

13 April QM Weekly Meeting

1. Check in: VC, Sydney, Grey, Jordan, Fern, Katie
2. All
 - GSC updates
 - The gender equity policy past
 1. Woo!
 - Trans statement is ongoing and is available for edit suggestions
 - Office updates
 - A few shipments redirected to Sydney's apartment because they kept trying to send it to McTavish and the office on McTavish was closed
 1. Sydney now has lots of condoms and binders but will bring them to the office asap
3. Admin
 - Meeting with new coords!
 - Sunday April 18th at 6pm, apologies for this timing
 - Will be answering their questions and talking about the switch/transfer of coords
 - Will try to schedule new coords' training, VC will need someone to cofacilitate (probably Natan)
 - Will also need to schedule training for individual coords (can be done individually)
 - Need to have exit report done by the time you do the training with the incoming person or April 30th, whichever comes first
 - SSMUnion updates
 - Elections happened last week
 - A few positions are unfilled because nobody ran for them
 1. If anyone is interested in running for an unfilled union position, let VC know (will tell new coordinators as well)
 2. Positions left don't take up too much time, smaller workload positions
 - policy and advocacy coordinator - provide support on policy development, and advocacy training
 1. This is a paid position that is also available as part of SSMU (not a specific SSMUnion position, but would be a SSMUnion member)
 - Mental Health Roundtable updates
 - Had last meeting of the academic year
 - Mental health commissioner requested that each member create a short exit report on what they did this year, so VC will do that
 - VC will continue to go next year
 - Rainbow Connect
 - Strange meeting :O
 - The founder talked about goals/ gave intro
 1. Presented website and asked for feedback for sign up process: simple and free for nonprofits
 2. We have a rainbow connect profile and see that we're queer-friendly

- Trying to get us to promote rainbow connect and get local businesses near up to sign up for rainbow connect
 1. Businesses have to pay a fee
 2. If we get businesses to sign up, we get 10% of fee donated to our organization using local code
 3. We will probably not be promoting this
- Is there a vetting process for “queer friendly” businesses?
 1. Businesses can sign up as long as they adhere to the Rainbow Connect policy
 2. Says that businesses who are homophobic would not seek that or want to pay the fee
 3. If someone has a complaint about one of the businesses on the site, they can send the feedback to rainbow connect and rainbow connect will get in touch with the business to remove them from the site
 4. If businesses are signing up for rainbow connect and want to become more queer-friendly, they can be connected to “local resources that will help them learn”
 - a. RC does not have resources to make them more queer friendly
- Do we need to remove ourselves? Is us being on it an endorsement of it?
 1. Feels like all that we’re saying is that we are a queer friendly organization
 2. We fit the description on paper. If someone finds us that way and can use our resources it would be worth it
 3. Us and Gay and Grey and CAEO are the only organizations on it (QPRIG, Queer Concordia isn’t on there). He’s been doing his outreach via social media (aka sending instagram dms based on who signs up)
 4. Would there be repercussions if we left? Probably not other than a dissapointed email to VC from Scott
- Spent lots of time talking about his business model and how he plans to make money off it
- Vote to stay on Rainbow Connect
 1. Yes: 2 No: 3 Abstain: 0
 2. Don’t have quorum (need 4) will revisit next week when Natan is present
- Gay and Grey Montreal
 - One of the only other attendees at rainbow connect was a representative from Gay and Grey Montreal (anglophone Montrealers over 50)
 - Interested in doing a future event with us
 - They’ve also been doing podcast that they would like us to promote
- Book recommendations!
 - Got a response from librarian Michael David Miller, especially for where to buy books rather than specific titles

1. Queer publishing houses and Montreal queer publishing houses
2. Mars has a long list of queer book recommendations (especially queer graphic novels)

4. Finance

- Made discretionary funding form: <https://forms.gle/ETjyjrXqUNfAosvG8>
 - Check it out and provide feedback
 - Need to come up with decision criteria so that we judge all submissions equally
 1. Will make QPIRG fill out the same form
 2. Will need to revisit decision-making criteria

5. Events

- Zine Submissions
 - Submit!!
 - Pls send pictures of the art you make
 - Can also send a youtube link if you do audio
 - Please use the form instead of email
- But I'm a Cheerleader tmrw
 - Going to happen on discord! Come to the inaugural discord movie night
 - On criterion so there will be subtitles
- Weekly events continuing through exams, just shorter

6. Comms

- No updates

7. Resource

- No updates

8. Closing remarks

- Thanks for coming see you Sunday!

9. Points of action

- Sydney:
 - Contact reusable pads sender
 - Follow up with QPIRG
- Jordan:
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- Grey:
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- Fern:
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- Natan:
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- VC:
 - Send Gay and Grey email to events
 - Send publishing house info to Sydney
- Everyone:
 - Come to meeting with new coords on sunday
 - Write your exit report
 - Join discord if you haven't already and want to