

1/26 Real Food Working Group Minutes

In attendance:

Katie
Alison
Emily Irwin
Emma Hefner
Rachel
Emily Portman
Sophia
Emily Barbour
Lauren Berkley
Emma G

Communications:

- Working on real food challenge posters for dorms and RAs
- Recruiting!

Outreach:

- Working on communicating with Professors whose courses affiliate or over lap with the goals of RFWG
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Procurement/production:

- Decision needs to be made on farm-forward project.
- Brand labeling with dinning halls is in the works
- Point person needed

Calculator:

- October data will be updated by next meeting.

Job listing for student intern has been updated by Allison- members should push job listing to other student who may be interested.

Migrant justice:

- Emily has met with members of migrant justice, discussed how our product procurement works; served as an informational session between two groups.
- Migrant justice is in the process of implementing the third-party benefactors to initiate priorities now that deal with Ben and Jerry's (Milk with Dignity) has passed and started to be implemented.
- Always looking for interns

- End goal of working with migrant justice: to further understand our supply chain, to filter out smaller incidences of production facility issues by being a part of it.

Crowd funding Campaign

- Page up thru UVM foundation
- Asks for funding to support interns, conferences, travel, registration fees etc.
- \$100 so far!
- Katie will send out link again
- Members can share link thru facebook/instagram etc.

Advisory Board Proposal:

- Board would meet twice a year, members would contribute to RFWG
- Need to vote on name
- They won't be a decision making board- truly an advisory committee
- Met once: decided to start with a smaller number of people (7 to start)
- Would ideally start this Spring for their first meeting
- Set up should provide a natural cycle of turnover, in order to avoid a situation where the entire board will change over at the same time
- For today's meeting- voting on name, and discuss our opinions of proposal
- One person from the working group may be the chair of the board in order to bridge a connection between the two parties: co-chair or not? Open for debate
- Potentially have the calculator, one co-chair, and a third member be part of the board; or the board meetings are open to every member?
- Efficiency is something to consider with a student co-chair member
- Partnership between advisory board chair and RFWG designated board member, to have the responsibility to orchestrate meetings and communicated between the two groups
- Consider adding a farmer to the group that we don't currently buy from?
- Back up options for proposed members; how do we want to invite every one-letter of invitation? Consider asking the members why they want to be involved, only because then it helps the person collect their thoughts (could be a little awkward of an offer)
- "What motivates you to be involved with this group?"
- Another member nomination: someone from the food venture places (i.e. the bean guy- Joe)
- Worried about having the repeat of the Vermont First Board
- What is the rationale for having someone from RFC national? Thoughts on adding the New England rep, could be knowledgeable and beneficial – may be the weakest addition, not necessary (especially when we are trying to keep the group small)
- Nix Hannah Weinronk, and perhaps Chuck Ross—they exist at such a high level, and we may want to opt for people who are more involved with the "nitty gritty" i.e. from a perspective we want to utilize
- First meeting will probably be more of an information session for the new advisory council members to catch everyone up to speed
- Informal decisions:
 1. Name: Advisory Council

2. RFWG member involvement: should have a minimum, and an open invite to other members with the understanding that not everyone can go
3. Leadership model: One student member will be involved, and it can be the co-chair, but it doesn't need to be.
4. Length of meetings? Hour and a half, no longer than 2 hours
5. How do we want to approach the process: option 1- trust in the four members who have been working to devise the council. These members will put together final decisions, and send out a group email to confirm that there are no strong objections to proposed list.
6. Invitation should include a synopsis of the vision for the advisory council (5 or 6 sentences), where UVM stands, what the RFC is,