

UCCS PRIDE Committee
February 13, 2018
Agenda

- I. Welcome and Sign-In
- II. Review of Minutes from 12-5-17 meeting

- III. Old Business
 - a. Petition to Faculty Assembly – Sam and Melissa
 - b. Faculty Climate Survey - Dana

- IV. New Business
 - a. Andrea Herrera, Associate Vice Chancellor for Inclusion and Academic Affairs
 - b. Other

- V. Adjourn and next meeting

Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:35pm, members in attendance:
Melissa Benton, Dana Wortman, Janice Gould, Samantha Adrian, Heather Nicholson, Jazmin Munoz, Deborah Tuffield, Claire Ami, Mingming Zhou

- II. Minutes from December 5, 2017 approved.

- III. Old Business
 - a. Petition to Faculty Assembly –
Sam attended the Faculty Assembly meeting on February 9, 2017. The motion to change PRIDE to a Regular Standing Committee was approved along with the revisions to the bylaws that create the PRIDE Advisory Committee. We want to encourage wide membership in the Advisory Committee. Anyone interested should contact Melissa or Sam to be added to the committee and email list.

 - b. Faculty Climate Survey –
Dana is working on the survey, which will assess feeling about LGBTQ+ issues on campus. She will try to send it out by email to PRIDE members prior to the next meeting.

- IV. New Business
 - a. Vice Chancellor for Inclusion and Academic Affairs –
Andrea Herrera is new to the position and has a background in WEST. She wants to expand the WEST model to focus on students, staff, and faculty by building relationships, and hopes to work closely with campus groups such as PRIDE. She was encouraged to attend PRIDE meetings at any time they fit into her schedule.

- b. Other –
 - Campus/classroom safety – A concern was raised regarding physical safety on campus, based on a past knife attack against a faculty member at another university. Because of FERPA, faculty cannot obtain information regarding student mental health issues, so safety is an on-going concern. During discussion Heather reported that the Veteran’s Office is planning de-escalation training on campus this semester, and Janice reported that she is currently teaching an Aikido class for women at a dojo close to campus on Sunday afternoons. Melissa will send the details out to PRIDE members through the email list.
 - Individual reports –
 - Heather described the upcoming events planned by the Office of Veterans’ Affairs. This is women’s history month, so there will be a panel discussion about women in the military on March 6 in UC 316 at 4:00 pm and on March 16 there will be a movie, “Unsung Heroes” at 6:00 pm in the Veteran Center.
 - Deborah reported that on February 17, UCCS will host a symposium for high school students regarding LGBTQ health and mental health.
 - Jazmin reported that MOSAIC is starting a discussion about queer people of color, and an advocacy group for DACA students.
 - Sam reported that the Diversity Summit will be held on April 3 in Berger Hall. The theme is Academic Freedom and Free Speech.
 - Claire suggested that PRIDE host a group social related to a special campus event sometime this semester. The idea was well received.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm. Next meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 4:30-5:30 pm. We will ask Martin Garner to schedule EPC 304 if it’s available.