

UVic Pride Collective Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2015

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

- 1.) Youth Outreach Committee (Monday Feb 23 1:30pm)
 - 2.) Collage Workshop has been moved. Will now be Thursday March 5th.
 - 3.) Crafternoon at UVic Pride (Feb 28, 1-4pm)
 - 4.) Ideafest (Out and About Panel) - March 6 1:30 - 3:30 - Cornett A129)
 - 5.) Hiring Committee Update
 - Cal has recused himself from Hiring Committee
 - 6.) Request for interviews from folks who went to highschool in Victoria/Saanich
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5. Breaking Binary CFUV Fundrive Donation Request

- Daphne from Breaking Binary is requesting a donation for her show for the CFUV fundrive. Each show that has airtime is expected to raise money. Breaking Binary needs \$155. Daphne is asking for some monies. \$25 - \$150

DISCUSSION

- What will the money be used for? Purchasing equipment etc. Archiving shows is an ultimate goal.
- Into it! We should
- No reason to not support this.
- Agree same reasons.
- Always looking for guests too if anyone in the collective wants to be on the show.
- Collective member proposes \$100.
- Is this a temporary show? No it's a long term show. Gonna do it until CFUV says no more.
- The need for a show like this is quite high I think, let's increase our donation to \$200.
- Maybe we should be mindful of altpride's funding request in the future.
- Altpride will be funded through the summer budget, and we haven't spent that much in our donations budget (tentative, for approval later in the meeting) yet for this semester.

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Donate \$200 to CFUV for breaking binary. (Cheques for CFUV are made out to "University of Victoria")
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5. The Martlet Article on the Professor Issue

- Oppressive professor has a blog that is racist, homophobic, transphobic, etc. Blog is also really religiously oppressive. Martlet published an article investigating this. Do we want to respond or pressure the university?

DISCUSSION

- Not private opinion, the blog is a public thing!
- How do you know if the blog can be traced back? The martlet did the investigation.
- Maybe we should write an open letter?
- Any ideas to the specifics of incidents in class? No, just a student was inclined to look it up. Hugo said if we did write a larger letter, that they would publish it.
- Blog has been cleared up.
- The university is not fielding questions.
- Good that we take action, we just need to be careful if professor has lots of influence and power. Hestitant because we don't have the name of the professor.
- Feel like a lot of this could be a rumour or hearsay. Recommend that we express rather than comment or assert the principle of the thing rather than directing it as a specific incident.
- The letter would ask the university that they don't endanger students.
- The letter would be a call to action to the university.
- If not affecting the job, shouldn't be specific?
- Structures of the university and UVSS will prevent meaningful things to happen - don't think an op-ed will have much ramification.
- If no proof then no consequence. Hopefully just give pressure. No backlash to us.
- Mixed feelings, but we should write it.
- Not finger pointing.
- Definitely agree with broad topic.
- NAMP? These policies allow the professor to do this?
- Online content is ambiguous
- Can we reference the letter in the martlet, respond to the martlet piece, but not respond to the content? Then call the university to action?

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus to write the letter in collaboration with other interested advocacy groups. The letter is a response piece to the martlet article and a call to action to the university - not a response to the specific professor.
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6. Breast Form Resources

- Ki did consultations and research and came up with options for a breast form resource initiative that we would provide. There is an option that would be \$140 for good quality and durability. Do we want to subsidize the entire cost or?

DISCUSSION

- Per binder order is between \$30 to \$40 right now.
- Voiced this last week too, the biggest thing is there is a price reality, but it is unfair because there is a large transmasculine community that binders would help, and it would feel weird if we spend this much on binders. We can't equate price right now for resources this way.
- The alternative is that we can fill silicone ones. This is a DIY gel filled ones. Maybe we could do a workshop and folks could do DIY.
- I think it would be fair to subsidize for folks who are uncomfortable making themselves. Subsidize any version.
- If we are going to have workshops, we should do this regularly. Do both workshops and subsidize the breast forms.
- The question isn't to subsidize or not, the collective has made a decision to provide all resources for free last semester, the question is which breast forms do we want to provide?
- I have a few concerns. The first is that breast forms are something collective has wanted for a really long time - I don't want workshops, I just want the breast forms!
- But maybe it would still be more reasonable to subsidize.
- Reminding everyone that subsidizing isn't the question, it is which ones to go with if we want to provide them.
- Budget looks pretty healthy...
- Use social media to do outreach and say we're providing them and then reassess once we see what the usage of the resource is?
- Suggest to buy 4 trial pairs? There are 10 different sizes.
- We need workshops on sizing and also on DIY breast forms then.
- Maybe we can make a measuring guide. Maybe a zine?
- Let's go with the more expensive breast forms!

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - go with more expensive and durable breast forms as our resource. Continue to work on providing workshops and a measuring resource.
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7. Budget Approval

- This is the budget that Tri has drafted, with the new expenses for a second a coordinator added in. We need to roll back our spending in order to balance our budget and this is the one that will balance if we keep on top of it. (Proposed new budget handed out)

DISCUSSION

- Looks good. Looks simple
- Good!

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Approve this budget for this semester.
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8. Events and Activism Funding Request

- E&A committee is asking money to fund and approve the events it is planning for March. These are games night (\$100), a community share (\$100), SAGM (\$100), screen printing workshop (\$100), a dance party (\$750).

DISCUSSION

- This is too much, will be going over our events budget. Let's minimize some of this.
- Games Night = \$60 (food and games)
- Community Share = \$90 (food)
- SAGM = \$100 (food)
- Screen Printing Workshop = \$100 (supplies)
- Dance Party = \$500 (venue, food, drinks, decorations)
- Earmarking a carnival event for \$550 also (though this may come out of the summer budget, planning hasn't happened yet)

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Approve funding and events for march. Consensus
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8. Advocacy Group Video

- UVSS wants to do a video introducing advocacy groups. There would be about a 30 second clip for each group.

DISCUSSION

- Yeah this is cool!
- Just make sure they ask folks in the space if it's ok first. Give them the opportunity to not be in the video.

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Video is A-OK!
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9. Camosun Students

- Follow up with conversation with Jonathan at AVI about camosun students interested in setting up resources (similar to the ones we have that are unique to this region) at AVI as well, so that our resources are not only available here. Do we want to invite the camosun students to join and have a conversation with us.

DISCUSSION

- Yeah this would be great!

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus, invite them to a collective meeting to plan.
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10. Experiential Walkthrough

- EQHR volunteers planning an experiential walkthrough at the end of march. Wondering if we want to table. Looks like the event is to have people walkthrough art installations and tables to experience oppression?

DISCUSSION

- This is weird.
- Some concerns, ex the ability to jump into and experience a site of oppression but be able to remove themselves after - whereas this oppression is real for lots of people.
- They are also missing physical and mental abilities.
- Intersectionality is missing.
- Fetishizing. Voyeuristic.
- We need more information. Jumping to assumptions, not knowing what the event actually is.

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Ask for more information before making a decision. Consensus
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Meeting Adjourned