UVM Real Food Working Group

March 21, 2018 | 3-4:30 PM | Carrigan Wing 357

Facilitator: Katie Notetaker: Bridget

Present: Katie, Bridget, Emily, Betsey, Olivia, Alison, Sophie, Emma, Sylvia, Gina, Jess

Sophie & Mikayla from HTAAC

Introductions: When was the last time you did something for the first time!

- Lots of travel: Statehouse, California, Canada... Karaoke, capers

Human Trafficking Activism & Awareness Club

- Education and outreach on forms of human slavery, where it exists, what to look out for
- Intersections of activism, food activism: fair trade ensures workers are paid for their labor
- Fair Trade Campaign at UVM
 - Five steps to certification: create a committee, product map, source fair food at events, meetings & catering, commit to a "fair trade education" (talk to professors on how they incorporate it in curriculum) and pass a fair trade resolution
 - Product mapping only requires 2 fair trade products at each campus outlet
 - Stuck on the Dairy Bar: how do you indicate if local milk is fair? Where is the sugar from?
- RFWG is helpful in furthering our goals
 - Partnering w Equal Exchange for Earth Week
 - Determining Fair Trade goals to write resolution
- Have you looked at the certifiers that qualify Fair Trade? How do they differ from RFC?
 - Let's look at fair % in the dining hall?
- Do you have contacts with SGA?
- Diversity or equity role under the President?

Project Matrix Review

- New strategy to transparency & accountability within Action Teams
- Semester by semester basis
- Strikethroughs or in-progress column? With dates to completion?
- Include a link to it when agendas are sent and meetings are scheduled.
- Should we include a next steps column? Would it make it cumbersome?
- Implement deadlines in the Status column
- Action Teams should hyperlink their master document to the Project Matrix

Action Team Updates!

Communications [Jess]

- Cat Pause display on Real Food
 - Potential collaboration with HTAAC
- Please post on social media! Instagram & Twitter
 - username: RealFoodUVM

- Password: EatReal25%
- Website revision & cat pause display deadline to be set

Outreach [Betsey]

- Tour Guide & RA Training
 - tour guides done last semester. RA needs follow up
- Class engagement
 - presentation done for ENVS Impacts of Consumerism w Dr. Rob Williams. Will set date.
 - Need to make presentation outline
- Earth Week
 - Tabling w HTAAC on Tuesday
 - Bannanaland at Brennans
 - Smoothie Bikes! Alana graduated, works at City Market, link to bikes?
 - Tabling on Thursday Real Food Facts on popsicle sticks
 - It's gonna be an awesome social media opportunity!
- RFR update
 - club derecognized after inactivity. No funding.

Procurement [Emma]

- Farm Forward: unclear about the research. Need to clarify within small group.
- Need to set project deadlines

Calculator Update [Emma]

- Summer Intern Update
 - Taran Wise: student member since Fall 2016, Student Chair Fall 2017, Calculator intern this Summer
- Calculator check in with RFC National Staff, Alison Emily and Emma
- Emily Portman leaving the first week in April for a summer opportunity
 - Her position will be open! FW to your networks!
 - Reminder from Emily: Battle of the Campus Chefs on April 4

Annual Report [Alison]

- Yearly summary of activities, progress, research, collaborations
- Time frame: Before meeting with President will be finalized. Next 4-5 weeks on Annual Report
 - Need student energy for this project! Team: Alison, Bridget, Katie, Emma, Gina

Advisory Update [Katie]

- Invitations going out this week
- Shooting to have first meeting in late May and we need a few volunteers to be able to help out
 - Betsy

Project Team Breakouts!