

February 9th, 2018

DC Meeting

- Consensus on minutes from last meeting
- Consensus on today's agenda

Presentation on Curric. Committee Research and Proposal:

-curric. has been discussing switching from cu-op to elsewhere, based on evaluation of cu-op
-cu-op is not inclusive to all abilities, male-dominated, and did not meet our wilderness goals
-want to switch from cu-op to YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch

concerns from last meeting—money for the backpacking portion of the trip—is it going to cost more than cu-op?

Proposal—move forward in switching over to YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch from CU-OP

Reasons for switch: location, meeting our program goals, freedom/flexibility cost

- Meets all of our program goals, would take place in YMCA SMR in Granby. Its beautiful!
- Range of options for what we can do at SMR in terms of lodging and activities
- Food and lodging options are comparable to previous costs
- SMR will give us a sweet deal on any gear we may need—we have not been pleased with the quality of CU-OP's gear in the past
- Options to camp or stay in yurts
 - Drawbacks—other folks staying at SMR
 - Tents: learning how to set them up, more experience with backcountry activity
 - Yurts: a nice sanctuary after long, challenging days, also eliminates equipment needs
- Activities available at SMR include: campfire ring, canoeing, climbing wall, guided hikes, high/low challenge course, zip line, rafting, solo camp

Proposal—allow Queer Nature to lead/facilitate our programming in SMR or elsewhere

Queer Nature: growing Colorado-based project dedicated to cultivating earth-based queer community through traditional skill-building

-queer nature values align deeply with INVST's values

-would help INVSTers develop technical skills and community development (soft skills)

-group activities and individual activities

-a variety of really interesting activities that support personal growth and connection as well as cohort bonding

-emphasis on challenge by choice and meeting students where they are at—something that many students found lacking in CU-OP

Final Proposal—changing community partners from CU-OP

a. Replacing with YMCA SMR & Queer Nature

Consensus! ☺

K1D5 That Care Cohort Discussion for Policy Change at INVST events:

- no more use of animal products at INVST community events
- “the animal ag. system is a huge part of environmental justice—it better aligns with our values to not serve animal products at events due to its negative impacts on people, animals and the environment. We wouldn’t be asking people to switch their diets, anyone can eat vegan for one meal!”

Points brought up around the topic:

- could be exclusive to community members that prefer having meat and dairy products
- Other dietary restrictions beyond meat and dairy
- factory farming, immigrant workers facing sexual abuse are an important issue in animal ag.
- mental health aspect---disordered eating enhanced by creating parameters of what one can/cannot eat
- veganism is an issue of class, race and white privilege
- how accessible/are there a lot of vegan options—lets do some research as a cohort
- there are other foods/ag. that exploit resources, people, animals, the environment
- will people notice that there aren’t animal products at community events?
- is not having meat/dairy exclusive and shameful?
- is this something that all of INVST stands by?
- what about community partners/donated food?
- Ethical food sourcing (in general) should be a part of our food selection process

Moving forward...

- framing a list of suggestions in sourcing food for events
- K1D5 That Care will look over these notes
- Liv will set up doodle poll by Sunday, February 11th to schedule meeting to discuss this topic further
- no proposal made for this discussion

Its INVST admission season!!!

- Lots of actions being taken to reach out to as many students as possible
- Yard signs, postcards, class announcements, info sessions and more
- INVST students are the best option for reaching out to interested students—nominations!
- Everyone try to think of 3 people to nominate
- Deadline for INVST is March 5th

FAB Update:

- BINGO night, huge success!
- double amount \$\$\$ of past few BINGOs! \$1,033
- FAB is committed to raising \$5,000 for both summer trips
- INVST online auction has been really successful---having one this coming June, hoping to raise over \$3,000
- Money from FAB goes all over INVST—based on needs
- total budget for INVST is 200k—FAB, staff, and students are responsible for raising this