

## September 27, 2012 – Collective Meeting Minutes

1. Territory Acknowledgement
2. Safer Spaces Policy
3. Round of Names
4. Updates

- a. Office Coordinator Hiring Committee progress update - the status of job description changes we requested in the summer is unclear. We are waiting to hear back from the general managers.
- b. Volunteer Support and Resource Coordinator Hiring Committee progress update - we're conducting interviews and will make a hiring decision by Friday night!
- c. Resource Coordinator Work study Hiring Committee progress update - resumes are being reviewed this weekend and interviews will probably happen next week.
- d. PSN door prize donation request and event - we will give them a mug as a door prize and let them know that we have some concerns and would like to meet with them after we have had a chance to discuss them further
- e. Role of allies discussion update - we had a really productive discussion and will be having ongoing discussions about the role of allies in Pride and about the use of collective space/collective involvement. there will be doodles
- f. Pub Crawl - we are having a pub crawl on October 26. The Ledge, Rehab, and Hush are all on board. The Ledge is all-ages. We will be making t-shirts and doing a sliding scale. More details will be discussed in Events and Activism Committee
- g. Clothing Swap - We will be collecting clothing and accessory donations for our clothing swap on October 18. This will also be discussed at E&A

5. **Freeskool** - a team is working to revamp Freeskool (which has hosted free workshops on a variety of topics). A representative will be speaking to the collective about queer inclusion in future workshops, lectures, discussion, or skill-shares. Camas (anti-oppressive, anti-capitalist) has put on Freeskool in the past. Freeskool is breaking away from Camas. Anyone can facilitate a course/workshop/skillshare/diy thing. They are interested in hearing what Pride would like to see/hear about with regards to queer-related workshops, etc. There has been a lack of workshops around queer issues identified. They are interested in a safer spaces workshop specifically, but anyone can volunteer to facilitate. Could be useful for making connections with people. Issues raised regarding safety of trans and genderqueer folks in the space in the past, particularly the attendance of certain people. Overall, a little apprehensive. Consensus: We will revisit this next week after getting more information and raising our concerns with the organizers. Katie will get in touch with them.

6. **Ally Workshop Request** - an instructor in education has asked us to do the ally workshop for

two classes of education students. We would like to discuss this with the collective and see if anyone is interested in participating.

One is on a Friday 8:30-11:30, the other is on a Wednesday at 1pm. The workshop works well with three people.

Consensus: We workshop it with the collective before so people have more familiarity with it. This might be a good thing for the volunteer support and resource coordinator.

Kailey will find out which days work best and bring them to the workshop workshop.

**7. Complaints Committee Representative** - UVSS struck a complaints committee to review a number of complaints received regarding materials distributed by the Catholic Students' Association's tabling materials at clubs days. The nature of the committee is to be a safe complaint review panel which includes a non voting representative from each advocacy group as well as the anti violence project. They will be ratifying committee members at the October 15th board meeting, with the intention of allowing advocacy groups to debrief the process with their members and hopefully to elect a representative in the meanwhile. Pride will be electing a member to sit on this committee. If anyone is interested and can't make the meeting, let us know at [pride@uvic.ca](mailto:pride@uvic.ca). Complaints committees typically meet once a week for about an hour. Lincoln has been elected to sit on the complaints committee.

**8. Anti-oppression training** - we are holding AOP training sessions for volunteers on October 4 and 10. We need to prepare the workshop structure and content for this training. This will be facilitated by the new Volunteer Coordinator, but it's really soon and we can't expect them to prepare it for october 4.

Consensus: We will meet at 11 this Sunday to have a work party. Food budget: \$75

**9. Discussion of ideal format for distribution of Pride updates that balances information dissemination and not clogging inboxes.**

Option a) two weekly emails (an announcements/"This Week in Pride" one on Sunday/Monday and an agenda on Wednesday)

Option b) one "This Week in Pride" email (on Sunday or Monday) and the agenda posted online 24 hours before the meeting

We could also have two separate email lists for people who want to receive the agenda by email.

Consensus: we will send out an updates and announcements email on sunday/monday with a link to where the agenda will be on the website

**10. Invitation to table** at a screening of *Trans* at Cinecenta in collaboration with the UVic library. We have been contacted before, but when we asked for more information they did not seek input or collaboration from us. They did not specify what sort of tabling they wanted. It is unclear if they have had any community involvement.

We will find out if they have speakers who will address the lack of intersectionality in the film.

Consensus: We will contact the library to ask for a copy of the film and ask questions/raise concerns that have been brought up.

**11. Coffee House.** Serious Coffee closes at 8pm on Wednesdays. The recommendation from folks who went last night was that we should move it earlier (to 6).

Consensus: To allow the facilitator time to eat dinner, it will be moved to 6:30

12. **Campus Community Gardens** - people seem interested in getting a plot, so we will put in a request to campus community gardens.