

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
PRIDE Committee
Report to Faculty Assembly October 2015

Meeting held Wednesday October 21st, 2015

Attending Members: Emilie Vrbancic, Dena Samuels, Alex Illyasova, Jesse Perez, Dana Wortman, Melissa Benton, Mingming Zhou, Heather Kling, Ethan Wade (Spectrum Representative)

Agenda

1. Announcements

- a. GLBTI Symposium has been approved as a Co-Curricular Inclusiveness Event for Compass Curriculum
- b. No “new” news from FA on moving forward with Standing committee
- c. FA wants bylaws from all committees. Dena and Emilie are in the process of drafting our bylaws. We will bring them to November meeting for committee approval.
- d. Membership announcements
 - i. Emilie and Dena will be in contact with FA representatives from SPA (1), LAS (2), EDUC (1)
 - ii. Please reach out to interested parties in your colleges
 - iii. We have proposed a 3 year commitment for representatives
- e. Other Announcements
 - i. Heather informed us of the Diversity in the Ranks Panel for Veterans Week
 - ii. Ethan mentioned the Survivor Speak Out for Respect on Campus
 - iii. Jesse encouraged us to talk to students and inform them about Vagina Monologue Auditions (Nov. 2-5)

2. LGBT Resource Center Updates

- a. Preferred name policy: Jesse has been working with A&R to improve the policy for preferred names within Blackboard and other systems. Once entered, the preferred name will trump legal name. *This is especially helpful for faculty since they will no longer have to click through several screens to get the preferred name on their roster.* There are still some issues to work out with IT but it’s a move in the right direction. Also, Jesse, Stephanie Hanenberg (Student Health Center), and Benek Altayli (Counseling) will be allowed to sign the name change forms to ensure students do not have to go through undue stress.
- b. Jesse gave us a long list of events and plans for LGBTRC events. He will be sending Emilie and Dena an updated list of events. He also encouraged committee members to send him ideas for events.

3. GLBTI Committee openings & Symposium updates

- a. One spot has been filled but there are still two spots open. Please let Dena or Emilie know if you’d like to serve on the system committee.
- b. Volunteer progress for Symposium
 - i. Jesse has taken up the volunteer coordinating. Emilie will send out an email asking for PRIDE committee volunteers for the Symposium

4. Planning for Trans* Awareness Event(s)

- a. Suggested Spring event/workshop ideas:
 - i. Inclusive practices in the classroom
 - ii. Trans inclusive curriculum
 - iii. Guest Speaker (possibly sj Miller?) <https://connections.cu.edu/spotlights/five-questions-sj-miller>
- b. It was decided that our next meeting will be devoted to planning the event. Special consideration must be put towards the date as the CU Women’s Succeeding conference and the Women’s Committee Spring Workshop will be in February.

5. Next meeting will be Wednesday November 8th