Relationships section?
 - Reconvene a month or two before event.
 - Put out call for book donations

Co-President Update (Leah)

- Activating old committees
 - <https://www.lsu.edu/lgbtq-caucus/get-involved/index.php>
 - Sending an email gauging interest in serving on committees
- Disability Caucus
 - Appointing liaisons to go to other caucus meetings
 - Suggestion to do the same to strengthen network and collaborate with other caucuses
 - Disability Caucus Andy & Frances
- Caucus Shirts - we will be sending out a survey to put in order soon

Open Floor

- Local/State gov't legislation - impact of new legislators - ask about diversity focus lens in your college/department - Reminder that there's a Town Hall on Monday, September 18 on the topic of post legislation restrictions on LGBTQ+ things in Louisiana. Info and registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/rDSqrpsDL2>
 - Sponsor student groups
 - College of Ag - current VP has deprioritised DEI
 - Healthcare system takeover by OLOTL; developing LSU guide with resources
 - Look at collaboration with other caucuses for "DEI champions"
- Develop intentional practices and how to breathe life into each other; create community
- Glitter Haus
- Safe Space Training Dates: Wednesday, September 27th (8:30 am- 12:30 pm)
- Wednesday, October 18th (12:30 pm- 4:30 pm)
- Thursday, October 26th (8:30 am- 12:30 pm)
- Monday, November 13th (12:30 pm-4:30 pm)
- Tuesday, December 12th (8:30 am- 12:30 pm)
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- Coats 175 LGBTQ+ Project Space hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 am- 6:00 pm Tuesday: Closed Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 3 signature events - bi visibility - bingo women's center 29th 5 pm; nat'l coming out day oct (collab with LSU museum of art) pride pots, Transgender Day of Remembrance November 20
- Res Life Drag Show Oct 19th
- Caucus Rep at Faculty Orientations (Geaux Gold)
- Liaison with online schools - Scarlett
- Rainbow Connection - Meet Up -
<https://www.meetup.com/the-rainbow-connection-baton-rouge-lgbt-and-allies-meetup/events/>
 - Brickyard on Tuesday 6:30 pm
 - Dog Day
 - Email info
- Grad LGBTQ Association
- Handyma'am in NOLA /Hello Kitty Cafe Truck
- Screaming Into the Future, Baton Rouge's newest Trans/Queer-focused popup zine library and publishing house is accepting submissions for the collaborative zine: Parenting While Queer / Queering Parenting
<https://screamingintothefuture.com/collab-zine-call-queer-parenting/>
- Queerness & Ceramics, photos of drag queens

Meeting Adjourned 12:55 pm