January General Meeting – Meeting Minutes  
Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by President Sophie Ziegler

President, Sophie Ziegler

*Dr. Jane Cassidy will be joining us for our February meeting! Zoom link and invite to follow.*

* Space Exploration
  + A very open-ended timeline for the physical LGBTQ+ Center; has not been completely shelved and there is still some movement on this. Additional updates to follow.
  + Our students have expressed the importance of having this physical space (and we know that this is needed for safety, too!) so we hope that the momentum continues.
* Non-Gendered Bathrooms
  + Trying to make non-gendered bathrooms much easier to find for folks!
  + Naomi will reach out to OCUR to request that they are added to the interactive campus map.
  + Sophie has manually checked locations and created a list of current options; will be added to the caucus website soon.
* Campus Pride Index
  + This is an index that lets students know how LGBTQ+ friendly any U.S. college campus is: <https://www.campusprideindex.org/campuses/details/401?campus=louisiana-state-university>
  + LSU currently has a rating of a two and a half (2.5) on a scale of five (5).
  + Chris Barrett – when Chris arrived on campus, LSU had a rating of 1, so we can move forward, albeit slowly
  + Cat Jacquet – there is greatly reduced transparency from the current administration, so the caucus and other stakeholders must continue to push and hold this admin accountable for the progress that is needed.
  + Dr. Luz Randolph – has reached out to CPI to determine who LSU’s point of contact is so that we can establish a relationship and update information as needed.
* Mental Health Providers & Employee Insurance
  + Revisiting this topic from the December meeting – there was a lot of interest expressed in creating this index and the caucus plans to take this on this semester.
    - We’ll be looking for volunteers to get this up and running
  + Verbally, LSU administration is on board with this, but we will be point and compile the information.
* Upcoming Caucus Elections
  + Elections are coming up in March! Please consider running for a position if you are interested. Exec will send out more information regarding positions and the opportunities.

Sam Baldridge, Secretary

* UCGE liaison transition
* Web and ListServ Updates
* Events & Socials Updates
  + Professional Development options I.e. Mentor/Mentee program?
  + Virtual events I.e. streaming watch party?
  + Pen pal program with our incarcerated community members?

Laurie Braden, Treasurer (absent)

*No report*

Alexandra Chaisson, Graduate Student Representative

* Survey about safe/affirming businesses and nonprofit service providers—I would like to expand the list to include things state-wide, especially into New Orleans since many in our campus community live there.
  + Survey link: <https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2bZf5mtRb7nhSJg>
* Volunteers to help me vet some of these places, so please email Alexandra if interested in participating!

Open Floor:

* Sophie Ziegler: all campus community members are now mandatory reporters (in relation to Title IX). Please review the information here: <https://www.lsu.edu/support/talk-to-someone.php> and https://www.lsu.edu/titleix/resources/mandated-reporter.php .
  + Caroline Ziegler: asked for clarification regarding student versus staff status and was told that any employee (even if they are also enrolled as a student) are still classified as a mandatory reporter.
  + Bryan McCann: Cat, Sophie, and Bryan are all confidential resources for the campus community (along with several others across campus); can provide the same resources as mandatory reporters but without obligation to disclose.
* Sam Baldridge: the Director of Residence Education position for Residential Life is now posted. Please help spread the work with your circles: <https://jobs.chronicle.com/job/427640/director-of-residential-education>.
* Dr. Luz Randolph: we do not have concrete information on status of the Roadmap to Diversity and no specific updates.
  + Sophie Ziegler: we can reach out directly to Jane Cassidy as our point of contact
  + Office of Diversity folks are meeting regularly with caucus presidents and will soon meet with the deans of each college.
* Michelle Carter:
  + The LGBTQ+ Project is partnering with Health Center and Women’s Center to promote HIV awareness and testing will be offered at the Women’s Center.
  + Safe Space training will be hosted on Moodle throughout the semester; check there for dates.
  + Tentative date for Lavender Graduation is set for May; will also communicate sponsorship opportunities for student cords.