

## September 20, 2012 – Collective Meeting Minutes

1. Acknowledgement of the Territories
2. Safer Spaces
3. Round of Names
4. Updates

### a) Preferred Names

We had a meeting with Jim Dunsdon to discuss preferred names on student cards. Folks are now able to get their names changed if they contact the director of IDs (can ask at ID desk) and have a short meeting and write a letter and photocopy legal ID for their file. Soon Jim Dunsdon will be sending us a set of directions.

### b) SHAG Week Ally Workshop

- We can do a movie night instead of a workshop on Wednesday at 8 in the Res Underground
- Suggestions: Fire, Lost in Paradise, Ma Vie en Rose
- Decision: Fire (7), Ma Vie (6), Lost (4). We will go with Fire unless we can't get a copy then we will go with Ma Vie en Rose.

5. Resource Guide for Educators - There are not a lot of resources created by students/learners for instructors in terms of queer and trans\* experiences in the school system. It might be useful for us to develop something for the Faculty of Education to give to its students.

- We could visit with different GSAs (possibly in October) and include resources for teachers on GSAs

- Possibility of creating an extensive resource and pulling the most important parts for the "go to" for quick reading

Proposal: Refer to resource committee and send a Doodle with times to meet.

Decision: Consensus

6. Jim Dunsdon's Movie - Jim Dunsdon, VP Student Affairs, wants to finance a film made by Pride of faculty on how to create safe learning environments for queer and trans\* students.

- We need to ask some clear questions. How much control will we have over the process? How will this be distributed? Is there going to be tokenizing?

- Can we ensure that UVic Pride maintains rights to it? The university has to ask us about its use and cooperate with the desires of Pride?

- We should talk to Jim Dunsdon and express our concerns.

Proposal: Everyone email Kailey via [pride@uvic.ca](mailto:pride@uvic.ca) with concerns/questions/conditions by the end of the weekend. Will also post on Facebook for people to get in touch

Decision: consensus

7. November Film Screening - We need to pick which movie we would like Tobi Hill-Meyer to screen!

- we could screen Genderfellator but let people know that we will have Doing it Ourselves available in the library or possibly do a more intimate screening.

Proposal: Genderfellator

Decision: consensus

8. AGM Date - Let's set one!

Proposal: October 25 at 4pm, in hopefully the SUB Upper Lounge

Decision: Consensus

Proposal: up to \$150 for food

Decision: consensus

9. Canadian Blood Services Club: The Canadian Blood Services (CBS) is required by Health

Canada to maintain a lifetime ban on blood donations from men who have had sex with other men (MSM) anytime since 1977. The UVic CBS Club booth informed Pride that they were approached at Clubs and Course Union Days by someone who “may have” been affiliated with UVic Pride with the suggestion that Canadian Blood Services finds a surrogate donor for someone that finds themselves turned away from donating based on their sexual history/behaviour. Let’s talk about this.

- We should write them a letter stating our position on the ban, which we are against, and let them know this is a stupid idea

- If they want to work with us, they could do something against the ban

- We could also write an oblique statement that until such time they’re actively working to end the ban we’re not aligning ourselves with them in any way

- We can ask them to not come into our space unless they want to talk about ending the ban and why it’s shitty

Proposal: Write a letter collaboratively at a set time which will include our position on the ban, our position on when we would work with them which is only to end the ban, that we don’t want to have a discussion about their event. they shouldn’t come back into Pride’s space unless they want to talk about how to end the ban and its not our responsibility to deal with the repercussions of a shitty policy that we didn’t make or endorse. We will make a google doc.

Decision: consensus

10. Campus Community Gardens - Would Pride like to apply for a small patch of garden with the campus community gardens? We could grow food and vegetables for the collective, and/or flowers and plants that we can use to make our space beautiful! We could also do team building and Pride community building activities surrounding gardening. There are currently 30 folks on the waiting list to get a patch at the campus community gardens, but we’ve been told that organizations may get priority. It only costs \$30 a year for a plot. Would folks be interested in doing this?

Proposal: Put on the board if anyone would like to have one and see if there is a lot of interest.

Decision: Cool.

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11. Allies in Pride. It would be cool if we could have a discussion group or caucus for people who experience homophobia, transphobia, queerphobia about what people would like to see from allies, things that have been happening that have been making people unsafe, and talking about what we want from this space. If allies want to come and act in a way that’s intentional and helpful but at the end of the day this space is for queer people. We could create a poster and draft a position statement. We could also have designated ally hours.

Proposal: Hold a meeting for people who experience homophobia/heterosexism and transphobia/cissexism in this space. This is for queer-identified people who want to talk about what they would like to see from their allies, so if you’re an ally please allow us to have this time. We can send out an email with a Doodle poll. We should try and do this sooner rather than later. Ask people during the meeting to be self-reflexive and think about the space they take up. We will ask for responses by Sunday.

Decision: everyone’s cool with this