

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) U of A Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: October 27, 2009

Time and Location: 5:00 pm, HC 2-17.

Overview

1. Upcoming ways to get involved!
2. Student Refugee Program Stories Book
3. Coffee Cup Campaign
4. Fair Trade –Shea Butter/Christmas Cards
5. SRP Open House
6. WUSC House
7. Christmas Book Club
8. WUSC Ottawa - Annual General Meeting - Delegate

Upcoming ways to get involved!

- Banner painting at 3pm this Friday in the Student Group Services Lounge, email wusc.uofa@gmail.com if you are able to attend
- WUSC will be participating in the The Horses at Northlands Park College Combat on Friday, November 20th. We need a team of 3 people to pull a Horse Cart. We have an opportunity to win \$1000 for our student group.

There is also \$2 draft beer and cheap food, so even if you do not plan to participate mark the date on your calendars and come support our team!

- Skate Party with Hot Chocolate! Date TBA, sometime in late November.
- End of the Semester Party, email your final day of exams to wusc.uofa@gmail.com so we can start coordinating a fantastic party. We were thinking party at Julia's cabin (1 ½ outside of the city), what do you think would be a fun social event?
- Check out the rest of the meeting notes for how to contribute to other projects...

Student Refugee Program Stories Book

- The basis of this project is to raise awareness and showcase U of A's SRP by creating a small book of 4-5 submissions from current SRP students and alumni

- WUSC Ottawa has been contacted by Julia regarding U of A SRP Alumni contact information
- Current SRP students are being contacted by Kayla
- Depending on the response of SRP Alumni and current sponsored students, WUSC is willing to provide a writing workshop or one-on-one editing help
- Action: Helena will take over this project in creating a proposal to the SRP Alumni about the project and being the main point of contact. If you are interested in helping with this project contact Helena at zakrzews@ualberta.ca.

Coffee Cup Campaign

- Contacting grocery stores, salad place in Good Earth, campus business, offices, whyte ave locations, churches, at our tabling events, and classrooms to put/pass around WUSC decorated coffee cups to collect change for the SRP
- Action: For next meeting campaign letter will be revised and available for distribution, handbills will be made to accompany cups, overheads will be made for classroom presentations, and coffee cups will be available to decorate. If you are interested in helping create/give feedback on any of these projects please contact Julia at julia.frohlich@ualberta.ca.

Fair Trade- Shea Butter and Christmas Cards

- Because of difficulties booking tables for Fair Trade Mondays, WUSC is hoping to sell fair trade shea butter and christmas cards in November in SUB
- Kayla has contacted WUSC about the shea butter
- Kim is researching Christmas Cards from Africa
- Leah and Elauna will work on the Fair Trade trifold
- Action: For next meeting, Kim will have more info about when we should be getting fair trade supplies.

SRP Open House

- SRP Open House will be on Nov. 20th in the Alumni Room
- Helena will work on food
- Julia will create facebook and short email for WUSC members to send to their respective faculty email addresses or other contacts and will also coordinate getting T-shirt made
- Mehran will create a poster and posters will be printed by Sheetal
- Ola will contact faculty/administration

- Louise will bring reusable dishes from ECOS
- SRP trifold is being worked on by Roshanak
- Action: Please contact Adi at agrao@ualberta.ca if you are interested in helping out.

WUSC House

- WUSC is interested in renting a house for the SRP students and other students looking for an international experience on campus
- Action: Kayla will be researching ways to make this happen starting with some real estate contacts she has.

Christmas Book Club

- Jen proposed reading the Dead Aid by Dambisa Moyo over the Christmas Holidays and having a discussion about the book on the first meeting back from the break
- Action: If there is enough interest in this project we may be able to get the books donated, so email wusc.uofa@gmail.com.

Voting Delegate for WUSC Ottawa Annual General Meeting - Nov. 13-15th

Members interested in going: Aditya Rao

- The WUSC executive decided unanimously that Aditya Rao should attend the AGM as the voting delegate, considering that he will be taking a lead role in the leadership of the group for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- Ola Rydz will also be attending the event as a participant in the summer 2010 international seminar to Peru.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2009.