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TO: All MUNFA Members
FROM: The MUNFA Executive Committee
DATE: March 19, 2013
SUBJECT: CAUT Atlantic Queer Caucus

MUNFA received the following memo from CAUT and it is being forwarded to you for your information:

March 6, 2013

To: Presidents and Administrative Officers
CAUT Member Associations in Atlantic Canada
From: James L. Turk, Executive Director
Re: CAUT Atlantic Queer Caucus

We are pleased to advise you that CAUT is working toward the establishment of an Atlantic Queer Caucus as part of our work to advance the interests of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, and 2-spirited (LGBT2S) colleagues.

The idea for this project came from the LGBTQ2S Working Group. To move it forward, we are creating a LGBTQ2S listserv for the Atlantic region, and we invite you and your members to join. We ask that you please forward this message to your entire membership.

The initial purpose of the listserv is to organize the Atlantic Queer Caucus. We see this as a means for providing a supportive community for gay, lesbian, bi, queer and/or trans-identified academic staff at all our institutions, especially smaller ones where there may not be a sufficient critical mass to make developing an institutional support network feasible.

The Caucus will exist first online, as it engages in conversations around issues of import, and as it identifies gaps in access to equality and solidarity that need to be addressed. At the end of the summer, the Caucus will aim to exist offline as well. We are working to organize a meeting in the Atlantic provinces, where members of the Caucus can engage in face-to-face alliance building, networking around important issues, and strategizing for the future. The work we do in the Caucus will feed into the CAUT National Forum on Equity being held in Toronto, February 7-9, 2014, and will simultaneously inform our actions at our own institutions in Atlantic Canada as well as the work of CAUT nationally.

To join the Caucus, go to:

http://lists.caut.ca/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=lgbtq2scaucus&page=all_forums
to subscribe. You will be required to enter your email address and full name.

If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact the following members of the LGBTQ2S Working Group who are taking the lead in this project: Nola Etkin, UPEIFA, netkin@upe.ca; Kate Krug, CBUFA, Kate_Krug@cbu.ca; and Chris Frazer, STFXAUT, cfrazer@stfx.ca as well as the CAUT professional officer for the Working Group -- Robert Ramsay, Ramsay@caut.ca.

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