



Academic Senate of California State University, Long beach

Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer + Campus Climate
(CLGBTIQ+CC)

Annual Report- AY2018-19

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Committee Actions

1. University Programs and Campus Activities

The Committee worked with various campus offices (e.g. Career Development Center) to promote and increase student attendance to social and educational campus events including *Out at Work Panel & Network Mixer*, *Safe Zone Training*, *Coming-Out Monologues* and *Lavender Graduation*.

2. All-Gender Restrooms

The Committee's officers met with Mark Zakhour, Director of Design & Construction Services, to follow-up on the conversion of campus restrooms to "all-gender" and to obtain an updated map of gender neutral restrooms. While limited funding have challenged the completion of this project, the director's team has worked expeditiously to conduct a detailed survey of all campus restrooms and has designed drawings in preparation for the physical work, targeting completion by the end of spring semester 2020. Mr. Zakhour noted that efforts are also directed to upgrade several single use all-gender restrooms to be fully compliant with the Americans with Disability Act.

3. LGBTIQ Gender Neutral Housing

A housing application was obtained from University Housing & Residential Life, facilitated by Roshan Jayasinghe- office manager, and a revision to the text on STEP 10 of 17 was requested to list Gender Neutral Housing as an *option item* within the application form instead of requiring a

separate petition from students seeking Gender Neutral Housing. The Committee's request was approved for the AY 2019-20 application form.

4. Enhancing communication within campus offices and utilization of campus resources

A BeachBoard site has been created for the Committee to: facilitate communication among its members, post information on topics relevant to the charge of the Committee, and update information on the availability of campus resources/services for the LGBTIQ campus community.

The Committee also contacted Enrollment Services (Donna Green) to address students' questions on the creation of a preferred university email address as many students seemed to be unaware of this option. Enrollment services sent a reminder to all students with specific instructions on the creation of a preferred email address.

Recommendations for the AY 2019-20 Committee on LGBTIQ+CC

- Open student access to the Committee's BeachBoard site so they can be updated on the Committee's work and become involved in areas of interest.
- Obtain input from LGBTIQ students on how to enhance their engagement in campus life and their utilization of existing resources.
- Centralize information and resources relevant to LGBTIQ students.
- Survey LGBTIQ students to assess their perceptions of the campus climate and identify their needs. Thereafter, the Committee can decide on the creation of its subcommittees based on the survey's findings.
- Create community outreach programs/activities that can expand social and professional networks for the LGBTIQ campus community.
- Organize a yearly campus symposium and engage the support and attendance of university administrators and the Long Beach community across its various sectors (e.g. merchants, healthcare professionals, community centers).
- Follow-up on the cultivation and maintenance of an inclusive campus climate and the facilities that reflect this commitment, such as student housing and campus restrooms.