

## **UVic Pride Collective Meeting Minutes - June 21st, 2017**

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**QUORUM: 4 coordinators, 1 collective member**

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1. **Acknowledgement of the Territories**
2. **Safer Spaces Policy**
3. **Round of Names/Pronouns/Check-in**
4. **How Does a Collective Work?**
5. **Proposed Additions to the Agenda - VOTE: Add all proposed additions to the agenda. APPROVED.**

**A1) Advocacy Council Meetings**

6. **Racism, Colonialism and Exclusion in Pride, our action plan + expectations going forward**
    - Awaiting updates on doodle poll for Decolonization Working Group
  7. **Updates**
    - No updates
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### **8.) Ideaboard**

- No updates

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### **9.) Camosun Pride Collaboration**

- Message from Anmol about putting a UVSS banner on their pride float

VOTE: We will send the UVSS an email advising them not to participate in the Victoria Pride Festival with Camosun Pride. APPROVED.

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### **11.) Alternative Event on Vic Pride Festival Day**

- Proposal to host an alternative “meet and greet” event at the library during pride festival, as well as distributing information about why UVic Pride does not endorse mainstream pride.

- Discussion about difficulties getting people involved, worries about hostility from mainstream pride organizers towards volunteers, concerns about small time frame to organize

VOTE: Prepare a statement about our concerns with the mainstream Pride festival and have them printed at Alt Pride for people to take and bring with them to the Pride festival the next day. Additionally, arrive at the parade statement early on Sunday morning to tape up statements along the parade route. APPROVED.

- If you are interested in being involved, please contact [pride@uvic.ca](mailto:pride@uvic.ca)

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### **12.) Trans Health Fundraiser**

- Presenter has been contacted but has not yet responded to us. We will continue to check-in

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### **13.) Apricity Youth Theatre Project**

- We have been approached by Apricity Youth Theatre Project for funding assistance for their upcoming ten week theatre program for LGBTQIA2S+/queer youth. Money will be used to pay for supplies and food for participants. The program will be free for youth to attend.

They are requesting up to \$460 to pay for food and supplies. We will be looking into our budget (and hopefully electing a finance coordinator!) and revisit ASAP.

**Revisit next meeting**

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### **14.) Queer ASL**

We have been approached by Queer ASL to host two 3-hour classes at the end of August. Given their suggested sliding scale for payment, a class with 16 attendants should usually cost \$1120.

There was an idea for UVic Pride to pay for half of this amount and ask attendants to donate at half the usual suggested payment. We will be looking into our budget (and hopefully electing a finance coordinator!) and revisit ASAP.

## Revisit next meeting

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### 15. Pride Article for Martlet

- Martlet wants UVic Pride to write an article about Victoria Pride
- We could write about why we aren't going?

We have messaged the Martlet expressing interest in submitting our statement of concern about the Victoria Pride festival. We will follow up once we've received a response

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### 16.) Interim Finance Coordinator

- Proposal to "hire" someone as an interim Finance Coordinator using honorariums to prepare and submit the summer budget.
- Concerns about how Thirdspace attempted to do something similar in the past and ran into issues with the union preventing them from being able to do so.
- Discussion about how setting a precedent to pay for this position might make it difficult to find volunteers to fill it in the future, or that we might run into issues with the UVSS/union for casually "hiring" someone without going through a hiring process
- Discussion about how, without a current finance coordinator, we don't really have a solid idea if we can afford to hire someone to do the job. Not sure what to do from there?

Revisit next week after getting confirmation from union/board reps

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### 17.) Changes to Newsletter

Proposal from new Office Coordinator to discontinue sending weekly newsletters due to low percentage of people reading it, high numbers of people unsubscribing every week and relatively small volume of new updates from week to week.

Instead, potentially only sending out newsletters when specific events are coming up

Discussion about how the members of the listserv should be updated before changing the content/format of the newsletter

VOTE: Approve a change to the format of the newsletter to shift from being weekly to only being sent out when there is valuable/relevant information to send out. APPROVED.

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**A1) Advocacy Council Meetings**

- We are still seeking reimbursement for the Autism Conference from Advo Council. Maggie will call for an email vote due to advo council not being able to make quorum recently.

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**18.) Approval of Minutes - End of meeting, June 21st 2017.**