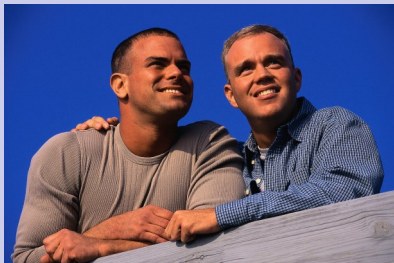


Why do we need a Pride Committee?

Members of the LGBTQ²IA (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and Ally) community cross all gender, race, religious, socioeconomic, geographic, and cultural boundaries, and are often reluctant to come forward - even in an inclusive environment - for fear of retaliation, judgment, and being ostracized.

By addressing these issues, Samuel Merritt University will provide a more productive learning environment and graduate health care professionals who are more aware and sensitive to LGBTQ²IA needs and issues in their field.

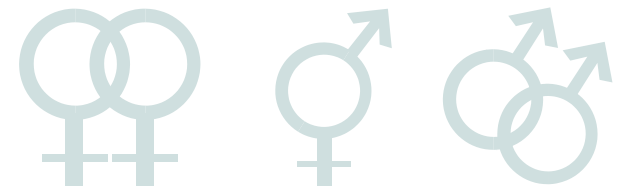
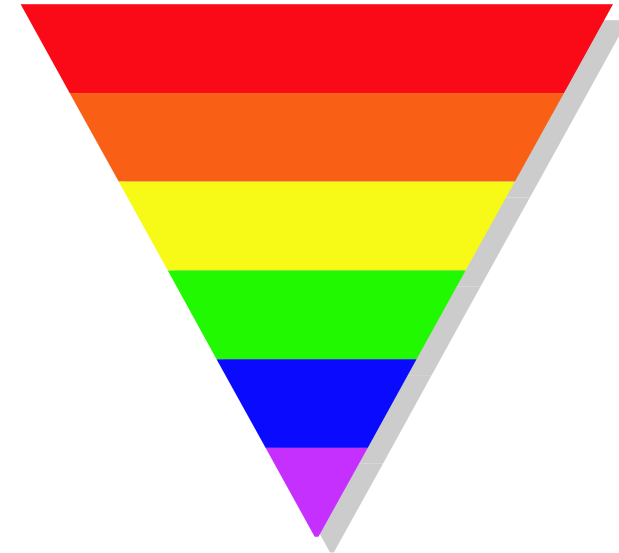


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The Committee

The Pride Committee feels that the involvement of our entire Samuel Merritt University community is necessary to succeed in our goals of inclusion and acceptance.

The Committee is structured as a 3-tiered group consisting of three Co-Chairs, a Core or Steering Committee, and a General or Volunteer Committee.

The General or Volunteer Committee meets periodically throughout the year in an effort to garner ideas and efforts for upcoming goals and events. The Volunteer Committee is open to everyone in the SMU community.

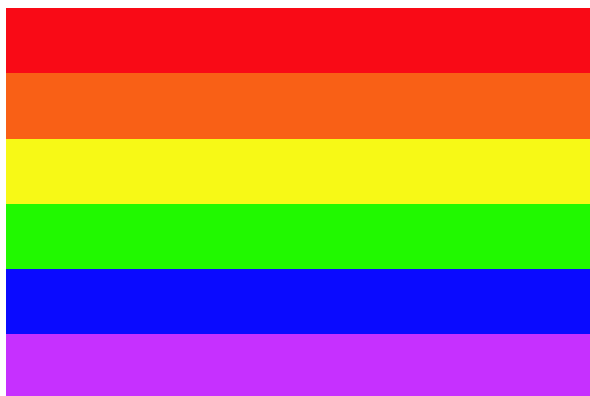
The Core or Steering Committee meets once per semester to discuss strategies and assign duties in an effort to complete the long and short-term goals of the overall Pride Committee. This requires a one-year commitment and is open to everyone in the SMU Community however, space is limited to between 9 and 11 members.

The Co-Chairs are elected from within the community and require a minimum of a one-year commitment. Co-Chairs meet multiple times per month to ensure that all events are organized, goals are met, meetings are structured, literature is updated, and the needs of the LGBTQ²IA community are being met.



Current Goals

- Identify and address the needs of the LGBTQ²IA community at Samuel Merritt University
- Increase the LGBTQ²IA presence/visibility on campus
- Create LGBTQ²IA social opportunities and activities
- Confirm gender equality in the application process
- Identify scholarship opportunities for the LGBTQ²IA population
- Fundraise for LGBTQ²IA Samuel Merritt University scholarship
- Research healthcare volunteer opportunities within LGBTQ²IA community for all students
- Work with LGBTQ²IA Community/Youth/Homeless Centers to provide educational outreach
- Find which LGBTQ²IA issues are addressed in all program curriculums and seek out ways to increase exposure to healthcare issues unique to this community



Upcoming Events

Open Volunteer Meeting

February 4, 2015
PMOB 4001
12-1 pm

All are invited to attend our first Pride Meeting of 2015. This is an open meeting to provide an overview of the semesters plans and the past years progress. Please come by and provide feedback! We love to hear what you think

Annual Learning Center Pride Mixers

Dates/Times: TBD

We hope you can join us during our Annual Pride Mixers held at each of our learning centers. This is an opportunity for us to gather in a casual, safe and fun setting. This mixer is open to all LGBTQ²IA students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Transgender Celebration

March 18, 2015
Peralta Living Room, Oakland Campus
12 – 1 pm

We're celebrating our Trans community members! Please join us for a fun and relaxing lunch where we'll be discussing the transgender community.

Annual Lavender Graduation

May 20, 2015
Room: TBD
6—7:30 pm

The Pride Committee is proud to organize this celebration of our graduating LGBTQ²IA students. Please note: graduating students must submit an application to be a part of this ceremony. Please email if interested.

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