LGBT AC Mission and Roles

The mission of Western Washington University’s (WWU) University LGBT Advocacy Council is to foster a safe, supportive, and inclusive educational environment by promoting awareness and understanding of LGBT issues and by advocating for the distinctive needs and concerns of LGBT students, faculty, and staff.

The University LGBT Advocacy Council has the following roles:

1) to foster an environment that supports LGBT students in their growth and development in order to achieve academic and personal success;

2) to support and advocate for LGBT students, faculty, and staff as they address issues of safety/hostility and discrimination/inclusion in the university community and its broader community;

3) to serve as an advocate and resource for WWU students, faculty, staff, and campus organizations by supporting diversity and anti-discrimination policies;

4) to promote the use of current and accurate information about LGBT individuals and issues, and, in general, the use of inclusive language within both the academic and social contexts of the university community and its broader community.

Western Washington University
LGBT Advocacy Council

Voting Members—Core Council:

Joanne DeMark, Ph.D., Chair
Marli Williams, Co-Chair
Derek Murakami, Secretary/Web
Ronna Biggs, Finance & Development
Raine Dozier, Member-at-Large
Rich Brown, Committee Chair
Craig Dunn, Committee Chair
Pam Large, Committee Chair
Natalie Washington, Committee Chair
Stephanie Zee, Committee Chair
AS QRC Student Representative

Council Contact Information:

LGBTAC@wwu.edu
http://www.wwu.edu/lgbtac
(360)650-4187;
WWU, 516 High Street, VU 506C
Bellingham, WA 98225-9105
About the LGBT Advocacy Council

All campus community LGBT faculty and staff, and allies are invited to be a part of the Council. The Council has a core group of 9 voting members, and 5 committees chaired by voting members that anyone can join:

1. Institutional Commitment to LGBT Issues (Rich Brown, chair, x7320)
2. Attract and Retain LGBTQ Faculty, Staff and Students (Pam Large, chair, x4323)
3. Create Safe Spaces for Dialogue and Interaction (Stephanie Zee, chair, x4927)
4. Provide Educational Programming & Training on LGBT Issues (Natalie Washington, chair, x3437)
5. Integrate LGBT Issues into Curriculum & Pedagogy (Craig Dunn, chair, x2593)

* The Advocacy Council is proud to be implementing, in concert with student, staff and faculty partners, training for LGBTQ & Ally Safe Zones.

While it is the University’s responsibility to ensure that LGBT students, faculty and staff and their issues matter, the Council and these committees provide strategic direction, guidance, consultation and support to the University. The Council meets at least once/quarter during the academic year.

LGBT-Related Student Resources at WWU

- Queer Resource Center (QRC) (A.S. Student Organization/Resource & Outreach Programs)
  VU 515, 360-650-6120
  AS.QRC@wwu.edu

The following are Associated Students Clubs & Organizations. Contact the Associated Students for more information regarding the status of the club and specific contact information, or if additional clubs have been recognized. Contact:

AS VP for Activities: 360-650-3463
ASVP.Activities@wwu.edu

- Equal Rights Washington Vikings
- Queer People of Color
- Queers & Allies for Activism
- QWEST (Queer Women Educating & Supporting Together)
- TransPort
- WWU—ACLU—WA
- Western Allies

Additional Student Resources

AS VP for Diversity
VU 504; 360-650-3463

Counseling Center
OM 540; 360-650-3164

Dean of Students Office
VU 506; 360-650-3706

Student Health Center
Campus Services Bldg.; 360-650-3400

For students, staff or faculty, if you believe you have experienced an incident of bias on campus, you may report it here:
Www.wwu.edu/eoo/biasincidents.shtml

LGBT-Related Faculty & Staff Resources at WWU

LGBT Advocacy Council
LGBTAC@wwu.edu
www.wwu.edu/lgbtac

Campus Listservs

- LGBTAC Official Business Listserv (Faculty & Staff only listserv-NOT anonymous)
  Send an email to: derek.murakami@wwu.edu to be added.

- LGBTAC Anonymous Listserv (Faculty & Staff only listserv-anonymous)
  For items of interest to the WWU LGBT and ally community
  Send an email to: listproc@lists.wwu.edu with Subscribe GLUE in the message area.

Human Resources
Admin. Center B
405 32nd Street, 3rd Floor
360-650-3774

Special Assistant to the President for Diversity
OM 563; 360-650-7729

Equal Opportunity Office
OM 345; 360-650-3307

The EOO serves faculty, staff, and students in ensuring that the campus climate is free from discrimination and sexual harassment. Federal and State laws, as well as University policies, protect faculty, staff, and students against discrimination based on the following legal protected categories: Race, Color, Creed, Religion, National Origin, Sex, Age, Disability, Marital Status, Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression or Identity, or Veteran Status.

It is really spectacular that our university has a means for our Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer/Ally community to discuss concerns and issues, and with the help of our LGBT Advocacy Council, we have created a means of fostering the needs of our students and our community in aspects of both academia and life. Our mentors not only care for our community as students, but as people as well. And that is what is truly important about this program.

~Jesse Raymond