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H&H Committee Early September Meeting Details

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FIRST MEETING OF SEMESTER!

The next meeting of the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism will be held:

Friday September 15
12:00 Noon
Room 202, Memorial Union

AGENDA

1. Establishing meeting times for the semester.
2. Update on planning for the ‘96 Symposium.
3. Update on Joan Nestle visit date for the Fall.
4. Setting our priorities for the semester and for the year.
5. Other business?

   Work year campaign but will remind & sign about safe zone campaign.
   Need to talk about gay men's.

7. QueerFlicks film event: Spain from Gaie TV New York Thu Oct 1

*NOTE: SAVE TREES! BRING THIS AGENDA TO THE MEETING SO NO ADDITIONAL COPIES WILL NEED TO BE MADE!"
Improve Committee
Talk about issues of problems on campus
"Cuban Night" at Food Court; 2 cases happen, happened this week
Adjourn
Attendees:

Tricia Taylor
Mary Capello
Mary Littlefield
Ken Walton
Anna Shepherd
Mary M. Thompson
Colleen Gregory
David Wright
Carla Pichersky
Holly Williams
Amy Black
Gina Spina
Geeta Cohen
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COMMITTEE TO ELIMINATE HOMOPHOBIA AND HETEROSEXISM

Minutes for Meeting on September 15, 1995

1. Attendance. The following were present at the meeting. As requested, email addresses are included for those who have accounts. All email accounts are followed by: @uriacc.uri.edu unless otherwise noted. Bill Bartels (wjb); Brie; Mary Cappello (wyel01); Mary Rudd (mrudd); Jean Walton (jwalton); Dana Shugar (dshugar); Karen Hazard; Colleen Gregory (cgre); David Wright; Carla Pickering (carlap@egr.uri.edu); Holly Nichols (hnic7063); Amy Black; Laurie Johnson; Greta Cohen (gretac); Andrew Winters; Wally Sillanpoa; Lois Cuddy; Gary Burkholder (byul01)

2. Minutes were approved with a correction of the spelling of Wally Sillanpoa’s name. A question was raised about the discussion concerning the statement of purpose. The chair clarified that the statement of purpose in the minutes was the one decided upon. He also noted that the issue of possible changes to the wording contained in the statement could be raised again at a later time, if desired. Mary also stressed for all the new people at the meeting that the H&H committee is a forum for discussion of problems on campus as well as taking care of routine business.

3. It was decided that we will meet every two weeks, starting today, on Fridays, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Those who wish to have items appear on the agenda should contact Bill by phone or by email (WJB). The question was raised as to whether we needed to meet every two weeks instead of perhaps every three weeks. It was decided to meet every two weeks, especially in light of symposium planning. Lois volunteered her home as a place to meet for a potluck social. Decision on a date for the social was tabled until next meeting.

4. Bill provided fliers and letters from the Counseling Center advertising the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning support group. Professors were encouraged to make the information available to students.

5. Gary provided a summary of progress on the Symposium. Barbara Smith has given agreement over the phone to be our keynote speaker, at a cost of 2000.00 (honorarium). After some discussion, it was agreed that members of the committee would take the Call for Papers with them, make any editorial changes they felt necessary, and forward them to Gary in campus mail or by electronic mail. Gary will then collect, review and incorporate requests into a revision that will be reviewed at the Sept. 29 meeting. Dana noted that the original dates of the symposium, April 3, 4, 5, are during Passover and Good Friday. It was tentatively decided to have the conference the following week, April 10-12. Gary will shift the reservation of the Ballroom to that week. Mary Rudd will take care of scheduling the Galanti Lounge. Amy from POWER stated that her organization would cosponsor the event. The issue of a symposium theme was raised. Andrew clarified that the conference theme would be emergent based on responses to the call for papers, recognizing that the call for papers stresses our issues of interest (ethnic and racial diversities in lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities). The issue was raised about who would be the point of contact for phone inquiries and proposal submission. No decision was made.
6. Dana reported that Joan Nestle will be coming to speak October 24. Mary Rudd will investigate the availability of the Galanti Lounge for that evening. So far, Visiting Scholars has agreed to pay 400.00, and Women's Studies will cosponsor with 100.00. Total requested honorarium is 800.00. Holly, Kim, Mary Capeio, and Jean volunteered to help with publicity for the event. Dana stated that Joan might be interested in doing a book signing, and she is looking into the possibility of conducting class visits.

