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**GUILD COUNCIL**

14.06.10

<b>Author/contact:</b>	<b>Matt Ward – LGBTQ Officer Emma Cooper – LGBTQ Officer-Elect</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<b><i>This motion calls for the Guild to ensure that promotional materials for crucial facilities such as Q-chat are well-advertised and made easily available to students</i></b>
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b>

Motion: Q-Chat Beer Mats

**Guild Council Notes:**

1. Numerous studies suggest that a horrific 32% of young people that contemplate or attempt suicide are LGBTQ due to mental health issues usually associated with homophobia, biphobia and transphobia. (*Journal Of Addiction and Mental Health*)
2. The University's Counselling and Guidance Service have worked extremely well with the LGBTQ Officer and Association this year towards improving welfare and support provision for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer students.
3. In the second semester of this academic year, Counselling and Guidance launched "Q-Chat"; an online confidential chat system to allow LGBTQ students to anonymously discuss any issues they face with counsellors and each other.
4. Q-Chat has been successful thus far but is not particularly well advertised within the Guild.
5. The Counselling and Guidance Service have produced a variety of promotional materials for Q-chat, including posters and the ever-popular beer mats.

**Guild Council Believes:**

1. That the mental health of students is a foremost concern of the Guild.
2. That all facilities to address common causes of mental health problems should be advertised in the Guild through any available means.

**Guild Council Resolves:**

1. To ensure that promotional materials for crucial facilities such as Q-chat are well-advertised and made easily available to students.
2. To work with the Counselling and Guidance Service to distribute any advertising materials such as beer mats in popular venues in the Guild.
3. To continually work with Counselling and Guidance – and other University departments of interest – in promoting all services or facilities that aim to address student mental health issues.

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**Guild Council Mandates:**

1. The VPDR to arrange for the distribution of Q-chat beer mats in Joes' bar.
2. The VPDR to arrange for additional posters advertising Q-chat to be put up around the Guild.
3. The VPW and all Liberation Officers (current and elect) to liaise with Counselling and Guidance to determine how they can work together to promote mental health-related services for their constituents.
4. The LGBTQ Officer and LGBTQ Officer-Elect to ensure that any beer mats and other advertising materials for Q-chat are made freely available to LGBTQ students over Welcome Week and the coming academic year.
5. The VPW, LGBTQ Officer, LGBTQ Officer-Elect, DSO and DSO-Elect to ensure that any advertising materials for facilities like Q-chat are distributed during future mental health related events and campaigns.

**Proposed:** Matt Ward – LGBTQ Officer

**Seconded:** Emma Cooper – LGBTQ Officer-Elect\*

Claire Lister – Disabled Students Officer

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Daniel Guzman – LGBTQ Association Chair

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John Chivers – LGBTQ Association Information/Communication/Press

Katherine Johnson – LGBTQ Association Open Place

Caitlin Horne – LGBTQ Association Open Place

Sarah Green – LGBTQ Association Open Place (Women's)

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