

Council Meeting Agenda

Friday September 26th, at 10:30am PST

Zoom: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/89775899588>

Attendance: *Bella, Hannah, Julia, Valentine, Acorn, Lola, Christine*

1. Call to Order/Welcome: 10:02am

2. Land Acknowledgement

- Co-chairperson Hannah offers land acknowledgement

3. Check-In Question

a. An event/workshop/campaign you want the SSD to do in the next year?

- Julia: Post-Secondary Disability Symposium – Part Two
- Valentine: Autism Week – Part Two
- Hannah: Excited for the Harvest Potluck
- Bella: Hoping to get the DABC Grant

4. Access Needs Check-In

a. Break at 45 minutes

5. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

a. Adoption of today's agenda: Valentine/Acorn

- Passed by consensus

b. Ratification of July 28th, 2025 minutes

c. Ratification of August 26th, 2025 minutes

- Omnibus: Julia/Valentine
- Passed by consensus

6. Reports

a. Council

i. Chairpersons

1. Julia

- a. Just usual behind the scenes things supporting staff when needed and getting things going for Peer Support Groups.

2. Hannah

- a. Absent
- b. But have been supporting staff

ii. Treasurer

1. Mia

- a. Absent

iii. Student Liaison

1. Valentine

- a. Helped out with the MHRF and since then I have been settling into my classes.
- b. Hoping to get started with more projects.
- c. The website hasn't broken down yet, please check your links to make sure they aren't broken.

iv. UVSS SSD Representative

1. Dacian

- a. Absent

v. International Student Representative

1. Kush

- a. Absent

vi. Graduate Student Representative

1. Jitendra

- a. Absent

vii. Secretary

1. Zoe

- a. Absent

viii. General Members at Large:

1. Lola
 - a. Here to check-in and see how things are going.
2. Kat
 - a. Absent

b. Staff

i. Office Coordinator

1. Bella Jacobs
 - a. Working on the Annual Report, please send me any photos or write-ups.
 - b. Hiring for workstudy in the next 2 weeks
 - c. Ordering masks
 - d. Ordering tv table

ii. Education & Administration Coordinator

1. Kai Punt
 - a. Absent

c. Campaigns

i. #Access4All

- Updated Demands: [2025 Access4All Demands.docx](#)
- Christine: Access for graduate students, something that considers all types of research. Passing it on to the SSD.

7. Discussion

a. Committees

- Accommodations committee – Petition (488)

b. Crip Lunar Circle – Christine

- Proposal of re-occurring event by Christine Taylor (she/they; community member)
 - Christine does a live describe and introduction
 - Engages with research and the sottish witch trails and how they have affected systems in Canada. Practice is crip culture and build community, not taking research from it. Feeling alone in practice.
 - Gather in community to do simple introduce ourselves and engage with live describe and talk about where you're at. 3 minutes sharing, what am I letting go, and where I see myself going to the full moon.
 - Virtual and maybe once or twice we get together in-person. Objective is to build community. Connecting together and having a little system, to decide how we want to connect.
 - Hannah: What do you need from the SSD?
 - Christine: What platform that would work? Help to learn Zoom. How do we disseminate this invite. How to advertise and what are the guidelines.
 - Hannah: Zoom is best and we can support with advertising. Would you like posters, or paid advertising? Is there a monetary consideration.
 - Christine: Lets start slow and steady and then maybe build from there. We will re-visit in February.

- We can try to get someone to support and volunteer to get you supported. 2 facilitators is always helpful.
- Valentine: is it related to a spiritual practice?
- Christine: no it's just around the moon, but it's just coming together.

c. Disability Art Hub

- Kai is collaborating with Maya from [Videa](#) on a “Disability Art Hub” which will be a community art making event happening on **October 8th at 6:00pm** (tentative)
 - For this event, we invite anyone from the disabled community to come join us in creating a collective art piece that focusses on the theme of “self-advocacy”
 - Mosaic art piece where each person paints on a tile, which will be put together into one collective piece
 - While we make the art, there will be facilitated discussions around self-advocacy and what it means to us and the disabled community (tentative)
 - The art piece will be displayed in Videa’s “**Uncommon Grounds**” art exhibition that features art from local disabled artists in the Little Fernwood Gallery space.
 - **The event will be fully funded by Videa!** All participants will receive a reimbursement for their contribution
- Still trying to find a location. Inquiring about the A. Wilfred John’s gallery space in the Maclaurin Building (Art Education), where they often host art hives (has accessible entry)
 - Kai contacted Dr. Natasha Reid from the Art Ed. Department
- If anyone has ideas, concerns, or wants to participate, **let Kai know!**
- Valentine: Seems really cool!
- Lola: This seems like a nice idea, How do you get involved?
- Bella: A registration form will sent out and we will definitely try to promote it effectively.

d. Events & Fall Programming

- Community Dinner
 - October Potluck
 - November Dinner/Potluck

- Gay Halloween Collab
 - Pumpkins
 - Respite Room
- 5 Days of Action
 - Disability and Neurodiversity Awareness Training
 - Christine: Would love to participate and audit, next year would love to be part of that!
- Workshop Ideas
 - Valentine: Skill Building
 - Christine: Service provider who would work with academia and used more creatively. Has an academic strategist and can talk about research for specific people for skill building in an academic setting.
- Body Doubling
- Craft drop-in
- Campus Community Garden workshops
 - Christine: Plants and urban healing
- AVP Collaborations
 - Updating our sex and disability pages and campaign
 - Harm reduction? - SWC

8. Business

a. Email Motions

i. MOTION 2025/08/20: 01 – Approved with 5 votes

WHEREAS the SSD provides free snacks and meals in our space to support all disabled students; and,

WHEREAS promoting food security is a key priority of the SSD;

BIRT the SSD Council approve up to \$1,200 for snacks and meals in the SSD space for the Fall 2025 semester; this amount has already been allocated in the approved Space Snacks budget line.

b. Motions

9. Future Meeting Times

a. Council Meetings

- Please fill out the poll for our October SGM
- <https://lettucemeet.com/l/gpqYP>

b. Weekly Staff/Exec (Thrive) Meetings

- Next meeting is moved because of the stat, please fill out the poll to find another time
- <https://lettucemeet.com/l/nXod5>

c. #Access4All Meetings

- Next meeting is October 7th at 11:30am
- Email or message Bella if you want to be involved

10. In-Camera (If needed)

11. Adjournment: 11:22am

Thank you for coming!