

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) U of A

Meeting minutes

Date of Meeting: January 14, 2010

Time and Location: 6:00 pm, HC 2-41.

Overview:

1. Introductions
2. Looking back: Final word on the events of Fall 2009
3. Looking forward: What's happening this semester?
4. Local Committee housecleaning
5. Other Opportunities

Introductions:

- Kayla will no longer sit on the executive team. Thank you for your hard work in the past!
- This semester's executive team will sit as follows:
 - o Julia: Local Committee Coordinator
 - o Adi: Campus Engagement Coordinator
 - o Ola: SRP Gala Coordinator
 - o Thomas: Treasurer

Looking back: Final word on the events of Fall 2009:

- Sales of Delapointe Fair Trade products left us with \$600 in profits.
- Our 30 hour famine raised \$400.00 for the Afghanistan challenge.
- Bun in the Oven event raised over \$400 for the Lurana Women's Shelter

Looking forward: What's happening this semester?

- **January 23:** Pizza night! With a speaker from Engineers Without Borders (topic: Fair Trade), and a visit from Janette MacDonald, who will tell us more about WUSC's Farm Radio program. Time and location TBD.

- **January 25:** Kick off to our bi-weekly Fair Trade Mondays! We will be tabling from 9 to 2 on January 25, Feb 8, Feb 22, March 8 and March 22. To be added to the schedule, please contact Kim.

- **February 5:** International Week presentation; this year, we will be hosting a question-and-answer period with our sponsored students. Stay tuned for more information!

- **February 26:** SRP Gala! One of our most important annual events is on its way, and we need your help. We are currently seeking silent auction items and distributing invitations to professors, students groups, etc. For samples of silent auction letters and invitations, please consult the website. The beginning of February will also see us poster and – of course – pushing more ticket sales!

- **March** (precise date TBD): Wax for AIDS. Stay tuned for more information on the sticky and painful event that will raise funds for bicycle ambulances in Malawi.

- **April** (post exams): Local Committee Retreat, to assess the past semester, brainstorm for next year, and reward ourselves for work well done!

- Other:
 - o Dead Aid book club! We are still in the process of deciding whether the book will be read over Reading Week and discussed immediately after, or if we should proceed on a chapter-to-chapter basis with regular discussions. Contact ualberta@wusc.ca with your opinion!
 - o Make Poverty History has requested help circulating petitions that would enable them to hold a referendum later in the year. As fellow members of SUSJ, we are inclined to do so; date TBD.

Local Committee housecleaning

- **Finance policy:** in the near future, Local Committee members will receive an email containing a draft of a finance policy. After receiving feedback, the new policy will be implemented as soon as possible.

- **Meeting times:** Go to the following link to vote for the time and day of the week that you prefer for WUSC meetings → <http://www.doodle.com/bgx6c6fzkhbhu9s>.

- **Website:** Our website is up and running, so make sure to check it out at www.ualberta.ca/~wusc for updates, resources, and more!
- **Catalyst fund:** WUSC Ottawa offers a grant to Local Committees that can outline the specific purpose that the grant money will serve. The application deadline is February 1st. If you have a project that you would like this grant to go towards, please bring it forward!

Other opportunities:

- **Inaugural University of Alberta Oil Sands Student Delegations 2010.** This is the opportunity to explore the tar sands, and includes a pre-departure briefing session. Contact Julia for more information.
- **SUSJ Chair:** The Student Umbrella for Social Justice is looking for somebody to join their chair. If you are interested in this position, please contact Julia.
- **Annual Campuses Sustainability Conference:** To find out more, go to www.thinksustainability.ca.
- **Students without Borders:** WUSC offers students the chance to travel abroad and put our skills to use. Consult <http://wusc.ca/en/volunteer/swb> to find out if any of the placements suits you!

NEXT WUSC MEETING TBA.