

## UVic Pride Collective Minutes - May 26th 2016

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### QUORUM MET - 2 coordinators, 2 collective members

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1. Acknowledgement of the Territories
  2. Safer Spaces Policy
  3. Round of Names/Pronouns/Check-in
  4. How Does a Collective Work
  5. Updates
    - a. Dance Party Update - Bandshell is not a good event. They say they don't do "alternative music events". Saturday or Friday of the Pride weekend. Contingent on when the youth caucus holds their prom.
    - b. Hiring Update - post is out! Ends June 7th!
    - c. Harm Reduction Working Group Update - Doodle poll and working document.
    - d. Queer Quills - This writing group is still running (queer writing group).  
Wednesdays at 6pm at Serious Coffee on Broad St if anybody is interested!
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### 6.) Adoption of Minutes (May 19th 2016)

#### DISCUSSION

- For Number 7) put down "let Alexis know they have been put down as the contact for the positions" to be more clear

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Approve with noted changes.
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### 7.) Anarchist Bookfair wants to talk with us

- Anarchist Bookfair organizer has reached out to us. They have been communicated by several groups about problems with the event in the past and they want to chat with us about it and how they can be better. What would we like to do?

#### DISCUSSION

- In the past there has been a lot of overlap with camas, and there were problems with camas in the past.
- Some experiences with the book fair, maybe not with pride, but with collective members who were involved with SOCC in the past.
- Current collective hasn't had direct experience with the bookfair.

- Do a general call out to the collective for feedback and provide them with the feedback from the collective. Maybe a facilitated discussion with them in the future.

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Do the call out process.
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### **8.) SGM scheduling discussion**

- Follow up item from last collective meeting. Two meetings ago, the collective said it would decide on a date at another collective meeting to schedule a special general meeting to change constitution around keycode access. The last collective meeting, there was some discussion about not having a special general meeting and moving the keycode changes to the annual general meeting in the fall. What would we like to do?

#### DISCUSSION

- Delay it again? Delay to the next AGM. Not a lot of people that are engaged in the room and in the collective in the summer.
- Folks can always call an GM if they really want to :D

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Delay to the next AGM.
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### **9.) Brainstorm around what we'd like to see in UVSS strategic plan**

- The UVSS is creating a strategic plan for the upcoming year. Sara Maya is our board rep and is a part of that process. Is there anything about the strategic plan that we want our board rep to bring to the UVSS? What do we want to see the UVSS do this upcoming year?

#### DISCUSSION

- Do not act like jerks.
- Accessibility be a core tenet in their events. Spaces available for folks who don't want to interact with alcohol. Do in a good way. Also accessibility in terms of events and security - gendering at the door has been real bad in the past. Maybe also talk about accessibility and how it intersects with mental health. Make sure mental health is included and initiatives are ongoing?
- Maintain a focus on social justice and student activism.
- Publicize what you do and how you do it. Open communication and transparency. For example, strategic planning hasn't involved student voices? Don't do shit like that!

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Provide these for Sara Maya to take forward.
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#### **10.) Registering for Pride Festival - it'll cost \$60**

- Two meetings ago, the collective wanted to table at the Pride Festival and ask them to waive their fee. Since then, the Victoria Pride Society has said they will not waive the fee for us. Also, the queer, allied, trans, youth group out of Saanich Parks and Rec may be interested in partnering with us and sharing the cost.

#### DISCUSSION

- I don't want to table but not having a presence might hurt us.
- I think tabling is important.
- QTAY wanna pass out snacks and water bottles. May need to do sneakily. \$30 bucks each? How would displays and banners and stuff work? Half and half. Half table.
- Do sweet banners! Maybe do some pride is political t shirts.
- QTAY needs to get confirmation that they can split the cost with us as well.
- Ask the UVSS? Set up tent outside the main grounds? I don't think that will work. We will be kicked out. Also a lot of drama for new office coordinator lol.
- We have a \$1000 budget in Events and Activism. \$60 is probably fine

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Register ourselves now with potential to split costs with QTAY Group
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#### **10.) Alt Pride (Collective agrees to add this agenda item by consensus)**

- **Alt Pride is starting up again this year. Had first organizer meeting. Past alt pride has been very good relationship with UVic Pride. They are seeking help with insurance and with some funds for their event.**

#### DISCUSSION

- **Do you have a projection with what you are going to do?**
- **Still working it out, they really need insurance in the festival.**
- **Last year Pride donated \$500 and that covered a lot of the costs for the festival. They also had donations from the Third Space and also they had a donation from VIPIRG for an all bodies swim.**
- **Break down of your costs? We had printing costs, food, honorariums, crafts, miscellaneous - paper towel, delivery costs, equipment rental, venue rental**
- **Insurance would be free. So we could do that?**
- **Maybe we can call a meeting for advocacy council - ask Raj to ask advocacy council for us.**

- We can still probably cover a small portion if they get monies from the Third Space and VIPIRG
- Who is involved with the planning? a bunch of ppl! No names for external org privacy.

**ACTION/MOTION/DECISION**

- Consensus. Send Raj to advocacy council to request \$500 for Alt Pride organizing and also for insurance for the alt pride.

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Meeting Adjourned