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

Thursday April 14, 2021

9 am via Zoom

**Meeting Agenda**

**9 am** **Call to order**

Last caucus meeting of the pandemic year!

1. **President’s Report**
2. Summer Committee/Projects Interest
   * + - 1. Signature event committee restarting for 2021-22
3. Roadmap group has split into smaller groups, has sent their recommendations to the president including the creating of a LatinX, AAPI, Native peoples, and LGBTQ+ physical spaces on campus
4. Executive search pieces – Bill has asked for more timely notice to participate
   * + - 1. Slower moving push to have caucus representation on leadership searches
       1. Advocacy committee has been doing heavy lifting lately; ExComm has now employed sensitivity editors to ensure that all caucus statements are crafted correctly
          1. Will allocate a specific budget for this as a permeant line item

1. **Vice President’s Report**
2. Update on Legislation
   * + - 1. Notification of AAPI statement of support
         2. Working to connect us with other advocacy resources on campus

1. **Secretary’s Report**
2. Advocacy page now live on the website
3. Web updates? Suggestions? Photos? Send them my way!

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
2. Awards and Finance committees will roll out in the 2021-22 year
3. Contracted with a consultant to draft the AAPI statement ($200)
4. Budget is small, but we’re looking to build for next year
5. Payroll deduction forms were submitted last month so you should see those deductions on your paychecks (if you recently submitted)

1. **Graduate Representative’s Report**
2. Support committee updates:
   * + - 1. Will launch a mentorship program for grad students with caucus members
         2. Hoping to partner with the queer GSA
         3. Will focus resource efforts no support, community friendly businesses/owned by community members, healthcare providers, etc.

Email any suggestions to achias7@lsu.edu

* + - * 1. Has been a tough semester so let’s show our grad students some extra love!

1. **Committee Updates**
2. Advocacy Committee**–**Gabrielle and SK
   * + - 1. AAPI statement is posted on the website; thanks to the team (Ryan, KP) for putting that together and to SL for their efforts on the statement re: anti-trans legislation
         2. Developing a more pro-active advocacy plan for the 2021-22 year
         3. Dr. Rovaris: thank you for your work and for making these specific statements that the Office of Diversity cannot always make

Very excited to see the more proactive action

* + - * 1. Laurie Braden: how do we balance who we are/what we stand for with our restrictions from the university?

Dr. Rovaris: you can call on these folks and ask questions, just must be done as a private citizen

There are orgs out there that are watching the legislature and can inform us when then things are gaining traction

SL Ziegler: regularly having meetings with folks who are pulling this info and will keep the caucus up to date; will send out more info about some events being organized by the Louisiana Trans Advocates (Lobby Day on May 5)

1. Social Committee
2. Guided Meditation class; poll: dates and times
3. Upcoming: May picnic
4. Potential caucus book club!

1. **OMA Update from Wes**
   * + 1. Seeking kind study notes for students during finals
       2. IN PERSON LAV GRAD! 3 – 4:30 p.m.
          1. 15-20 people registered so far
          2. Faculty and staff can attend but there will not be a processional this year
          3. Ballroom in the student union – we need volunteers to help with set-up and take-down
       3. BR Pride hosting a panel on May 19 re: what’s next after graduation
       4. Listening room event happening at 2 p.m. on Friday (one month anniversary of tragedy in Atlanta)
       5. Latinx Mini-Festival: Tower Drive, Tuesday, April 20th, 11am-1pm

1. **Open Floor**
   * + 1. Caroline Ziegler – focused butterfly activity for students and the caucus – in the vein of the Zine workshop; also, buttons!
       2. Dr. Rovaris – nothing formal planned for a ceremony for Kori, but this is an important reminder to check in with our communities and with ourselves

**9:50 am** **Adjourn**

**Upcoming events**

**May 5th**Lavender Graduation