

Thursday, December 2, 2021

LGBTQ+ Caucus Meeting, called to order by President Sophie Ziegler at 9:04 a.m.

I. Sophie Ziegler, President

- a. Update regarding name changes: this was announced in the latest News & Notes

MYLSU PORTAL DISPLAY NAME CHANGE

An upcoming change will be rolling out to myLSU soon. Your profile name in the top right corner of myLSU will be switching from showing your legal name to your chosen display name.

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- Faculty/staff: [LSUMail: Update Display Name](#)
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- b. Thanks to Chris Barrett for attending this meeting and helping to move this addition forward

- c. You can also now add your pronouns to Workday!

- d. This year we also saw a heartening increase in partnership with Spectrum and other student orgs on campus

II. Sam Baldrige, Secretary

- a. Looking to get back into events for the Spring semester; please send any suggestions or requests to Sam

III. Laurie Braden, Treasurer

- a. Absent; no updates

IV. Alexandra Chaisson, Graduate Student Representative

- a. Has been communicating with Spectrum on their Discord channel, so please join if you're interested!

- b. Still compiling the list of queer friendly businesses, and we're moving on to the vetting stage. Please contact Alexandra if you'd like to assist with this process.

- i. "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. Also seeking volunteers to help vet these businesses!! Email Alexandra (achias7@lsu.edu) if you want to be on that team. Link:

http://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2bZf5mtRb7nhSJg"

- c. Also has started a sexuality workshop to assist with writing, researching and editing, please consider attending the next meeting!

- i. Next meeting is Monday, December 6 at 4 p.m.

- ii. Annemarie will also forward out to her faculty networks

V. Open Floor

- a. Caroline Ziegler: the LSU First list of queer-friendly medical providers is quite sparse. Is this an issue that the caucus can take up or is there a way to expand this list?
 - i. Sophie Ziegler: might there be an option to informally survey providers to determine why they are or are not in-network for LSU First; definitely an issue the caucus can raise to the administration
 - 1. Sophie will take names of folks who are interested in working on this
 - ii. Non-network provider suggestions: Dr. Melinda Le, Lisa Lipsey, Shamyra Howard
- b. What current, crucial LGBTQ material are you reading, watching, or listening to? For creators: What original research have you recently published or discovered? Bring thoughts and suggestions to the meeting, or send them along to the list!
 - i. The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller (book)
 - ii. An Arrow's Flight by Mark Merlis (book)
 - iii. Cosmo Knights (graphic novel); Access here: <https://www.cosmoknights.space/book-one>
 - iv. The Bi Wife Energy – TikTok videos, Savannah highly recommends checking these out and is writing a paper about the phenomenon!
 - v. Gaylord Pheonix by Edie Fake (graphic novel)
 - vi. Kiss Number 8, by Colleen AF Venable (graphic novel)
 - vii. Dragula (show), available on Shudder
 - viii. The Sex Lives of College Girls (show) available on HBO
 - ix. The Transgender Issue by Shon Faye (book)
 - x. Summer Fun by Jeanne Thornton (book)
 - xi. Michael will be presenting THIS FRIDAY at PechaKucha Night Baton Rouge, Vol. XVI; Tickets and info here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1600551403638973>
 - xii. Recommendations from Winnie:
 - 1. under the whispering door (queer ghost wholesome)
 - 2. written in the stars (sapphic romance)
 - 3. count your lucky stars (sequel of above)
 - 4. payback's a witch (witch sapphic romance)
 - 5. gideon the ninth (sapphic sci-fi)
 - 6. witchmark (queer steampunk fantasy)
 - 7. seven husbands of evelyn hugo (sapphic, it broke me)
- c. Joan King: How will things change for the diversity office now that the VP has retired?
 - i. Sophie: we will continue to push the administration and hold them accountable despite the changes
 - ii. Dra. Luz Randolph: Interim leader of the diversity office: working with the new structure to make sure messaging is unified
 - 1. Looking to fill Dr. Rovaris' role; this person will report directly to the president instead of academic affairs

2. Will meet next week with Dr. Cassidy and hope to have more clarity and guidance
 3. Understands the importance of working collaboratively with the caucuses and serving as a resource for the communities on campus
- d. Stephanie Colin: RSA at LSU is excited to host its 3rd annual #geauxrhetoric speaker series. Always free, always public, and presented via Zoom! Don't miss it! Register for the event here: bit.ly/GeauxRhetoric2021

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. by President Sophie Ziegler