



UR PRIDE

Centre for Sexuality
and Gender Diversity

Annual Report 2016/2017

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Message from the Chair



I was elected as Chair of the University of Regina Pride Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity in January 2017. Since then, I have had the great opportunity to work with the vivacious and innovative members of our board as we governed and advised the operation of the Pride Centre.

This year the board approved funding for community and student projects for the first time, and we disbursed funds for our first project! The Pride Centre led several Positive Space Network workshops, whereby we facilitate LGBTQ-specific learning in a variety of spaces. We hosted another successful Divas event at the Owl in April, and we invite you to check our website "News" section for photos! Queer Youth Group, for queer, trans+, questioning and allied youth ages 14-24, got together for fellowship, movies, and crafts, amongst other things.

We hired a new executive director in April, bringing Jacq Brasseur into the fold, and bidding farewell to Leo as they continue onto other fun adventures. I would also like to recognize the dedication and hard work of our outgoing Program Coordinator, Kobie Spriggs; good luck in your new role as Executive Director of the Women's Centre!

It's been a busy and energizing year, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as Chair of the Board of Directors. So long and thanks for all the fish!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Brasseur".

Charlie is currently out of the country doing field work, but sends us this message from Australia!

Message from the Executive Director

Wow! It's been an incredible year, and I feel blessed to have been able to be a part of it.

UR Pride is an amazing organization, and that is thanks to our fantastic board members, volunteers, and members who constantly return to the Lounge and make our space on campus a safer, more equitable place for all.

Although I only started in May of this year, I've come to learn just how challenging it can be to do this work in Saskatchewan. I feel confident in speaking for the entire UR Pride team when I say that we are so grateful for all the powerful queer and trans voices in our community who've helped make UR Pride what it is: a meaningful, inclusive, political organization that advocates for a safer campus and community for all 2LGBTQIAP+ people in Regina.

I'm looking forward to a new year, and as always, please come visit us in the Lounge!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacq Brasseur".

UR Pride Centre Timeline

1996 - The student social club called GBLUR (Gays, Bisexuals, and Lesbians at the University of Regina) was formed.

2002 - GBLUR was re-established and given space by the University of Regina Student Union.

2005 - GBLUR transitioned from social club to centre and became the GBLUR Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity.
GBLUR was no longer considered an acronym, but rather was kept to honour those who founded the centre.

2007 - GBLUR incorporated as a non-profit with the Non-Profit Corporations Act of Saskatchewan.

2009 - GBLUR started serving the entire community of Regina, rather than solely the University campus, as needs increased without an outreach organization in Regina.

2010 - GBLUR was re-named the UR Pride Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity.

2010 - UR Pride started a weekly youth group after office hours.

2011 - UR Pride launches our Positive Space Network program.

2012 - A referendum takes place and UR Pride is successful in establishing a Student Fee levy to secure funding.

2012 - UR Pride hosts the Canadian University Queer Services Conference.

2013 - UR Pride helps the University create 10 gender neutral washrooms on campus.

2014 - UR Pride counter-protests a Peter LaBarbera & Bill Whatcott demonstration.

2015 - UR Pride hosts an "Empathy is the New Black" Social Media Campaign.

2016 - UR Pride counter-protests a Bill Whatcott visit to campus.

2017 - UR Pride begins undergoing a revitalization to review policies, by-laws, and programs.

Snapshot

11,000 students helped support UR Pride in student fees

\$4,880 amount raised for the new UR Pride Bursary

\$4,470 how much money UR Pride provided to students and community projects

197 people attended youth group in 2016/2017

23 of these people had never attended youth group before

12 the youngest person to attend youth group

20 the oldest person to attend youth group

Queer Youth Group

Since its inception in 2010, the UR Pride Queer Youth Group has become one of the programs that we're proud to offer each year!



The UR Pride Youth Group had a very interactive year with lots of community building and crafting sessions. The main focus of the group was to allow “youth to be youth” in a safer and more comfortable atmosphere. The Program Coordinator tended to focus on crafts that helped promote mindfulness (such as colouring, loom friendship bracelets etc.) as many LGBTQ+ youth report issues associated with anxiety and these types of activities sometimes assist individuals with practical everyday coping strategies. Also, craft-based activities tend to give introverted and shy youth something else to focus on so they do not feel overwhelmed and pressured to interact. The youth enjoying learning new crafts and having hands on activities.



The Youth that attended were on average between the ages of 12 and 20. We had a few off-campus events, such as movie nights at the Rainbow Cinema and a t-shirt printing workshop at Articulate Ink. Game nights were reported as one of the favourite events, so we have expanded our board game collection to accommodate the demand and provide youth with more variety. Some of the favourite events were game nights, movie nights and the t-shirt printing workshop.



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UR Pride Centre Bursary

We're so proud to have been able to establish the UR Pride Centre Bursary this year thanks to the support of a variety of individuals involved with our organization.

The plan is for this bursary to be available for students to apply for funding starting in the fall of 2018. We're happy to have worked with the Student Awards office at the University of Regina to establish this student bursary.



