

# LGBTQ+ Faculty & Staff Caucus

General membership meeting - August 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by President Sophia Ziegler at 9:03 a.m.

## Executive Committee Reports

### President's Report: Sophie Ziegler

1. Hello and Welcome New Members at the start of this New Semester!
2. Meeting with Provost Roy Haggerty this afternoon to introduce ourselves as a Caucus
3. Sophie is leaving their position at the LSU Libraries but will continue their affiliation with LSU as adjunct in the School of Information Science. After discussion with the executive committee, Sophie will continue as President of the caucus and we will re-evaluate this decision if the change in Sophie's role at LSU affects the attention they can give to the Caucus.
4. Website Updates / Resources Overview
  - a. Non-gendered bathrooms (<https://bit.ly/Where2Pee>)
  - b. How to change your name at LSU ([https://lsu.edu/lgbtq-caucus/resources/name\\_change.pdf](https://lsu.edu/lgbtq-caucus/resources/name_change.pdf))
    - i. There are some issues with name changes in Moodle right now. The Women's Center has been talking with ITS about this issue and will send us their insight.
  - c. Pronoun guide (<https://lsu.edu/lgbtq-caucus/resources/pronouns.php>)
5. How the Caucus takes on new initiatives
  - a. If you have identified any issues that need our attention, please let the executive committee know!

### Treasurer's Report: Andrew Kuo

1. Current balance is around \$2,300.
2. We are collecting creative ideas for how to use this money, and we welcome input from the community!
3. Please use this Form to join select a way to pay dues [https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_af8YUcWe7GCpbZI](https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_af8YUcWe7GCpbZI)
4. Dues are \$25.
  - a. If dues are a hardship for you, please know that you are still welcome in our Caucus! We want you here!
  - b. You can donate more than the annual dues if you are feeling generous or would like to cover another member's dues, and/or help us reach any other goal of your choice
  - c. Venmo dues may be sent to @andrewkuo19

## Guest: Jane Cassidy

1. Hurrah! The renovations for Coates 175 are complete!
  - a. Furniture is scheduled to arrive mid-October. We can use the room despite the lack of furniture. (Delay is due to supply chain and shipping delays)
  - b. We are also waiting for the door to the office work space.
  - c. "LGBTQ+ Center" will be the name on the door.
  - d. Jane will meet with Sophie to hand off keys.
  - e. Daniela Chu-Rodriguez will help with figuring out how and when the space will be open.
2. Sophie added that Undergrads emphasized the LGBTQ+ Center needed proximity to external doors, proximity to non-gendered bathrooms, and to not be in the exact same space as other identity caucuses for people who are Questioning. Jane helped us to find a place that met all of these needs. Thank you, Jane!
3. Jane Cassidy is moving back to Academic Affairs. Several people expressed appreciation for her time in the interim role.

## Updates from the LGBTQ+ Project: Daniela Chu-Rodriguez

1. Pride Mixer during Welcome Week was successful
2. Students can be referred to the Women's Center for help and support
  - a. drodriguez@lsu.edu

## Open Forum Discussion

### Alex Torres:

- Latin American Heritage month is approaching.
- Upcoming programming includes an intersectional play called "Black Latina the Play" - stay tuned!
- [lsu.edu/latinx](http://lsu.edu/latinx) for more info!

### Caroline Ziegler:

- Idea for poetry readings / essay excerpts / words that move you! to be shared and enjoyed as part of our Caucus meetings
- Poll will be sent to gauge interest.

Meeting adjourned by Sophia Ziegler at 9:42 a.m.