

Please let us know what you thought of today's event.

Entirely positive comments:

- Excellent to have a chance to voice concerns and meet people.
- Let's do this again! The thought that went into this event really shows!
- It's a good start. Thank you!
- There needs to be more of them!
- Great conversation. Got to meet people who are not academics too-- talk about common and different concerns-- very informative
- Good way to connect and communicate with university community.
- I'm not sure how it was publicized but maybe would have had a better turnout. Nice idea. Thanks for doing this.
- It was wonderful, needs to be annual/semester
- It was fun and valuable to meet other LGBT on campus
- I loved being able to be a part of this event, please continue having!
- Great. Need more social activities.
- I am happy to see U of I working with us to overcome LGBT challenges
- It is nice to be heard. I enjoyed the discussion sparked by the questions. I appreciate feeling like the Chancellor and provost see this as a priority.
- excellent networking event
- Thank you for hosting this event. I enjoyed meeting new people and building bridges across campus units and positional titles. The food was awesome as well.
- great to meet others from across campus
- It was a nice luncheon
- That was much needed
- Great way to connect and share ideas
- It was a great opportunity to meet others and to share experiences
- Event was successful. I really enjoyed it
- Great start! Great opportunity to meet T., S. and hear more than I've ever heard from J. (terrible at remembering names).
- Glad to have this luncheon gathering for faculty and staff. Great conversation... let's continue to do more of these types of gatherings.
- Good idea! I had no idea there were so many LGBT folks here.
- Nice. I was dreading at first when learned we had group activities at the table but I ended up appreciating it. Having a facilitator was a very good idea.
- Very much appreciated and nice to see. It was wonderful making new connections.
- Excellent food! Good conversation!
- Very nice! Glad to meet new people and hear new perspectives.
- I thought it was great. Thanks so much for starting a conversation and giving space to a community.
- It was a really nice event to start building the community that so many yearn for. Also the food was boss.
- I am very grateful that this luncheon was held. The food was excellent, but the conversation was even better!
- Great!
- Thank you! It was wonderfully empowering to sit at a table with people from all levels—addressing the same problems.
- This was a great starting point to bring the community together. The discussion was positive and brought a lot of resources to light.
- It was great. I would love to have more discussions like this.

Not entirely positive comments:

- I did not like having different colors for civil service/AP & faculty. The divisions are already there and the treatment is different. I did not need to be highlighted in this way.
- Good first step. Would be interesting to see how many of these suggestions are implemented.
- I learned that faculty look down on everyone—even LGBTQ colleagues
- nice meal and conversation, but still only talk, not action

What events or efforts would you like the Committee on LGBT Concerns to undertake in the future?

- More events like this! Thank you!
- LGBTQ happy hour/mixer, create LGBTQ university & community directory for services/support
- Networking events, inform community of events, advocate with administration for improving equal coverage (health benefits), environment of inclusivity
- Please offer more events that allow us as faculty and staff to come together
- To make sure that staff or employee resources are more well known
- social events, happy hours, bus trips from faculty/staff (LGBT)... bus trip ideas: Chicago, Indy, St. Louis, overnight bus trip to Mall of America
- More spaces/times set aside to have these conversations within the LGBTQ UIUC community and in broader groups as well. Thank you!
- More opportunities such as this one—perhaps less structured and better able to facilitate various kinds of proposed efforts imagined here: community/academy relations, pedagogy groups, bowling leagues.
- Formalized listserv, network with community, be more visible in community
- More networking events that help generate ideas, social events for LGBTQ
- Networking, formal request to see public support from admin, mandatory training to all employees and EOs
- I still don't know what resources are available to faculty/staff LGBT
- Include grad student employees. Have monthly socials (not at bars) for camaraderie and to discuss issues and needs. Keep us posted, invite us to join the work.
- a facebook group
- Targeted efforts to increase sense of a community/social support
- Make listserv and name it something discreet. Use it to coordinate how future steps take place.
- More social and educational gathering to increase visibility of LGBT staff and faculty.
- Networking events please work on inclusion training for hiring agents including HR reps. Inclusive health care options.
- I would like more opportunities to connect and work on improving campus climate.
- LGBT monthly networking, LGBT mentor program, department level diversity committees
- sincerity; getting the congress to all "we" (vs us vs. them) & not just coopted by the dominant elites
- Push the administration to make our community more visible on the campus—take our suggestions seriously. J
- Continued social/networking
- Any that we discussed and wrote down during the roundtable discussions
- Something to stimulate welcoming community. Polices are great things but people at my table also want to meet—and learn from—LGBTQ co-workers and community members
- How can we make LGBTQ people/issues more visible? We are not "beyond visibility" yet!
- more gatherings
- There are so many issues.
- more events for people to meet and socialize
- social, more resources
- I am grateful if we just continue to have these events and continue to work on being out as a campus
- LGBT separate luncheons for post docs, faculty and staff
- socials just for faculty and staff (no UG students)
- Build ways to connect us together to improve feelings of community. There are different issues/feelings based on age group.
- Help organize social events focused on staff, faculty, and postdocs.
- More events that get the community together discussing things (discussing anything, really).