We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the following people and organizations from on and off campus that pledged contributions to the bursary fund:

- The UR Pride Centre
- Regina Public Interest Research Group
- The President's Office
- University of Regina Students Union
- Queen City Pride
- Man Up Against Violence
- Faculty of Education Dean's Office
- Department of Religious Studies
- Champion College Campus Ministry
- Luther College Chaplaincy
- Knox Metropolitan Church
- Krista Baliko
- Carla Blakely
- Cheryl Toth
- Randal Rogers
- Dongyan Blachford
- And many members of the University of Regina and greater community who wish to remain anonymous...

If you would like to contribute to this fund, or would like more information about the intent of it, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at contactus@urpride.ca!

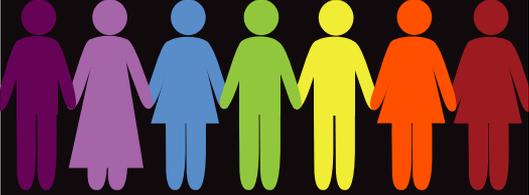
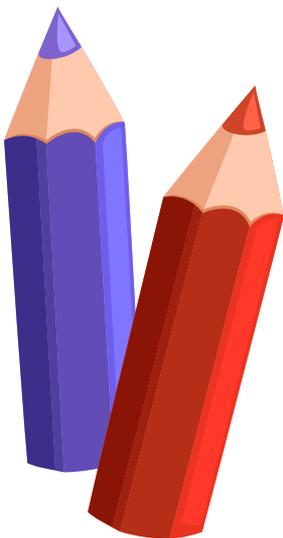
Gender and Sexual Diversity (GSD) Ed Camp

In March 2017, we had a blast with UR S.T.A.R.S. while helping to fund their Gender and Sexual Diversity (GSD) Ed Camp to bring together over 150 students, teachers, professionals and community members to learn about gender and sexual diversity at the University. We were happy to provide over \$2,300 in funding to this great project.

Along with Camp fYrefly, fYrefly in schools, and the Faculty of Education, we supported the incredible work of UR S.T.A.R.S. that brought together folks from as far as Tisdale! The event included a keynote speech from Jack Saddleback, and workshop presenters from on and off campus to help teach us about the complexities of our communities.

The biggest complaint about this great event was that it wasn't long enough! We're already working with UR S.T.A.R.S. and other organizations to host a similar event in 2018.

We want to offer a really big thank you to Jasmine Korpan and Brooklyn Orban who took the lead on this amazing project. We were honoured to have been involved.



Gender and Sexual Diversity (GSD) Ed Camp

Saturday, March 4, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Opening Session in ED 191
Education Building, University of Regina

Please join Camp fyrefly, UR Pride, and UR S.T.A.R.S. for a morning of learning and discussion at the first GSD Ed Camp. No cost to attend.

 **Follow on Twitter #gsdcamp**
Register @ <https://goo.gl/TE2dB2>

Other projects

We also worked on tons of other stuff this year!

Student & Community Funding

We provided funding to one University student to support 2LGBTQ+ related projects, and to two community organizations in supporting their 2LGBTQ+ related projects.

UR Pride helped a student attend a conference to learn more about Two-Spirit communities, with a focus on Cree, Dakota, Ojibway, and Metis perspectives.

In addition, we helped to support the Campus Coalition for Social Justice in their Menstrual Product Donation drive. Finally, we were proud to provide funding to the Heritage Community Association to help them continue employing a Two-Spirit Programs Coordinator!

If you'd like any information about any of these projects, don't hesitate to give us a shout at contactus@urpride.ca!

Positive Space Network

The Positive Space Network remains an important component of what we do! We've been excited to continue providing training and educational opportunities to folks and groups on campus, community members, and community organizations.

If you're interested in hosting a PSN session with your group or agency, you can book one with us at contactus@urpride.ca.

Pop-Up Sexual Health Clinic

Our Pop-Up Sexual Health Clinic has been going magnificently, thanks to the support of the Aboriginal Student Centre, RPIRG, the Women's Centre, Planned Parenthood Regina, and the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region.

We're glad to be continuing this program again this year! A big thank you to our former Program Coordinator, Kobie Spriggs, for initiating and passionately working on this program.

More!

We offer tons of other cool stuff too!

Lounge / Safer Space on Campus

Come visit us on the second floor of the Riddell Centre in Room 225, down the hall from URSU and the Carillon. We have a space equipped with a microwave, a mini-fridge, and couches. We're ready to welcome you into the Lounge to come hang with us!

Resource Library & Academic Support

We have a full resource library at our location at the University of Regina! We're always excited to help students be successful in writing papers or working on assignments related to the queer and trans community in Regina.

Peer Support

UR Pride also is happy to support students and community members with one-on-one sessions with our staff, board members, and volunteers to help folks sort out the complexities of their own gender, sexual identity and gender expression. This stuff is hard, and we're always happy to help figure it out with you.

System Navigation & Referrals

Do you need support navigating the health or social service systems related to issues of gender or sexuality? Reach out to us! We're always happy to help folks in the gender and sexual minority community access the help they need.

A big thank you for being a part of the UR Pride Centre family! If you want to get involved, please send us a note at contactus@urpride.ca to see how you can volunteer or help us do the hard work we do.

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