

## University of Houston LGBTQ Advisory Board

### Membership Information

#### Purpose

The purpose of the LGBTQ Advisory Board is to improve the campus climate for LGBTQ+ students, staff and faculty through education and advocacy for LGBTQ+ inclusive policies; to carry out activities and projects designed to raise awareness about the LGBTQ Resource Center Programs; and to generate support for the Center on the campus and in the community. Members will provide input into both short and long term strategic planning to achieve the vision of the LGBTQ Resource Center.

*Overall time commitment is estimated at 2-3 hours per month.*

*Meetings* - The Advisory Board meets quarterly in February, April, September and November or more frequently at the call of the chair. The current meeting time is on Wednesdays, 1:00pm–2:30pm. Committees may meet more frequently.

*Terms* - Board members serve for a 2-year term and may continue into consecutive terms if they desire.

#### Member Duties and Expectations:

Members are expected to attend board meetings, and provide input and ideas from their perspective.

Board members are expected to serve on one of the three committees and chair the committee or run for an officer position (Secretary, Vice Chair) for at least one of their 2-year term.

Members are expected to attend 1 community event related to the Center's fundraising during their 2-year term (i.e., AIDS Walk, Red Dinner), or alternatively participate in fundraising or programming efforts (Lavender Graduation, Pride Parade, Pride Partners, Coming Out Monologues).

Members are expected to complete Cougar Ally Training within their first year on the board. After 2 years of board membership, continuing members are expected to complete one Cougar Ally **2.0** training each year.

#### The standing Committees of the LGBTQ Advisory Board

Education and Communications Committee - Primary duty - act as judges for LGBTQ Resource Center scholarships and other types of contests as well as give input on Pride Partner designations

Resources and Operations Committee - Primary duty - provide input and feedback regarding the fundraising efforts of the Resource Center; join the AIDS Walk team of the Resource Center

Campus Research and Policies Committee - Primary duty - recommend changes in current policies or creation of new policies that would improve the lives of members of the LGBTQ+ communities on campus.

### Nominations to Board

Nominations to Board membership will be made by current or former Board members or through self-nominations to be approved by the Director of the LGBTQ Resource Center. Emphasis on new nominations will be placed on fulfilling specific positions to meet distribution of board member slots.

### Application

To be considered for membership to the LGBTQ Resource Center Advisory Board, you must submit an application. Applications can be submitted at any time and can be found at <https://uh.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/261101>.