

Dear Presidential Office,

Since 1974, the Stony Brook LGBTQA has been an invaluable resource for queer students. We provide a safe, confidential space for students to be themselves in a student-run environment. We host an incredible number of events, from a True Colors Prom to “craftivism” nights to twice weekly meetings on a broad spectrum of topics. One of the reasons we are able to do all of this is because of the incredible club space we have had for over thirty years. I am writing you this email today because we are losing this space.

We are not the only organizations being affected, all organizations with locations controlled by Campus Life Centers are losing their long term dedicated storage and office spaces. The clubs that are to be affected are LGBTQA, Animated Perspectives, Smash, Sci-Fi Forum, CSA, Pocket Theater, and SBU Gospel Choir. These are just the ones we know about, every day we are hearing about more affected organizations.

LGBTQA’s club room is a confidential, safe space for all queer students and allies. There, we provide free resources such as food, gender-affirming items (binders, makeup, etc.), safe sex supplies, and education on a variety of necessary topics. We also have our queer library, which includes an archive of books older than the club itself. We host a discussion meeting in the room every week, which members have expressed their adoration for. The club room is a safe space for so many of our members, a place to call home, a place to rest and find refuge, a place to make community. If we lose this space, we lose our ability to create meaningful impact at the scale we have previously. All of the affected organizations will face this impact as we will all lose our communities we have spent years building as well as losing most of our physical resources due to not being able to store but a fraction of what we have.

Please, help us keep clubs and campus life alive. Help us in our fight to continue providing the queer community of Stony Brook with the resources they need, by the students for the students. We ask that you sign and share our petition – every voice counts! Help us to help our community.

Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,  
Thoren Giannuzzi and Lukas West  
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