

UVic Pride Collective Minutes - April 12 2016

QUORUM MET - 10 coordinators & 2 (?) Collective Members

1. Acknowledgement of the Territories (Round)
 2. Safer Spaces Policy
 3. Round of Names/Pronouns/Check-in
 4. How Does a Collective Work
 5. Updates
 - a. Advocacy council - Approved a request by the IPOC Caucus for \$2000
 - b. Youth Caucus - Wants to donate \$300 to the Poz Youth conference -> Approved
 - c. SSD petition - There's a petition going around requesting a vote of no confidence for the newly elected SSD board based around ableist and exclusionary meeting practices. Some members have asked Pride to circulate it. Heather from SSD presents, informs us of factually incorrect information in the petition. Petition left in space through the meeting, will be returned to SSD coordinator the next day.
 - d. SSD funding - there's \$1000 in grants from SSD for advocacy groups to put on events centring students with disabilities. Based on our mandate, we serve more than just students. That's fine, just as long as students are also welcome
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6.) Memorandum of Understanding with incoming Director of Student Affairs

- Current Director of Student Affairs thinks this would be a good idea to set autonomy for the advocacy groups from the new dir. Each group to make their own

DISCUSSION

- How should we do this? Google Doc?
- Ya, let's make a Google Doc for people to contribute. Share on social media and email.
- Raj is leaving soon, can someone else help out with this so we have more time?
- Yes, June will do the thing (proofread and format) to be in by the 22nd.

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - Make Google Doc for collective contribution, share on social media and email, June to format and proofread for the 22nd.
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7.) Feedback from the Transfeminine Community

- Ocean was a gem and went to liaise with the local Transfeminine community to find out more about what Pride has done and what Pride can do to reconcile.
- Caucus: Failed due to lack of people and facilitator(s), don't know how to continue now if no one is interested in coming to Pride.
- History of Pride with Transfeminine community:
 - Pride has been entirely transmisogynistic for a long time
 - Transfeminine people weren't allowed to speak, vote, or participate in collective meetings
 - Use to be secret meetings to talk about how to make the space more hostile for certain transfeminine members
 - Transfeminine members had to drop out of school because they were so badly bullied by UVic Pride
 - Binder project existed long before breast forms were even a thought, and now they're not even offered anymore
 - Actually they're back now! Hurrah! Share dat shit on social media Jordan
 - Now: Lola and Ocean are our trans reps, both Transfeminine, but it shouldn't be on them to fix this.
- Now what?
 - Where do we go from here? How do we make reparations?
 - Some members of the community have requested a written formal apology to the community

DISCUSSION

- We shouldn't do a letter if we're not prepared to do concrete things
 - Maybe we come up with a list of things we could do?
- Peeps, the community is requesting that we do this. Let's do what they ask for once
 - Agreed. Working group? Google Doc?
 - June, Molly, Orillia, Alexander, Jordan, Tareem to form working group to do letter and work on fixing this shit
- Caucuses: More off campus? Bring resources to QV's?

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - Working group approved to write letter, then to work on things to fix things. Ocean will think about moving the caucuses downtown, at least maybe the resource orders.

8.) Jewish Students Association Film Collaboration Proposal

- Aaron asked to come to talk about the movie.
 - Aaron did his own research: Palestinian queers say this movie isn't good
 - Generalization, pink washing, false utopia (Tel Aviv) and white ideals, ect.

- Aaron feels tokenized & misrepresented: he's not Palestinian. Proper consultation processes weren't done.
- Person from Vancouver wants to do a workshop for us on pink washing
 - Aaron will be in contact with them and come to us with dates
- Aaron contacting JSA on own time to better understand why they were contacted about this movie, why they want to show it, what they want to do with it

DISCUSSION

- Working group who viewed the movie should have had a better understanding on pink washing in a Palestinian/Israeli context
- We shouldn't screen this if the community it's representing says it's shitty
- Working group to be turned into a group to making this pink washing workshop happen

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - Don't screen movie. Focus on making the workshop happen instead. Talk to JSA about this decision and feedback.
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9.) Motion to move some agenda items to next meeting

- Discussion around Collective Meeting Processes
 - Confidentiality
 - Agenda
 - Streaming Meeting (For off campus)
- Updating Safer Spaces blurb on website
- Listing on Trans Alliance Society website
- Listing on Trans Vancouver Island website
- Get an outdoor sign
- Resource closet sign and order forms

DISCUSSION

- This meeting has been so long. No one has the energy to keep going through all the things that aren't time sensitive.

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - Move these items to next week
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10.) April Events

- Somehow we missed this last week, these events need approval.
- Sungay Beach thing is canceled, Alexis is too busy. Discussion group on the 21st, Queer Astrology on the 28th, going to try and make Fun in the Sun happen on the 25th.

DISCUSSION

- No further discussion

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - Events approved
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11.) UVSS Board Orientation

- Have been bumped up from 20 minutes to 45-60 minutes.

DISCUSSION

- Panel? Presentation? Pre-handout reading?
- Lots of ideas, let's just start a working group

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - Working group to be facilitated by Orillia and June; Jordan, Tareem, and Alexis also interested
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12.) Emergency Fund Request

- \$80 to replace lost ID

DISCUSSION

- There's no more money in the Emergency Fund budget
 - Take out of another budget? Why? It's all the same money, just hides where the money was spent
- So? Just projected, not actuals. Spend away

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - Overspend the Emergency Fund budget line
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Meeting Adjourned