



realfood challenge

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The Real Food Challenge is a national campaign that unites and empowers students and their allies to create a food system that truly nourishes people, communities, and the earth.

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2009

8-9pm

In attendance: Kelsey, Tova, Alex N., Alex C., Alexis, Colin, Alice, Cindy, Liz, Mars, Lauren.

I. Writing 39C

- a. Kelsey & Tova gave a presentation for the Real Food Challenge at a Writing 39C class last week. It went really well! The students were engaged, and we had a lively discussion about the economics of "real" food.
- b. Alex N. is going to give another presentation **next Tuesday (Oct. 27)** from **3-4:30pm**. She's looking for another facilitator, so contact her if you're interested.

II. Weigh the Waste

- a. Every year, UCI Dining hosts educational events where students volunteer to weigh the food waste in freshmen dining halls and educate students about waste reduction.
- b. This fall, the event will be on **November 2** at **4:30-7:30pm**. They're looking for volunteers! Contact Kelsey if you're interested.

III. Garden Campaign

- a. The garden campaign had their first meeting last week, and it was a big success! They came up with a lot of great ideas and next steps.
- b. The next meeting will be **Thursday, Oct. 22** at **8pm**. Meet by the ATMs in the student center, and we'll walk down to the study rooms together.

IV. Food Systems Working Group

- a. We're forming a working group of students, staff, and administrators to draft a document about how we're going to meet the goals of the new UC Policies on Sustainable Foodservice.
- b. If you're interested in learning more about the group or submitting your ideas for how to get more "real" food on campus, contact Colin or Kelsey.
- c. Kelsey meets with dining administrators every Thursday at 10am about the working group and other student projects. If you're interested in joining her, let her know! It's a great way to build relationships with dining administrators.

V. Social Events



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- a. We'd like to have a potluck **this Friday (Oct. 23)**. Alex N. will email folks to confirm the event location – keep your eyes out for that email.
- b. We meet **every Saturday at 10am** to shop at the **farmers' market in University Town Center**. Meet us at the info booth!

VI.

350.org

- a. This Saturday, we're hosting a climate action event (breakfast, bike ride, and events with the county) in collaboration with 350.org. This is the largest climate action in history!
- b. Colin and Alex N. will send out more info about how you can get involved.

VII.

CSSC Convergence

- a. On **November 6-8**, the **California Student Sustainability Coalition** is having their **Fall Convergence at UC Santa Cruz**. It's going to be an exciting weekend full of workshops, networking, and celebration with 200+ student activists from around the state.
- b. We're organizing a carpool to the event, so contact one of the officers if you're interested in attending.
- c. **REGISTER TODAY!** The early bird registration (\$10!!) ends on Oct. 28.

VIII.

Food Reflections with Alex C.