UVM Real Food Working Group
October 19, 2016 | 8:30-10:00am | Aiken 311

Facilitator: Gina
Notetaker: Bridget

Present: Gina, Bridget, Olivia, Sarah, Vic, Alison, Kate, Annie, Abby

**Agenda**

**Introductions and Icebreaker** (5 min)
- Name, preferred pronouns, role/affiliation
- What was one of your favorite Halloween costumes from prior years?

**Calculator updates** [Abby] (15 mins)
- New guidelines for qualifying Real Food released this week by National
- Local:
  - Radius for local meat increased to 500 miles
  - Opportunity with Canada provider, waiting to hear back
  - Individual farms need to be looked at again to see if they gross $500,000 or less to be considered local
  - Eliminated piece about being 1% of the market to disqualify local
- Fair:
  - section on worker driven responsibility (certified w Milk w Dignity or the Fair Food Coalition)
  - These foods still count as real even with a disqualifying trait
- Humane:
  - New certification acknowledged (American Humane)
  - New rule about CAFOs from aggregated dairy
    - Less than 200 cows = not a CAFO
    - Re-evaluation of St Albans, Green Mountain Creamery, Vermont Creamery - Averages versus individual farms?
    - Reached out to Redd’s Best, confirmed presence of owner-operated boats
  - Many criteria remained the same.
  - What’s the justification for changes? Last revision 2012 or 2013
  - Looking for information from RF National. Will follow up about webinar?

**Food Week Update** [Olivia] (15 mins)
- BSU showing short films, talking about food sovereignty and justice
- Tuesday & Friday
- Lightning talks at Brennan’s - same films BSU is showing? Youtube playlist?
- Juntos/Migrant Justice and RFR collab table Monday in doorway of Rosa Parks room to engage students about the interconnections of food justice and human & worker’s rights
- Ecoreps giveaway and Farmer’s Market Tuesday
- Slow Food Special
- Late night food events on Friday: MEDVIDA and Skinny Pancake
- “I Eat Real Because…” individual sign or bigger display? Repeated question throughout the week
- Direct all event descriptions and collaborations to Olivia. Schedule printed Thursday.

Class partnership updates [Gina] (5 minutes)
- Hold on NFS 295: Sustainable Food Purchasing because Sylvia and Alana are not present
- CDAE: Research Methods:
  - Students did a literature review and an observational study of how students act in the dining hall
  - students preparing to conduct interviews on real food and how students make choices and weigh options
  - Results will inform the development of a survey that will be shared more broadly

Project teams work time & Report Back (30 min)
- Communications:
  - Friends of… Dining Hall: chalkboard specials plan instead of stickering Real Food takes weight off shoulders of front line Sodexo workers
  - Social Media: approach and opportunity with Food Week & new guidelines. Using RFR Social Media and RF List Serv
- Procurement:
  - Certain big projects haven't been started yet.
  - Campus connections for new products
  - Weekly time for product research group to be determined
- Events:
  - Food Week almost upon us, event schedule developing
  - Tabling with RF criteria food-guessing game for RFWG: Addy, Sarah, Taran
- Campus Food Policy:
  - Meeting with Michelle Smith, worked on Green Energy Policy, to talk about ideas for campus food policy
• Infrastructure:
  • Horticulture farm as space for processing & storage?