Permission Slip

I, ________________________, hereby have permission to be imperfect with regards to homophobia and heterosexism. It is ok if I do not know all of the answers or if at times my ignorance and misunderstandings become obvious.

I have permission to ask questions that appear stupid. I have permission to struggle with these issues and be upfront and honest about my feelings.

I am a product of this homophobic/heterosexist culture, and I am who I am. I don’t have to feel guilty about what I know or believe, but I do need to take responsibility for what I can do now:

- Try to learn as much as I can
- Struggle to change my false/inaccurate beliefs or oppressive attitudes
- Learn what I can do to make a difference

To make this workshop a truly “Safe Zone”, please respect each other’s comments, questions, and privacy. Everything said in this room today, stays in this room. If something someone says interests you or challenges your ideas, please talk with that person directly rather than sharing with a person who was not present in this workshop.

Thank you for taking this step to combat homophobia and heterosexism in society and on our campus.