7. Bill will write a letter to the Cigar concerning the Safe zone campaign. Based on discussions from the previous year, it was desired to remind the campus on a yearly or semester basis about what the safe zone campaign is and where people can get stickers. Stickers are at the Affirmative Action office.

8. Jean reported that Al Anderson, GLBA, is doing OUTFLICKS this year. The first event will be a presentation by Dyke TV on Thursday, October 12. The GLBA wants information on requesting funds from the Richard Katzoff Foundation. It was suggested that the GLBA should contact Lynn McKinney.

9. Jean reported that the GLBA is interested in having a joint H&H/GLBA potluck social. Discussion of this was tabled until next meeting, to be discussed in conjunction with Lois' offering of her place for a social this semester. Additionally, the GLBA has set their meeting times for alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting on Tuesday, Sept. 19, for the duration of the semester.

10. Wally announced that the URI Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association of Graduate Students, Faculty and Staff is having a social on Friday, September 22, at 4:30 pm at the University Club. He distributed fliers for all to post.

11. The meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.
Announcing a Call for Papers

2nd Annual
Symposium on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues
University of Rhode Island, April 3-5, 1996

Faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students, and members of the greater Rhode Island community are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. We are looking for a wide variety of topics that encompass scholarly research, performance and/or other forms of artistic expression. This will be a unique opportunity for everyone to discuss topical issues and to exchange ideas and information. We especially encourage presentations that examine ethnic and racial diversities as they impact on lesbian, gay and bisexual communities in Rhode Island. Organizations in the community will be invited, and members of other colleges and universities in the state are invited to participate in a roundtable discussion of campus advocacy and activism.

Barbara Smith, this year’s special fellow to the Schoenberg Library, will be the keynote speaker. A well-known scholar, editor and political activist, Ms. Smith will address her current research into the history of African-American lesbian, gay and bisexual communities.

Topics might include, but are not limited to, the following areas: Diversity in Sexuality; Intersections of Racism and Homophobia; Lesbigay issues in Communities of Color; Performance art of any kind; Sexuality in the Visual Arts, Literature, Film, Video, Drama, Opera, Television, and Popular Culture; Queer Social Movements; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or HIV Activism; Butch/Femme Roles; Politics of S/M; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Histories; Heterosexism; Scientific Research in Sexual Orientations; Coming Out Stories; Lesbian and Gay Youth; Religion and Homosexuality; Photographic Essays.

The format will be a series of one-hour time blocks dedicated to both individual presentations and topical panel formats in which 2-3 speakers will present their work. There will also be space for a number of poster presentations. We require a one page abstract that describes the nature of the presentation. This should include the title, approximate length of the presentation, expected visual/audio aids required, and a brief description that conveys the significance of the work. Proposals should be submitted as early as possible but must be received by December 1, 1995. They can be mailed to: Bill Bartels, Protestant Chaplain, University of Rhode Island, 319 Roosevelt Hall, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881, (401) 792-4784. The site of the symposium is wheelchair accessible, and special accommodations for those requiring additional services can be arranged by contacting the Chaplain’s office.
Second Annual URI Symposium on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues  
Call for Papers

Gary Burkholder

On April 3-5, 1995, the University of Rhode Island will be hosting its second annual Symposium on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues. The conference is sponsored by the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism and will be co-sponsored by other campus organizations.

Barbara Smith, this year's Special Fellow of the Schoenberg Library, will be the keynote speaker. A well-known scholar, editor, and political analyst, Ms. Smith will address her current research into the history of African-American lesbian, gay and bisexual communities.

Faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students, and members of the greater Rhode Island community are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. We are looking for a wide variety of topics that encompass scholarly research and performance and/or other forms of artistic expression. This will be a unique opportunity for everyone to discuss topical issues and to exchange ideas and information. We especially encourage presentations that examine ethnic and racial diversities as they impact on lesbian, gay and bisexual communities in Rhode Island.

