Q Senate 9/4

Attendance

OUTspoken – Paul Sira, Val Pizzo
ritGA – Andrew(male)
Spectrum – Cooper
Tangent – Luna(She)
Tigress –
Labrys – Claire(she)
A Space – Cl(he)
Q Center – Adrian(he)

Housing Committee - Nicole

1. Announcements
   a. Housing is working on Gender Neutral Housing
      i. Had survey last year
      ii. Should they send it out again?
         1. Send it out
         2. Send it to OUTspoken e-mail and we’ll send it out
   b. Q Senate Formed for OUTspoken to be more transparent with the community
      i. Replaced queer roundtable
      ii. OUTspoken doesn’t have club meetings, so the clubs are our constituents bring us to the community
   c. Q Center
      i. Sex Ed Bootcamp, on the e-mail list, please advertise to constituents
      ii. Ally Week is in planning
   d. ritGA
      i. Week 4 is Rainbow week
      ii. Color for every day leading up to apple picking saturday
      iii. General meetings Wednesdays
      iv. Filled up bamboo room at first meeting
   e. Labrys
      i. Working on mural
      ii. Overflowing first meeting
   f. Tangent
      i. 40 people both weeks
      ii. Tangent was completely private in the past, but there is a survey to make it public.
         1. Almost unanimously positive response so far
2. Tangent is still an unofficial club, this would be the first step to becoming a full CC club
3. OUTspoken can still recognize Tangent as a club
g. Specturm
   i. Went from weekly to biweekly meetings
   ii. 25 people at first meeting
   iii. 1st week in October - GBLT week
      1. Guest speaker – Hopefully Shane Crone
   iv. COLORFest in the spring – Committee starting now
      1. Can join committee by contacting Sadie Kulhanek or Jeffrey Spinale, Jr.
h. OUTspoken
   i. Q Senate started
   ii. Open meeting
2. New Business
   a. What OUTspoken is
      i. We are not your boss
      ii. Last year Q Senate was so formal people didn’t participate as much
      iii. Returning to the circle format to facilitate discussion
      iv. Want to be more transparent
   b. Budget – $18282 of “gay money”
      i. Salaries alone are $11332
      ii. $7050 to spend
      iii. A lot of the stuff we want to do will be free
   c. If you hear anything from your members and you think OUTspoken would have better resources, bring them up here(Q Senate)
   d. Some past events don’t fulfil our mission as an MSO
   e. Need ideas that serve our mission
   f. Open meeting, might end up being during rainbow week
      i. Once it’s planned, we would like constituents to advertise
   g. Stonewall movie is Whitewashed
      i. We would like to have a showing of one of two documentaries to cancel out the movie
   h. Ally Week is 5th-10th of October
      i. Henry’s planning committees soon
      ii. Will hopefully be our first chance to work with some of the other organizations around campus
         1. Greek Life
         2. Center for Religious Life
         3. Suggestions?
         4. Health Center (CJ)
      iii. Hopefully continue that relationship after Ally Week
3. 2015 – 2016 Goals and expectations
   a. SG Senate is doing committees
      i. Housing
1. Gender Neutral Bathrooms
   ii. Technology
      1. Sis and using dead names
b. Collab with other groups outside ourselves (Andrew)
c. Establish Formal E-Board for Tangent (Luna)
d. Activities Committee for Tangent (Luna)
e. Planning meetings for bigger group
   i. ritGA could help give ideas to Tangent (Val)
   ii. Ideas-
      1. Split up population of Tangent into two meetings (Luna)
      2. One general meeting and smaller groups (Sean)
      3. One large meeting and smaller meeting every other week (CJ)
      4. Don’t like the idea of two separate meetings (Val)
      5. Big rooms like NRH 1250 and Gleason should be opening up (Paul)
      6. If you break up into small groups, have an e-board member in each group (Paul)
   iii. Will probably set up an e-board and have this discussion so we have a decision by spring
f. OUTspoken Goals (Val)
   i. Creating and showing allies on campus
   ii. Help out with Trans Day of Visibility
   iii. “Everyone loves allies” – Val
g. Q Center – Adrian
   i. Bathroom App - Roz
      1. Have no clue where that’s at
   ii. Gender Neutral Bathroom situation
      1. SG approved the charge for that to be a part of housing committee
      2. On campus there are very few gender neutral bathrooms in academic buildings (Aidrian)
      3. It’s different depending on the dorm building (Paul)

Note: Committees are open to anyone who wants to be there

h. OUTspoken is signed up for several committees
   i. Housing committees
   ii. Technology
   iii. Deaf Advocacy
i. Last year the was a committee that counted all of the gender neutral bathrooms on campus.
j. Increase participation in A Space (CJ)
   i. Had 18 people at first meeting
k. Labrys to become more well known on campus (Claire)
   i. Plans for campus activity? (Paul)
   ii. Can request funding from SG for campus activities (Paul)
l. Membership retention (Claire)
Note: If you’re requesting money from OUTspoken, you have to request money from SG first, and then request money from OUTspoken at Q Senate. A Space, Tangent and Tigress can come directly to OUTspoken first.

4. Last Note – Minutes  
   a. Minutes will be previewed by someone  
   b. Minutes will be posted  
   c. If there is an objection, bring it up and we will take them down, make changes and repost them  
   d. Vote:  
      i. Unanimous in favor  
         1. Q Center  
         2. ritGA  
         3. A Space  
         4. Labrys  
         5. Tangent  
         6. Spectrum  
         7. OUTspoken  

5. Interpreter’s Note: if you request an interpreter, the student requesting must go on MyAccess and say that they’re going.  
   a. Contact for Access Services Coordinator:  

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