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Minutes for the Meeting of the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism
Monday, November 17, 1997

1. Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon.
2. Members present were: Bill Bartels, Holly Nichols, Amy Black, Casey Johnson, Marina Ayrapetov, Gary Burkholder, Al Lott, Lois Cuddy.
3. Minutes for the November 3 meeting were approved without changes.
4. Announcements: Gary asked Bill to send out an email asking if anyone has a copy of the video "The Gay Agenda".
5. Gary didn't have the flyer. However, the social for the committee is confirmed for Thursday, December 11, 4:00pm - 5:30pm at the University Club. Gary will have the flyer for review at the December 1 meeting, and it will be mailed to all faculty and staff. Gary will also write a letter to the editor of the Cigar announcing the social.
6. Films. Lois suggested to contact Bill O'Malley in the English department to see if there is any money left for films. If so, Lois offered to pay for a LGBT educational video to be placed in the library. We agreed to do film presentations next semester on a volunteer basis. We thought that afternoons would be best to allow for students to view videos and participate in discussions. Those who are interested can just do it. Holly will send Jen from the GLBTA a note to see about having that organization sponsor a film series next year.
7. Marina asked about student groups working in coalition on issues. There was a brief discussion about previous attempts (not particularly successful) to do so. It was also asked why students weren't coming out nor coming to GLBTA meetings. We talked about the idea of trying to formulate a straight-gay alliance, perhaps with representatives from other student groups working together on common issues. It was recommended that the GLBTA try to reach out to other organizations, and that we can invite URISSC, POWER and the GLBTA to the upcoming social.
8. Amy and Casey would like for us to brainstorm for activities during the day of action following Mandy Carter's presentation for the symposium. One idea Amy suggested was to take up the issue of domestic partners at URI, and another idea would be letter writing to the Cigar. Bill recommended that Amy see the AAUP for information on the issue of domestic partners that was presented during the past contract negotiations.
9. The next meeting is on Dec 1, 1997.