

Statement from InterVarsity Christian Fellowship:

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship invited SHADES and Rainbow Pride Union to participate in our weekly event, Encounter. We meet every Friday night and explore a wide variety of topics, where anyone is welcome to join us and learn with us. This particular week, we looked at the topic of homosexuality, and we invited two speakers to come address this topic. After the event, we became aware of the fact that many people from the LGBTQ community who attended the meeting were hurt by what was presented by the speakers. They also expressed that we were not clear enough about what would actually be happening at our event when we invited them. Fortunately, SHADES and Rainbow Pride Union were open enough to share with us how our process hurt them. InterVarsity's eboard met with their eboards, and we were able to discuss how our process impacted them. We were then able to apologize for going about inviting them in the wrong way. We are grateful that they reached out to us, because as Christians, we do think it is important that we admit when we are in the wrong. InterVarsity's eboard was able to apologize to them and through that meeting we were able to reconcile with each other, understand each other, and move forward to working with one another on campus.