

GEM Collective Meeting
August 5th, 2020 - 6:00-7:15 pm

In attendance: 2 Coordinators, Board Rep, 5 Collective Members

- Territory Acknowledgement
- Introduction to new Coordinator
- Introduction Round
- Overview of Consensus Decision Making

Pandemic chat:

- Making orientation tour video:
- Last day UVic was open we had our SAGM!
- Since then - Outgoing coordinator doing a lot of admin, workshop prep, anti-oppression training and planning for orientation workshops (sex positivity and anti-o), training new coordinator, Outgoing coordinator on email until mid-August

Plans for fall:

- Following guidelines from provincial health authorities
- Hope that Coordinator will be in the office once a week to hand out resources to folks needing them and providing support, meetings, etc.
- Will keep lounge and library closed to limit bodies coming through space, limit exposure. re-evaluate as we go. -folks feel good about this!
- Option of creating mail service. Online form available to fill out and have resources mailed to them.
- Emerg. Contraception in a distant way? Difficult - look into calling into pharmacies and pay over the phone in advance for someone to pick up/ reimbursing folks w/ a receipt, which may still be difficult financially
- Coordinators to follow up with logistics around sending simpler supplies
- Queer circle collaboration w/ UVic Pride - supporting w/ facilitation
- Event for full GEM membership? Fall Social event?
- Online workshops if continuing in quarantine?
 - Sex pos being adapted, anti-o online, gender diversity for trans ID clinic online in October
- Reusable pad making kit sent by mail? (make matching masks)
- sending out monthly menstrual supplies- Coordinators will figure out logistics. Will bring this discussion back to the collective if financial approval is needed.
- How often do we have meetings?
 - Continuing on with monthly meetings, approved by all

Virtual GEM tour:

- Sarina requested we send pre-recorded vid about the centre, what we offer, etc. as part of orientation for new students
- Marina, Lily willing to help, will email gem

Board Rep Update - Jasmine

-provided outline of role. Jasmine has been in position for almost 2 years. She is stepping down in September and Marina will be taking over.

-SUB closed in March and reopened in July

-ARC anti-oppression group - for broader UVic community

-There's a need to reaffirm that we and our resources exist. Trying to market ourselves in such a way that folks aren't angry that they're paying fees while not on campus.

-UVSS did an online music festival.

-Some directors are thinking of putting together a committee that is focused on anti-oppression work. Trying to figure out what this would look like. Currently, it's an open membership committee (quite bare-boned right now). Hoping for folks in the broader UVic community to be able to join and participate. There may be overlap over advo groups.

Things for discussion and approval:

-Paying facilitators for workshops

- Overview of education program - multiple workshops developed on sex positivity, gender diversity, and anti-oppression
- Budget shared for members
- Want capacity in budget to provide honoraria for facilitators
- OSL Sex positive workshop
- OSL pays \$25/ hr
- 3-4 hours/ workshop
- **Approved by Collective**

-Resource budget approval

- Currently offering resources, and will need to restock soon
- In budget under services, pregnancy tests and emerg contraception, menstrual cups, safer sex supplies
- **Approved by Collective**

What do you want to see from GEM (esp in the fall)?

- E books available for folks?
- Quarantining books?
- Offer place for first years to connect - first year social + multi-year social for folks to connect