

UCSD lesbian gay bisexual transgender office opens Nov. 8

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The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Office of the University of California, San Diego will open with a dedication ceremony on Monday, November 8, beginning at 3 p.m. at the LGBT Resource Office Lawn outside Building 201 in the University Center near the heart of campus.

UCSD Chancellor Robert C. Dynes will speak at the dedication ceremony. The office fulfills a pledge made in the eighth point of the Chancellor's 10-Point Diversity Plan for "space for UCSD's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities."

Other speakers will include Pat Walsh, director of the LGBT Resource Center at UC Irvine; Harry Hirsch, chair and professor of Political Science and chair of the UCSD Steering Committee for the LGBT Resource Office; and Jim Ziegler, chair of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center of San Diego.

An LGBT Poetry Slam will follow the dedication ceremony at 7 p.m. in Gallery A/B on the 211st floor of the Price Center with readings by poet Stacy Ann Chin and others.

"This is an important event, not just for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members of the UCSD campus community, but for the entire university," said Hirsch. "The opening of this office means that every UC campus will have a staffed space for LGBT concerns. It also means that UCSD students, faculty and staff will, for the first time, have a physical focal point for exploring sexual orientation and gender issues."

For more information, visit the Website for the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on LGBT Issues at: <http://orpheus-1.ucsd.edu/caclgbi/> or contact Beverly McCreary by phone at (858) 822-3493 or by e-mail at rainbow@ucsd.edu.

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