

## **1. Acknowledgement of the Territories**

## **2. Safer Spaces**

## **3. Round of Names**

## **4. Updates**

**i. Genderfellation.** Cinecenta has said that they can't change the washrooms to gender neutral. Clearly, this isn't going to work. We are unsure if they understood our request. We are renting the whole space and people aren't allowed to use the washrooms while a film is screening.

- we could just put signs up anyways?

- we will get back to them and explain what the movie is about, why it would be hypocritical to screen this movie without that accessibility, and ask when we rent the space if we are renting the bathrooms as well? We could also make funny posters if they say no again.

- Kailey and Nick will go chat, and Katie if they want to go, to explain to them why we need to change the washrooms

**ii. Office Coordinator.** Kailey has been rehired.

**5. Queerposium.** Folks went to the Queerposium meeting last night. UVic Pride was moved until last. Lux discussed our email and addressed misunderstandings about the email. Ryan also talked to Birch who is facilitating Queerposium and tomorrow is talking to the two people who are giving another workshop on race at Queerposium and letting them know why he had issues with their last event on race. We need to decide whether we want to be involved at all and if we do to what degree? What funding would we like to give, if any?

- would be okay with giving some money, maybe not the full amount, also okay with not giving money

- not into giving money; the event wouldn't go on if we didn't and people might think we're jerks

- would and did feel unsafe in the group of Creating Connections

- a workshop we put on would hopefully benefit this group, however I am sensing a lot of negative feelings and we should make sure people feel safe being around this group and in that environment; I definitely don't feel comfortable paying the whole amount and I feel it's a strange responsibility that's been put on us

- definitely not comfortable giving the whole amount; the way some folks have been treated is inexcusable; however, I am concerned about people who are looking for community and go on this event and we could possibly benefit there

- concerned they're throwing us a bone because they want our money and if there wasn't any money involved they wouldn't want us involved; UVic Pride is known to have funding

- Kailey recounts bits of Lux's experience

- it sounds like they want our money and will put up with us for that but won't talk with us after, also because of people's experiences I'm not comfortable giving money at this point; if we give some money at the small chance of doing some good we may experience regret

- it sounds like they were not really concerned with our opinions at the very beginning; they just wanted our money and didn't want our perspective; now that they're asking for even more than \$400 and they started asking about \$200 and now they're asking for more for the bus it just seems very manipulative; i'm really not for giving them money

- I don't understand why if they wanted to meet the needs of people within our Collective they didn't consult us at the beginning stages

- people seem to think we're just a Pride group not an advocacy group

- always worried about severing ties; don't want Pride to get a bad reputation but it could be a bad ass reputation; we need to make it very clear that we are an advocacy group and a social justice group and care about things like sexism and racism; when I am looking to collaborate I expect, and I hope that they would expect with me, that anti-oppressive practice is built into every step including how it's organized; I don't want to be involved and I think we should write a very polite letter being very clear on our position as an anti-racist, anti-colonial organization and we can't because it's essentially going against our constitution to do this; or say we want no involvement but maybe give them \$50 to kind of maintain those connections

- we should definitely say its against our constitution to make it very clear

- difficult to make a decision in terms of workshop with so many people who aren't here

- could we ask them where the finances are going in terms of the cost to participate and that we are considering a partial donation and see what the response is?

- also really awkward that there is so much masculine stuff

- we need to know the length also, and when they might be here

Proposal: Ask for more information first before we can make a decision on a donation and workshop, but we're iffy

Decision: consensus

**6. *Trans Documentary.*** We contacted our library contact who was out of office and not back until February but we have also contacted Dr. Devor will our concerns, particularly over Dr. Knudson speaking on the panel. Lux will be meeting with Dr. Devor and anyone else who is interested tomorrow at 4pm. Also Tobi said she would be fine to come for another night if we wanted to book her. We need to get back to her about costs. If you want to go meet Dr. Devor email Lux@uvicpride.ca.

**7. TDOR – venue input.** The available venues are James Bay Community Centre, or somewhere at Camosun or UVic.

- I would like to see it out in the community; events are often held on campuses which aren't always safe for folks
- Decision: We are cool with asking for James Bay.

**8. Open House.** It's happening tomorrow!

**9. Pulse Zine Launch.** It's tonight! Right now! At Cornerstone in Fernwood.

**10. uvic.ca mentions of Pride.** The UVic website mentions UVic Pride in several places and it doesn't really reflect our Collective and what's in our constitution.

- We will look into it and see who to contact!