One of the panels will be devoted to representing the activities by and for lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals in Rhode Island, and interested organizations are invited to participate. This will be an opportunity to share with others the variety of social, educational, and political resources available to members of the lesbigay community. In addition, we will organize a roundtable discussion specifically for members of campuses throughout Rhode Island to discuss advocacy and activism in academic settings.

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Options (mailed 29 Aug)
For Palmer
Bill Bartels  
Chairperson, Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism  
University of Rhode Island  
319 Roosevelt Hall  
Kingston, Rhode Island 02881  
(401) 792-4784  
September 15, 1995

To the members of ____________:

This committee, the URI Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association of Graduate Students, Faculty and Staff, and other campus organizations will be sponsoring the second annual Conference on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Studies on April 3-5, 1996. The conference will be held at the University of Rhode Island in the Library's Galanti Lounge.

As part of our event, we are particularly interested in having the participation of organizations that represent the lesbigay communities in Rhode Island. This is an opportunity for you to share with others the educational, political and/or social resources your group provides to lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Rhode Island.

Barbara Smith, this year's special fellow to the Schoenberg Library, will be the keynote speaker. A well-known scholar, editor and political activist, Ms. Smith will address her current research into the history of African-American lesbian, gay and bisexual communities.

If you are interested in participating, please provide us with a brief description of what you would like to present at the conference, and whether you will require any visual or audio aids as part of your presentation. The location of the symposium is wheelchair accessible.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any specific questions, feel free to call me.

Bill Bartels

FOR COMMUNITY ORGS
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Last year's conference, "Stepping Out: The URI Symposium on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Studies", was enormously successful in showcasing research, literary and artistic work in gender and human sexualities completed by faculty, staff and students at URI. This year, we are expanding the presentation to include presentations by members of other academic communities in Rhode Island, as well as those by community groups who serve the needs of the Rhode Island Lesbigay communities.

Barbara Smith, this year's special fellow to the Schoenberg Library, will be the keynote speaker. A well-known scholar, editor and political activist, Ms. Smith will address her current research into the history of African-American lesbian, gay and bisexual communities. The cost to bring her to URI is 2000.00 plus travel expenses.

In order to make this a truly united, interdisciplinary effort, we are seeking organizations that might want to take part in sponsoring this symposium. We need financial support to pay for advertising and for Ms. Smith. If you are interested in cosponsoring this event, please contact us at the above phone number.

We believe that such a conference is important for diversifying the voice and understanding of everybody involved in the URI community. We look forward to your support and/or participation.

Bill Bartels
TIMELINE/CONFERENCE PLANNING

FIRST: FINANCIAL SUPPORT

releases for:
OPTIONS (Mailed August 28)
PACER (By October 1 in order to reach November Issue)

Mailings

Campus mailing of Call for papers (Faculty, Staff, Grad Students)

Mailing of Call for papers outside of URI (How are we to decide who will get the call for papers?)

Mailing of letters to community organizations (Need to decide which organizations to mail to)

Call for cosponsorship (by November 1)

Undergraduate Organizations:
  GLBA
  POWER
  LASA
  Uhuru Sasa
  Black Student Leadership Group
  Student Entertainment Committee

Other organizations
  Visiting Scholars (Wally has completed this)
  Women's Center
  Women's Studies
  President's Office
  Multicultural Center
  Office of Residential Life

Organization Needs

1. Somebody to coordinate press/advertising at the beginning of Spring Semester
   1. PACER - March/April edition
   2. OPTIONS - Get in by February 10 to reach the March issue (April issue will be too late)
   3. Design posters to hang on campus and around town/ fliers
   4. Narragansett Times, Providence Journal

2. Somebody to coordinate the visit by Barbara Smith
   1. Contractual Arrangements
   2. Housing during her visit
   3. Currently scheduled for Ballroom, Wed., April 3, 7:30 pm or Gallanti lounge

3. Coordinating a social on Thursday evening - GLBA????

4. Coordinating food during the conference

5. Preparation of brochure, design of conference, taking care of audiovisual aids, furniture, etc. (Including investigating feasibility of getting boards for posters if needed)