OUTspoken Board Meeting
March 12th, 2015

Lydia motions to open at 6:50

Paw Prints (Lydia)
- Five petitions were posted on 3/11 regarding issues the trans* community faces
  - One was delayed a due to a misnaming (Ryah)
- Expecting to be assigned the responsibility of resolving name change issues (Lydia)
  - The name change petition just broke 200! (Ilyssa)
- Publicizing information
  - [Highlighted: Posted on Facebook, sent to the Q Center and our affiliates]
  - [Highlighted: A print-out would also be helpful]

A Tale of Five Cities (Lydia)
- PBS alumnus wrote a dissertation about five gay men’s experiences
- To host a luncheon with the Office for Diversity and Inclusion
  - April 21st in the Vignelli Center from 12 until 1:30 PM
- First meeting was held on 3/12
  - Panel discussion, classroom visit, workshop for Greeks
- With whom do I want to work?
  - And what are we expected to do? (Matt, Ryah)
  - We will probably work toward the panel or something outside (Lydia)
- This does not align with our goals; the focus is on straight education (Lydia)
  - But we should continue to educate non-queer people (Val)
  - I will be involved and can keep you all updated (Henry)
- We should still be involved, to a degree; a panel is just logistics (Matt)

Calendaring
- Purple notes: title
- Brown notes: dates
- Red notes: notes and persons responsibilities
- Mauve numbers: indefinite prices
- Green numbers: definite prices

- Trans Day of Visibility; who will be hosting it, Tangent or OUTspoken? (Lydia)
  - If we are not involved, we will still promote
- ritGA Drag Show; flyer from the Reps. at Large for Sean
- ColorFEST; we have to contact Spectrum
  - The price for four sponsorships is $100
- NELGBT Conference; our prices are set
- OUTspoken Week; April 13th to 17th
  - Would the following week be better?
  - We don’t want to show preference to pre-planned events
    - We only have so much time to plan things (Matt)
  - Several possible events; “Everyone is Gay” seems popular (Lydia)
  - Naming; Pride/OUTspoken Week? (Vannah, Val, Ilyssa)
    - We should put our name out there (Val)
How do we feel about GAYpril (Val, Lydia, Matt)
“Out” could be seen as non-inclusive (Ryah, Keil)
Pride Week? We could have a parade (Henry)
“Queer” or “Q” can be problematic (Ilyssa)
Send Lydia your name ideas/suggestions/votes
Should we get this out to Q Senate? (Matt)
This is our event, we want to do all of the planning (Lydia)
Careful not to withhold for too long, you want support (Henry)
All planning will be set by April 5th (Lydia)

Day of Silence
Getting actual face labels for the event (Keil)
We could print labels or stickers (Ryah)
“I’m OUTspoken, but not today” (Henry)

Equality and Justice Day (Lydia)
We need people to register by tomorrow, but there is little interest (Val)
We should petition local congresspeople (Henry)
Board of Trustees will be here that week (Matt)

Imagine RIT (Lydia)
The poll for activities interest has been distributed
We should close it by March 18th and base our decision on that
Begin publicizing our plans by April

We have to be careful about our extra events because of a tight budget (Val)
If necessary, there is the possibility that we could tap into the other half of our budget if approved by SG (Lydia)
We should consider what the community is getting (Val)
Attendance shows an event is successful, what do they want?

ROOTS will be given a definite $250 (Lydia)
The Committee has definitely over-budgeted so our donation is enough
We still need a new name for the event (Ryah)

Rainbow Graduation; working with the Q Center to see what they want
We should also plan for the award; the Ed Steffens award?
Does the late advisor’s partner have an interest?
What criteria/qualifications are needed? (Vannah)
How much activity/involvement is needed? (Vannah, Ryah)
Growth should also be considered (Ryah)
We should not be writing people off because of “how queer they are” (Matt)
We should consider how they treat others in the community (Vannah)
We need to be wary of what kind of activity people are engaged in (Keil)
We should watch for it becoming a popularity contest
We should look for those that are outside our friends
Nominations outside of this group? (Henry)
Careful for a popularity contest (Val)
Could be assuaged with a required essay-writing (Keil)
Implementing a committee to decide, neutrally (Matt)
○ Considering “lesser” awards, superlatives (Keil)
○ If it is a scholarship the person should apply on their own (Ilyssa)
  ■ People’s work should not be tied to financial need (Keil)
  ■ We should table this until we are sure about money (Vannah)
○ Qualifications:
  ■ Unity building (Vannah)
  ■ Being oneself, inspiring (Keil)
  ■ Installing changes politically (Val)
  ■ Growth, showing the ability to improve (Sean)
  ■ Embodying the characteristics of the late dedicatee (Vannah)
○ We should set things up and outsource the decisions (Lydia)
● OUTspoken BBQ; May 9th or 10th, before finals
  ○ I would like to be heavily involved (Vannah)
● ESPA Spring Dinner; rather expensive (Lydia)
  ○ Last year, OUTspoken sponsored seats but it cost $600 (Val)
● CrossWalk; last year hosted by ACA and OUTspoken (Lydia)
  ○ Celebrates intersectionality on-campus with a march
  ○ We should reach out to other MSOs
  ○ I want more students on the panel than last year (Keil)
  ○ Would take place on Friday, May 1st (Lydia)
● Global Union would like to collaborate
  ○ They want to be educated on our community
  ○ The contact information is on the board, Keil
● Accepted Students Day; April 4th and 11th
  ○ We should show them “where the queer is”, bring them to the Q Center
    ■ The Q Center could be open (Henry)
  ○ We need coverage because the NELGBT conflicts (Lydia)
  ○ We want tables and people at them
    ■ We should contact Q Senate representatives (Matt)
  ○ Are people actually willing to volunteer for us? (Ryah)
    ■ About sixty percent of our recipients open our emails (Sean)
● Parade; who do we want to participate? (Lydia)
  ○ Inviting kings and queens from clubs
  ○ Inviting the new LGBT Faculty and Staff Resource Group (Henry)
  ○ Can we open this up to other clubs? (Keil)
    ■ Having others would be nice to show allyship (Val)
  ○ We should be sure to keep RIT’s parents involved (Henry)
  ○ When should we do it? Weekday? Weekend? (Val, Matt, Keil, Lydia)
● EAF forms from the box and are all set (Henry)
● Our giveaways are not settled, but keep the board updated! (Lydia)

Lydia motions to close at 8:26