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MINUTES

Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People (LGBTP)

December 12, 2006

Time: 2:00

Place: 8th Floor Andy Holt Tower Board Room

Present: Melissa Bartsch, Kristi Bogle, Donna Braquet, Alan Chesney, Ed Cortez, Pam Hindle, Chris Hodge, George Hoemann, Wes Knott, Marti McClard, Bharat Mehra, Becky Morgan, Jenny Moshak, Carol Raxter, Marva Rudolph, Ashe Smith, P.J. Snodgrass, Roger Weaver, Ed White, Yang Zhong

Absent: Ron Gilmour, Renee Smith, Ed Woodruff, Lou Gross, Jane Redmond, Maxine Thompson

1. Call to Order – Alan Chesney welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that they introduce themselves.

2. New Business –

- Purpose of Commission – Alan Chesney explained that the LGBTP Commission is a body appointed by Chancellor Loren Crabtree to advise on the planning, implementation, and evaluation of University programs, policies, and services designed to improve the status of LGBT people on the Knoxville campus. A roster of those who were invited to and accepted the invitation to serve on the Commission was distributed, along with a copy of the bylaws.

- Organization – Alan Chesney asked the group to review the bylaws and invited them to make a motion on the adoption of them. The bylaws were approved. Chesney then conducted an election for the chair. George Hoemann was elected and Chesney turned the meeting over to Hoemann.

- Vice Chairs - Bharat Mehra and Donna Braquet were nominated for and elected as Vice Chairs of the Commission.

- Bylaws - Bylaw revisions were discussed and the Commission voted to add a section on the frequency of meetings and the method of conducting them; also to be added is a budget section; and a section on the approval and amendments to the bylaws.

- Frequency of Meetings - Hoemann asked the group to email to him their preferred day of the week and time of day to meet for one hour.

- Committees – Hoemann asked the members to let him know on which committee they would like to serve. The group discussed the functions of each committee. Ed White recommended that the Commission establish a Research Committee. Chris Hodge volunteered to set up a listserv for the Commission as the first action of the Communication Committee.

- LGBT Manifesto for Social Action - Mehra and Braquet conducted qualitative research on LGBT issues in Knoxville in the fall of 2005. Mehra distributed a handout they developed listing the top ten barriers and challenges, and ideas of what actions to take.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.