

## UVic Pride Collective Minutes - July 9 2015

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1. Acknowledgement of the Territories
  2. Safer Spaces Guidelines
  3. Round of Names
  4. What is a collective and how does it work?
  5. Adoption of minutes (June 12 and June 26)
    - Approved
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### 5. Updates

1. Rainbow Crosswalk Meetings with UVic
    - There was a meeting with folks from UVic, UVSS, Pride and students regarding rainbow crosswalk and how to move forward. Grace will be writing a press release and will be sending it around for approval. The release will be from UVic.
  2. Retreat Working Group
    - Registration will be open today!
  3. VIPIRG & FAWG
    - VIPIRG coord has responded. They are accepting our offer for support ( peer support, aop training and consultation.
  4. Queer Youth Drop in Space
    - Saanich Parks and Rec is doing almost everything and funding almost everything!
    - Pride will not be sending a rep to their hiring committee.
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### 6. **Collective Position Statement on Marriage Equality, Rainbow Crosswalk, Mainstream Pride**

- A few members are asking the collective to write a statement outlining the collective's position on marriage equality, the rainbow crosswalk and mainstream Pride. Also, that we received a message into facebook (from a known internet troll) asking our opinions on such.

### DISCUSSION

- Yes, this will make it clear not only for that person, but for a lot of people in light of what has been happening recently.
- Don't respond to that message, that person. We can maybe just refer them to the statement.

- This is a good idea. Will clear up fuzzy opinions.
- Risky to have views explicit?
- Making explicit will reduce likelihood we are misunderstood.
- Show our solidarity with others who have been attacked recently.
- Want to release this soon, how do we do this if collective meetings are only once every two weeks?
- Send the working document out over the listserve so that collective members can add suggestions and edits. Approve the letter as written by next Wednesday at noon so that we can send it out asap?

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - Collective to write statement letter. Send over listserve, taken as approved by Wednesday at noon.
  - Brainstorm of points to include in the letter.
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#### **7. Breast Forms Discount Request**

- Our breast forms provider is giving us a discount on our orders. But they are asking that in return, we periodically post written things on their forum. TG forum. They want useful info for trans readers.

#### DISCUSSION

- How often? Every time we place an order maybe?
- Generous of them to give us a discount.
- We have a pride account, maybe several people could contribute and post from our account?
- A couple of collective members expressed interest writing.

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Send a shout out over the listserve to see if anybody else is interested in contributing written pieces.
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#### **8. Shelving for Packers**

- We need some shelving in the bathroom to display the packers. Nowhere to go right now. Facilities management at uvic charges \$30 for for a quote. If we don't do a quote they will just do it and charge us an unknown amount.

#### DISCUSSION

- Harm reduction materials in our closet might be cleared out of advo groups decide to sign on and provide them collectively in a different space.
- Might not release packers officially as a resource until the fall anyway.

- Hold off for now.

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Hold off on shelving for now until the fall to see if space will clear up.
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#### **9. Funding for resources orders when we tabled at Alt Pride and Pride.**

- We received almost \$2000 worth of orders from Alt Pride and Pride for our resources. Our budget doesn't allow this for the summer. Can we make the orders? Where can we work around in our budget?

#### DISCUSSION

- Can we ask advocacy council? They don't have a lot of money and we already told them that we won't be making any grant requests for the summer.
- Could we do a fundraising event?
- What about doing another dance event? That was really popular and we fundraised quite a nice amount for our queer youth fund.
- Do a 50/50 draw? Bake sales?
- Even if we don't do fundraising, we should still make the orders. Sucks if folks who found us needing these resources now can't get access to them when we said we would provide.
- We have the money in our account, we just didn't budget it for the summer. So it means we have the means to pay for it now, we'll just want to balance the budget by the end of the fiscal year (May 2016). We are currently projecting a balance of \$0 by May, so we need to figure out some revenue.
- Do we want to wait until the fall to make the orders when we can make a new budget for the fall?
- Would hate to make people wait on their orders currently.
- Do we project any other resource expenses for the summer? Ongoing binder orders, but packers won't be launched until the fall, so we don't expect any further large expenses.

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus - make this large order now. We will have to make up the budget in next semester's budget. We will organize a fall dance party fundraiser to pick up additional funding.
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#### **8. Judicial Affairs**

- Last collective meeting, judicial affairs made a presentation and asked whether we could provide support. Do we want to do this?

#### DISCUSSION

- We don't even know what we can offer.
- Don't want to be the default, they need to have internal processes and also take some initiative and responsibility.
- Don't want the emotional burden to be on us if students are referred to us by default.
- Frame it as us being brought in, rather than things being passed onto us.
- Don't want to commit to anything yet.
- Need to be able to review partnership once the two people who work there right now leave. They are into restorative justice now, but no guarantees once the current employees depart.
- They need some training around gender.
- How about we meet with them and start discussions on what this can look like, but not commit to anything yet? Then come back to collective for further discussion and approval?

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Interested collective members to meet with JA and then report back to collective.
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#### **9. 1ml Syringes**

- We have had requests in looking for 1ml syringes. We have needles, we just don't have the 1ml thing.

#### DISCUSSION

- We've had a lot of requests in. A box of 100 only costs \$13.91 from amazon.
- So cheap.

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Buy a box.
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#### **10. UVic Calendar**

- UVic has a description of UVic Pride in the calendar. They check in annually to make sure our description is what we want to say before they publish it for the year. What do we want it to say this time.

#### DISCUSSION

- change phobias to "aggression"
- make it a political mandate to advocate for marginalized identities
- current description is too wordy. but like that it takes up space
- add in more explicitly about our resources

- address the rainbow? holding campus accountable
- non-hierarchical collective, consensus based
- Michelle wants to edit and is offering to do it.

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Michelle to edit and send back.
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### **11. BSW donation request**

- BSW program is doing an orientation event and is looking for donations.

#### DISCUSSION

- We have pride swag?
- SOCW has lots of money... they are a uvic department...
- i think we could spend our money better
- we can provide brochures and our services, let their students know what we offer
- give safer sex supplies?
- safer sex supplies is better than giving away our swag

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Offer safer sex supplies and tabling at their event.
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### **12. SUB Renos and SUB Ocs Committees**

- We are looking for representatives to sit on these two committees for us. Anybody interested?

#### DISCUSSION

- Cassandra for both.

#### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Elect Cassandra.
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### **13. International Students Welcome**

- We've been invited to table at the international students welcome event again this year.

#### DISCUSSION

- Should do it. It was fun last year.
- Totally useful for international students

### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Approve tabling at the event. Also offer to figure out how we can support international students throughout the year.
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### **13. Victoria Needs Survey**

- We had decided a while ago that we would not send research and surveys to our collective members. This one survey is regarding a needs assessment to start up a queer drop in centre in Victoria. This is pretty major. Can we make an exception?

### DISCUSSION

- Cool

### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Send out survey.
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### **14. AOP Training module**

- A couple of collective members want to update the AOP training module.

### DISCUSSION

- Yeah it needs updating.
- Yeah, we're offering AOP for viping too, so we should update it.
- Send a doodle poll out to start a working group?

### ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Start working group. Send out doodle poll for best meeting times.
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### **15. Camosun Rep**

- Camosun hasn't been really good. They have been doing lots of misgendering and not so great things. Our rep doesn't have the emotional capacity to continue much. Stepping back. Seems like they are open to aop training etc though.

### DISCUSSION

- Yeah. No obligation for us to continue working with them if they aren't making us feel good.
- We can totes offer aop since we're updating it too!

ACTION/MOTION/DECISION

- Consensus. Offer AOP once we update it

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Meeting Adjourned