

World University Service of Canada

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 25, 2010

6:30pm in HC 2-37

I. Pass out World Wide WUSC + Introductions

Check out WUSC's March Newsletter:

<http://www.wusc.ca/en/campus/students/newsletter>

II. Past Events

a) Wax for Aids

We raised 1 thousand dollars! Thank you to Megana and Sophia, our wonderful coordinators.

b) Last Fair Trade Monday (FTM)

Our last FTM of the semester was March 22nd! Thank you Kenzie, our fantastic Fair Trade coordinator.

c) Transition Summitt

Adi, Huiyi, Julia, Megana, and Chris represented our LC at this year's Student Group Services Transition Summitt so now we have a FREE clubs fair next fall! Thank you folks for donating your time on such a busy weekend.

d) Announcement of Elections

Here's your new WUSC Executive 2010-2011:

Co-Chairs: Adi Rao and Julia Frohlich

Internal Campus Engagement Coordinator: Chris Olsen

Secretary: Kenzie Gordon

Treasurer: Huiyi Zhu

Postions to be filled: External Campus Engagement Coordinator and SRP Coordinator

III. Discussion Topics

a) Creating Partnerships

Last meeting we discussed talking to the UofA Microstore/Other Computer Places and CAPS/Academic Support to create partnerships. All have been contacted and we are still waiting for responses.

b) WUSC Reporting

Finalized a copy of our WUSC Reporting, check our website under About WUSC (http://wusc.apirg.org/?page_id=2)

c) Strategic Planning Committee

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting will be on Friday, Apr 2nd at 10AM at the SugarBowl (10922 88 Avenue). I will be sending out information about framework of WUSC and strategic planning proposed last year at meeting prior to the meeting so if you have not let me know you would like to join in the discussion then email ualberta@wusc.ca. People who are not part of strategic planning committee or can not make the meeting can send written comments by email, the deadline for submission is the day prior to the meeting (April 1st).

d) Selection Committee

Julia will let everyone know when the dossiers for new incoming students arrive. They are expected soon so keep checking your emails!

e) Status of Constitution

Adi and Chris will finish up work on the WUSC constitution which is almost complete. A draft is posted on our website (ualberta@wusc.ca), please send comments to ualberta@wusc.ca.

f) Transition Documents

Julia will complete transition documents for Internal/External Engagement Coordinator, Secretary and Co-Chair positions. Adi will complete transition documents for SRP Coordinator positions. Tom will complete transition document for Treasurer position. Transition documents need to be emailed to ualberta@wusc.ca and to incoming executives upon completion.

g) Nomination for LC of the Year

We are being nominated for local committee of the year and brainstormed some items regarding the application which is due May 1st, 2010. Congrats to our LC for being nominated and we couldn't have done it without your support!

h) Scrapbook making on April 2nd at Noon for Incoming SRP student

Each year, LCs are asked to send a package to their incoming student welcoming them, telling them how excited we are to meet them, and giving them a little

information about ourselves. If you would like to join us to help create this package or can't make the meeting but would like send a little note/letter along with package then email us ualberta@wusc.ca. Anything we can send would be greatly appreciated.

IV. Upcoming Events

a) Volunteer Appreciation 8-11PM Kasbar for Cupcakes (10444 82 Avenue)

A volunteer appreciation TONIGHT for all Social Justice student groups so come meet folks from other clubs and celebrate how much we have accomplished.

b) Refugee Rights Week Event and Volunteer Positions

MON, MAR 29

Refugee Reactions to Canada

Education South 128

6-8PM

PLEASE SHOW UP AND SUPPORT BY WEARING YOUR WUSC T-SHIRTS (DON'T HAVE A T-SHIRT PURCHASE ONE FOR \$10 AT THIS EVENT.

Ever wonder what it is like being a refugee and coming to Canada?

Listen, ask questions, and discuss the experience with UofA postsecondary refugee students sponsored by World University Service of Canada's Student Refugee Program.

TUES, MAR 30

Refugee Travel Loans Talk

Education South 128

6-8PM

ATTEND AND I NEED SOMEONE TO MEET/GREET OUR GUEST SPEAKERS LET ME KNOW YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND.

Did you know that refugees are expected to pay \$10000 after they arrive?

Learn about this immigration policy, its effects on incoming refugees, and the possibility of eliminating this loan with members of the Strategic Alliance for Advancement of Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth.

WED, MAR 31

Baha'i Refugee Situation

Education South 128

6-8PM

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR MITRA, WHO SPOKE AT OUR SRP GALA BY COMING TO THIS EVENT!

Mitra Knight, a former WUSC Student Refugee Program sponsored student, speaks out about Baha'i refugees in Iran. This event is hosted by the Campus Association for Baha'i studies.

THURS, APR 1
STAND Bakesale
HMR Bridge
9-2PM

Come support STAND Canada's UofA Chapter by buying some baked goods! STAND Canada lobbies the Canadian government to intervene politically and diplomatically in times of genocide.

THURS, APR 1
Screening of the film "Refugees of the Blue Planet"
Education South 128
6-8PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH CONCESSION STAND. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING SOME BAKED GOODS TO HELP SUPPORT THE SEMINAR, LET US KNOW.

Admission is FREE and the proceeds of the concession stand will go to Uniterra's International Seminar in Nepal, a six-week program giving twenty students from Canada the opportunity to engage in forest sustainability and international development research.

LAST REQUEST, INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE EVENTS!

c) Last WUSC Meeting

Our last WUSC Meeting of the semester is Apr 8 at 6:30PM in HC 2-37. Book off work, write it in your agenda, and make sure to be there!

d) WUSC Leadership Meeting from August 21-23rd, location TBA

We can only send one member from our Local Committee to the Leadership Conference so let me know if you are interested in attending ASAP.