LGBTQ+ Caucus Meeting 8/26/21

Meeting called to order by Sophia Ziegler at 9:05 AM

* Sophia, VP:
  + Walk-thru of caucus website
    - Resource overview
    - How to join the ListServ
    - Also have resources available on the library’s website for the community
  + ExComm met with Matt Lee a few weeks ago, very positive meeting discussing our work and goals
    - Would like to continue a partnership with administration
* Sam, Secretary:
  + Rainbeaux Rush re-cap
  + Send web edits to Sam
* Laurie Braden, Treasurer:
  + Yearly dues are $25
  + What your dues go toward
    - Previous purchases: advocacy work, table runner, lav grad cords
  + Payroll deduction does not roll over year to yer; folx will need to re-enroll
  + URec shirts may be available for staff after students – yay!
* Alexandra, Grad rep:
  + We are collecting information about Baton Rouge-based LGBTQ+ resources and affirming/safe businesses. We will share this on the LGBTQ+ Faculty & Staff Caucus website and distribute to incoming graduate students and new hires. Submit your suggestions here. Feel free to include contact information if known. Questions can go to Alexandra (achias7@lsu.edu).
    - White folx: please consider if the spaces you recommend are safe/inclusive for BIPOC
  + Dereck Rovaris: Spectrum has a QR code that links to some resources for incoming students to use – may be able to partner with them on this effort
* Dereck Rovaris, Chief Diversity Officer
  + Positive meeting with Dr. Matt Lee re: supporting queer community on campus
  + Depending on legislative session, we may be able to move some things forward like affinity housing, but will not rush it
  + Also have identified a potential space for a multi-cultural center and LGBTQ+ center in Coates Hall
    - Fully expect an announcement this semester, but stay tuned
    - Has a more private entrance, which will be great for safety
* Michelle Carter, OMA:
  + Thanks to all who have supported our programming, we’ve had a great turnout
  + Excited for continued partnership with the caucus this coming year
* Sam:
  + Looking for suggestion for social events, if folks feel comfortable to gather this semester – we can also wait until spring or later to gather in community

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 by Sophia Ziegler