

## Minutes – May 23, 2012 Collective Meeting

### AGENDA

#### I. Acknowledgement of the Territories

#### II. Safer Spaces

#### III. Round of Names

#### IV. Updates

–There is a students' strike in Quebec. People in Victoria are organizing a masquerade party in solidarity next Wednesday. For more info, check out [studentsolidarity.wordpress.com](http://studentsolidarity.wordpress.com)!

–Events and Activism – 1. discussed Pride retreat in August (24-26) at the Jean S. Simpson property on Lake Cowichan. There is a survey on the website and on facebook regarding times and content, so please fill it out if you're interested, and 2. Victoria Pride – we are renting a truck for the parade and potentially borrowing speakers so that we can have music and make a pride music video/lipsyncing and film it during the parade! If you want to be involved in planning either of these things, email [pride@uvic.ca](mailto:pride@uvic.ca) or talk to Tribesty.

–Collective coordinators discussed AOP training on the retreats with AVP, and they're super rad and into it!

–First Gender-Inclusive Washrooms (UVSS Committee) is May 31 at 3 pm in **LOCTAION**. It is an open committee, and any UVSS member is welcome to attend and speak and get voting rights on their third meeting.

–We got more pregnancy tests in the top drawer of the blue drawer thing in the bathroom\

–We got a pride laptop and i AM WRITING ON IT RIGHT NOW.

#### V. Space check-in / What does a safer space mean to you? - conversation

We had a discussion about safer space. Consensus was that further conversations would be beneficial.

#### VI. Computer

whiteboard survey – people are overwhelmingly into Mac and Linux – library software only works on Macs – we can also dual boot Linux on a Mac – we can get a mac from the bookstore and they'll do repairs – dual booting would require partitioning the hard drive – for our purposes, the space wouldn't be an issue and we can get an external harddrive if necessary. I think the 500 gb is sufficient – I'm into the baseline Mac option – i think the cheapest mac will be good – people seem to be into the cheapest mac option! - I don't strong opinions about this; big screens can be overwhelming – i think we should get the cheapest one and cut it in half with a chainsaw made out of steak – my first choice would be a windows dual-booted with linux, it's also easier to use, but the cheapest mac is my second choice

consensus – dual booting linux! \*library software only will only work on the mac side and people should leave it on that side or turn it off when they're done using it\

**consensus (with one pass) on the bottomline (\$1149) mac from the bookstore and dualbooting linux**

We need a desk! We can get a height-adjustable desk for accessibility, but they're a little expensive. A 60" height-adjustable desk is \$1300! (The mechanism is what is expensive, despite how long of a desk we get). - I think it would be really shitty if the space is not usable by everyone and it sucks that we have to spend so much money – it would be discriminatory to not make it accessible – we have the

money and should use it to make this space more accessible to all the students – this will put us over what we had budgeted, but we won't be in a precarious financial position by any means – we can get 48", 42", and 36" - 42" or 48" would be more comfortable for people of varying sizes, accessibility needs – it would be useful to be able to seat two people – the price difference won't be much less for different lengths – would there be drawers? no. Good! - kitchen space is limited – is next to the fridge the best place? - it would be awkward to be in the middle of the space – where the safer sex supplies are? Kind of awkward for the door – moving it into the alcove would make it hard for people to show youtube videos, an important function of public computers – the safer sex supplies could be by the fridge (less awkward), the alcove is more out of the way, it reminds me of workstations on the ferry – we could have two safer sex supplies (private and less private) – the alcove is 44" wide – i think having the computer in the space because it would be more welcoming – what do we think the space is going to be used for? Quiet work or public use? - it will also be used for the library; having it close might be nice – is there an outlet in the alcove/internet? NO. Possibly not the best idea – the only logical place is the original position... - return to size of desk! 48" would accommodate two people, but it would be cramped in the kitchen – two chairs fit under the 45" desk in the office – i think 42 is a little squeeze; i would prefer 48" - having a 48" desk might cause accessibility issues in the kitchen, esp the microwave; what if we had someone come in and assess the space for accessibility – maybe we should do an accessibility audit; maybe we could talk to ssd or someone else; if we're getting an accessible desk we should make sure we're not compromising the kitchen

kailey will ask ssd what they think and do what they recommend – consensus!

#### VII. Advocacy Council structure

At policy development, it came up that the structure of advo council should be reviewed. Specifically the role of the board rep to advocacy council. Should they be voting or non-voting, should they be an advo rep?

ROUND:

- Board rep position: nice to have someone who's not an exec but should not be voting
- Having a board rep could also increase communication between pride and the UVSS
- Board rep can assist director of student affairs, be another point person for advo groups, and be a way for the board to be more accountable to advo groups

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-can see benefits of a board rep but they should be non-voting and can be any director of the UVSS.

#### VIII. Caucuses

-had a meeting on tuesday, some caucuses were suggested (religious minorities, racialized, people who experience misogyny) and the policy was looked over.

- Policy will be voted on at next meeting, available online to look at
- if people want to meet about things that aren't to do with systemic oppression it may be useful to have smaller breakout groups without the same structures/abilities of caucuses

#### IX. Stickers

-rectangle rainbow stickers were reasonably priced and have been ordered. 5000@ about \$.17

-rainbow heart stickers cost about twice as much at 100 @ 1.70 (\$170), each 200@\$.90 (\$188), 500@\$.41 (\$200)

-It may be frivolous to spend this much money on stickers when we do a traditional donation of approx \$200 to other groups for their fundraisers, events, etc.

-We can make these stickers however we want, and may also be able to mass order from somewhere cheaper. We do have a purchasing policy where we should buy things from ethical orgs, if we get them made, they are made local in Vic.

-rectangle stickers could also just be cut into shapes.

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-we will look into a shape puncher but not buy custom stickers

X. Bus passes

-in summer our bus ticket use rises substantially so it may be more financially feasible to buy the bus passes of some very active members. Packets of 10 tickets are \$22.50 and are usually available in the office for whoever needs them. Because some folks have office hours and attends various meetings it may be more financially feasible to buy bus passes

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-if the cost of a person's tickets to attend all their responsibilities exceeds the amount of a bus pass, the collective will purchase a bus pass for them. People will be kept accountable by keeping a tally of office hours kept and meetings/ events attended. This will be done on a request-only basis.

XI. Anti-Oppression and Anti-Racism learning module

-there is a need for having a learning module/workbook that can be made accessible for people in interacting with pride's anti oppression policy. Basically now we are checking into people being ok with this project going forward

-people are ok with this going forward and a list was formed for people to start work on it.

XII. Are people ok to change pride's facebook photo to all red to stand in solidarity with quebec students?

-YES. We will also change our status to let people know that we are standing in solidarity with these students.