Strategic Plan

2024-2027

Strategic Direction

We cultivate LGBTQ leaders who use their multiple identities and perspectives to help higher education meet and exceed the needs of today's students.

Strategic Drivers

- 1. Membership
- 2. Programming
- 3. Sustainability
- 4. Reputation & Influence Building

Measurable goals

Base year=2024

Membership

Membership, Individuals ℰ Institutions

- 1. Double the number of individual members from 100 to 200
- 2. Improve the retention rate of individual members (from 84% to 90%)
- 3. Increase the number of institutional members (from 37 to 45)
- 4. Improve the retention rate of institutional members (86% Jan-June 2024)

Membership

Action Steps

- 1. Establish tiered system for individual memberships based on best practices of similar organizations, e.g. HACU, MLA
- Develop a streamlined process to manage designees of institutional memberships
- 3. Develop a streamlined process to manage institutional members
- 4. Evaluate members' perception of ROI on individual and/or institutional memberships
- 5. Develop a membership recruitment/retention plan
- 6. Develop a fee structure for programs and membership

Programming

1. Institute: increase attendance by 15% over three years

Action Steps

- Focus on both individual attendance and president and chancellor attendance
- 2. Move from a strictly institute model to a blended conference/institute model
- 3. Be intentional about engaging non-Board Member presidents in programming/presenting
- 4. Number of sessions should be determined by average attendance to ensure sessions vitality

Programming (continued)

1. Webinars: increase offerings from 6 to 12 over three years

Action steps:

- Expand from topical to include career advancement (So you what to be a Dean/Provost/President)
- 2. Look at institutions who are rated on the Pride Index and market to them as a means of increasing LGBTQ programming to improve ratings
- 3. Look at US and News world report diversity lists and market to them as a means of increasing diversity programming
- 4. Develop plug and play programming that could sold as a package to institutions.

Programming (continued)

3. Mentoring: double mentoring opportunities over 3 years

Action steps:

- 1. Formalize mentoring programming to provide a continuum of care—regular one-on-one check-in and cohort check-ins
- 2. Measure career advancement of mentees
- 3. Develop a group of LGBTQ Executive Coaches to work with presidents and chancellors

Sustainability

- 1. Increase annual income by 10-20% per year
- 2. Increase net operating income from 3% to 10% by end of year 3

Action Steps

- Examine membership fee structure and raise prices: individual and institutional
- 2. Create and enact an advancement/fundraising strategy that covers individual gifts and corporate partnership
- 3. Establish planned giving (legacy giving) by end of year 3.
- Create and enact a strong communication plan to promote membership, programs, and services

Reputation and Influence Building

Develop and execute 10 RIB activities per year, increasing by 25% per year

Action Steps

- 1. Establish an External Communication and Partnership Committee
- 2. Identify a target audience(s) map (4–5) and determine possible RIB activities that meet their needs
- 3. Create annual calendar of opportunities and activities for members to act on
- 4. Evaluate impact on engagement, attendance, membership, and retention (e.g., web traffic, social media, prospect funnel, include in bios)

Organizational First Cousin(s): Program Committee