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The Commission for Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender People at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville

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**Minutes**
**Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) People**
**November 5, 2007**

**Time:** 12:00 PM
**Place:** Hodges Library, Room 605

**Present:** Donna Braquet, Rusty Drummer, Leslee Fisher, Trey Fogerty, George Hoemann, Erik Leander, Suzanne Molnar, Becky Morgan, Jenny Moshak, David Patterson, Lynn Sacco, Renee Smith

**Absent:** Melissa Bartsch, Alexis Boylan, Connie Briscoe, Ted Brown, Alan Chesney, Ed Cortez, Amy Davidson, Pam Hindle, Chris Hodge, Wes Knott, Mary Lucal, Marti McClard, Gina Owens, David Payne, Jane Redmond, Mitchell Ronningen, Marva Rudolph, Tina Shepardson, Ashe Smith, P.J. Snodgrass, Stephanie Swain, Dawn Szymanski, Victoria Thomas, Maxine Thompson, Nikki Walles, Roger Weaver, Ed White, Lynn Woolsey

**Call to Order:** George Hoemann welcomed everyone and the meeting began at 12: PM.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**A) Rescheduling Rita Geier Discussion**

The commission will attempt to reschedule the discussion for December.

**B) Approval of the Minutes for October 3rd, 2007**

Minutes approved at 12:05 PM.

**C) Awards Committee**

Nothing new to report.

**D) Communications Committee**

A new series of DVDs called 'Unlearning Homophobia' is now available in the library via the general catalog.
Three films will be shown next semester including 'Fabulous,' 'Farm Family,' and one more film that has not been decided upon.

**E) Curriculum Committee**

The committee is currently identifying LGBT content already in the curriculum and existing areas in which LGBT content can be added.

The committee is preparing a proposal for a symposium for undergraduate students regarding LGBT people in the workplace. The committee intends to request funding from the Ready for the World Initiative.

**F) Equity Committee**

The committee has acquired a comprehensive list of UTK peer institutions. A spreadsheet has been prepared to facilitate the compilation of data regarding the benefits provided to spouses/partners by peer institutions. In addition to a general comparison, the committee will attempt to determine the cost of these benefits to determine the effect they would have on the budget. The expectation is that any costs will be wholly negligible. The information will be accumulated into a final proposal that should be completed at some point in December or January.

**G) Resource Center Committee**

The committee is still considering different ideas regarding location. However, the committee prefers the third-floor space in the UC currently being used as a lounge.

**Adjournment:** 12:34 PM