Increasing Transgender Inclusiveness on Campus

A Student Affairs Conference for Students, Staff, & Faculty

Stony Brook University
Friday, October 20, 2006

In the past fifteen years, the number of self-identified transgender (or “trans”) students has risen nationally on university and college campuses. Many schools struggle to provide student services attuned to the needs of transgender students.

Student affairs’ policies and practices geared towards transgender inclusivity have far-reaching implications. Beyond meeting the needs of any one student group, these efforts ultimately result in a more supportive and more inclusive environment for all members of the campus community.

Conference participants will:

☑ Learn about the experience of transgender students.
☑ Learn ways to design more inclusive policies and practices that support the development and academic success of transgender students.
☑ Have opportunities to talk with other student affairs professionals, share resources, and build collaborations between institutions.

Conference Presenters Include:

Samuel Lurie, M.Ed.
Transgender Training and Advocacy

Brett Genny Beemyn, Ph.D.
Director, The Stonewall Center
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Trans Students on Campus: Realities of Lived Experience, Possibilities for Policy and Practice

Davis Smith, M.D.
Medical Director, Davison Health Center
Wesleyan University

Development and Evolution of Transgender Health Services on a College Campus

Katherine Rachlin, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist
Trans-Issues Researcher, Clinician & Educator
New York, New York

Providing Optimal Mental Health Services for Transgender Students

Todd M. Smith, M.A.
Director for the Office of LGBT Student Services
New York University

Serving Transgender Students in Campus Housing and Residence Life

Joe Bertolino, Ed.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs/Chair Department of Student Personnel
Queens College/CUNY

Closing Remarks

Stony Brook University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity educator and employer.
Schedule

8:00-9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15 Welcome
Jenny Hwang, Ph.D., Director, WoMen’s & Gender Resource Center, Stony Brook University

Opening Remarks
Peter Baigent, Ed.D., Vice President for Student Affairs and Associate Provost for Enrollment and Retention Management, Stony Brook University

9:15-10:30 Transgender 101: An Introduction to Transgender Issues in Higher Education

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 Trans Students on Campus: Realities of Lived Experiences, Possibilities for Policy and Practice

11:45-12:45 Lunch (included in conference fee)

12:00-12:45 Lunch-time Discussion
For Campus Anti-Violence Program Staff & Rape and Sexual Assault Services Staff

1:00-2:30 Trans on Campus: Sharing Our Experiences
Student Panel: Cole Matson, B.F.A., Graduate Student in Clinical Psychology; others, TBA

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:15 Area Specific Presentations & Discussions:
A. For Health Professionals
Development and Evolution of Transgender Health Services on a College Campus
B. For Mental Health Professionals
Providing Optimal Mental Health Services for Transgender Students
C. For Residential Life Staff, GLBT Coordinators, Other Student Affairs Professionals
Providing Optimal Mental Health Services for Transgender Students
D. For Students
Providing Optimal Mental Health Services for Transgender Students

4:15-4:30 Break

4:30-5:00 Closing