**UVSP Meeting Minutes – April 5th, 2019**

**Call to order**

* Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM

**Opening Remarks**

* Territory Acknowledgement
* Check in

**Attendees**

* Brooklyn Glass, Cole Farwell, Elora Jane, Sydney Hoffman, Ellie Catterall, Rowan Siider, Luisa Schwartz, Kristen Olson

**Forum Debrief**

* 10 students came out including 3 board members of the UVSS
* Good atmosphere
* Have a movie or something before a forum to draw in more people
  + Establishes interest and context before presenting
* Timing of the forum could improve turnout
  + Not conflicting with other events
  + Busy time of year for students
* Prepare earlier
  + Begin planning earlier
  + More promotion
* Get students to RSVP
  + Better estimate of turnout

**Break up with your coffee cup day**

* Got a lot of signatures on the petition
* Many students filled out Sina’s survey
* Be sure to keep the UVSS board involved with petition

**Sharing:**

**What is one thing that we learnt from this year being with the UVSP?**

* Find inventive ways to get people involved in the community
* Stay positive
* Always come back to the your why
* People are more receptive and willing to help
  + Reach out to people
* Common goal helps a group to work more efficiently
* Having momentum
  + Building on the momentum of other projects
* It will happen that you invest time into something that may not happen the way it was intended
  + Ensure to learn from the experience

**One strength?**

* Better marketing for events
* Ability to communicate with people
  + Networking
  + Willing to reach out
  + Everyone brings their own networks
* Have a lot of heart and passion for making a difference
* Good team dynamic
  + Comfortable with each other
  + Respect each other
  + Equality between members
  + Informal
* Better at orienting new people
  + Welcoming
* Funding
* Organization
  + Google drive

**One weakness?**

* Awareness on campus
* Involvement
  + Lack of board members
  + Use of the board members
* Timing
  + Last minute planning/execution of ideas
* Collaboration
  + Use networks
    - UVSS
    - Campus planning and sustainability
    - Advocacy groups
    - CPSO
  + Collaborate with other groups on campus

**How can we improve next year?**

* Start the year with a good kick start
* Mid semester appreciation
* More collaboration with other groups
* Facilitate collaboration between board members and work studies
  + Have smaller tasks for board members
    - Get more people involved in smaller sustainability projects on campus
  + Spend time establishing clear positions for each member of the group on each project
    - Working in collaboration with work studies or communications officer
* Have more check-ins/progress updates
* Create a schedule for the year at the beginning of the semester
* Have work study check-ins
* Have more social events

**Ideas for next year**

* Collaborate with other student groups
  + Be involved with UVSS
* Indigenous reconciliation focus
* Implement a shared calendar
* Potluck/More social events
* Meeting before clubs day and official meeting for new members
  + More tabling opportunities for UVSS affiliated groups
* Have a simple smaller event close to the beginning of the year
  + Movie night
  + Social event
  + Live music
* Rebrand as a hub for sustainability on campus
  + Have environmental clubs sit down with UVSP members to talk about collaboration
    - Use of grants
    - Social media
  + Redesign a logo for the UVSP
    - Vince to design new logo
      * Send some options to the chat over the summer
    - Get new stickers in time for clubs day in the fall
* Sustainable Market
  + Sustainable businesses
  + Repair Café
* Reach out to sustainable businesses to get discounts for Uvic students
* Container program implementation
  + Proposal
  + Giving to UVSS
  + Food Services
  + Working throughout exam break and into May
* Work on the website
* More partnerships with student strikes
* Hire work studies early
* Build the mailing list early

**Appreciation celebration options:**

* OUR Ecovillage trip and sleep over
* Camping trip
* Dinner and hike
* Anything else?

**Gratitude!**

**Adjournment**

* Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM