

GLBT Resource Center
Advisory Board Meeting
November 6, 2008

There was not a quorum for a formal meeting. However, members who were present had an informal discussion regarding several topics. No formal business was conducted.

Present: David Rush, Greg Garant, Kevin Hostetler, Caleb Portee, Vince Rhomberg, Rosemary Simmons, Carmen Suarez

David read Virginia's Coordinator report that she sent to him in her absence:

Thank you to everyone for their help with the tailgate and the GLBT history month activities
Several requests have been made for more Safe Zone Training workshops
Additional volunteers signed up for future events
The Resource Center needs a student employee and intern for spring, 2009 semester
Thoughts regarding a Lavender Graduation for May, 2009
Thoughts regarding adding Q to the Resource Center title (i.e., GLBTQ Resource Center)

No one was present from the Academic or Finance Committees.

Feedback regarding the Homecoming Tailgate Party

Timing – order tent, reservation on Saluki Row earlier in year; begin planning sooner for event
Placement of Tent – need more central location which earlier reservation will help
Liked the blue and white tent
Slushies were great, but too much work; less food
Need additional decorations at tent to draw people in
Three foot grill would be sufficient
Invitations and Emails sent more frequently beginning fall semester, month prior and couple weeks prior to the event (Invite Triangle Coalition and SRN – present and past)

There was a discussion on how to increase participation within the Resource Advisory Board, Triangle Coalition, SRN and the University Community. Rosemary suggested a combined social for spring, 2009. Rosemary agreed to work with Virginia to accomplish two tasks for spring, 2009.

- A social reception on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Student Center –
 - Invitations would be sent to Resource Advisory Board members, SRN, Triangle Coalition and to the general campus community (faculty, staff, students)
 - The purpose of the social would be to mingle and network; to hear from the SRN students what their needs are, what is going well, what do they need assistance with, how can faculty and staff support them more effectively?
 - Encourage participants at the social to participate in focus groups being held in February, 2009
- Focus Groups held in February, 2009
 - Student focus group
 - Faculty and staff focus group
 - Purpose of focus groups is to gather information regarding needs, satisfaction, disappointment, wishes for the GLBTQ community and culture at SIUC

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, December 4th, 4: 30 – 5:30 p.m. Location TBA from Virginia