

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?