

Meeting adjourned at 5:07PM  
Date 1/20/09

MEETING Notes STARTING..NOW:

- Project Updates
  - AlexC: Hai and I are working on photo project
    - several e-mails regarding those who are interested in participating
    - First appt. Thursday at 6
  
- Research Update
  - Kelsey: Finished data entry
    - Going to start contacting distributors
    - Hoping to bind up report and distribute it towards the end of the year
    - Asked about market match and dining survey...survey that they sent out to students at UCI. AlexC were looking into to understand what students are eating at UCI; Results for dining survey are in
      - Robert doesn't want to make a copy of it
      - But we are free to come in and review it
    - Meeting about market match survey is in progress; will distribute soon
  - AlexN: Has letter (regarding project) under peer review; Project to bridge this club and writing 39C to create a seminar in class for the students so they can get a better start with their research; can also help bring in members to the club
  
- Upcoming Events
  - Alex N: Strengthening the Roots Superconvergence in Santa Cruz, CA (Feb 13-15)
    - Registered fees go up starting feb. 1
    - Farmers Market...meeting up at 10am Saturday
  - Kelsey: California Student Sustainability Coalition Spring Convergence (April 24-26)
    - They come together and form workshops; time to reinvigorate ourselves for the campaigns.
  - Alex N: Second Harvest Food Bank...volunteering.
    - We will probably volunteer on a Saturday or Sunday from 1-3pm.
    - Laura called, but Kris left for the day, so didn't get any further information.
    - We will have a date picked out soon.
  - Today's ACTIVITY
    - Alex N: If you could write a letter to president Obama about food, what would you say?
      - Talk about ideas?
      - Alex N: talk about food aid

- Become weak spot, because we use it as power over other countries.
  - Alex N: maybe send the letter(s) to representatives?
- Kelsey: I found list of representatives.
- Hai: I have an IDEA!!! My idea is to...instead of writing...we should make a video!!! Hooray! I'm more dynamic, so we should express our thoughts/opinions in a video.
- Alex C: I'm not comfortable with the giving my opinion through a video. My concern is that, in the context of economic crisis and how it would affect the U.S., I just feel that I don't know enough. =/
- Letter to Obama
  - Hai's analysis of his poem
    - Still needs some work...plans to scan it.
  - Kelsey
    - Wrote a letter:
      - First paragraph talking about how she was excited about him winning election
      - Started talking about food system and climate change
        - Food system leads to a third of green house gases produced in the country
      - Reexamining policies...Farm Bill, federal subsidies, NATO and WTO
  - Alex C
    - (Sorry I missed the beginning of your brainstorm evaluation =[ )
  - Alex N
    - Food aid we have now is causing dependence on other countries.
    - Define food aid differently.
- Conclusion
  - Note take: Kelsey
  - Facilitate: Alex C
  - Going at slow pace, its really hard to get going. Remember what all our goals were for next quarter? New members? 12...new...8 active members
    - Spring retreat? Community service project once a quarter?
  - Kelsey: Kool...well quick round? Closing question?
    - Food democracy noW!
      - Food democracy now.org
        - Get Obama's admin on board; petition has been shifted towards urging them to appoint people to these policies that have interest to

....REFER TO WEBSITE!!! Better explanation than Kelseys... =)

- 70,000 people signed it...WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! Join the band-wagon!!!
- Alex C.: WHO Farm Project:
  - People trying to raise money to plant an organic farm on White House lawn. It would make statement that “you should do this too!”
  - Found a kitchen in CV, its an unused kitchen. Used to be a food court. Interesting! There is a possibility to start a project...but will people be interested?! NO...well..not confirmed. But hopefully it will be successful! Yay!
- Hai
  - Goal for next week is to continue research.
- Alex N.
  - Get the e-mail out to the writing 39C coordinator.
  - We should meet up so we can give a visual presentation
  - Of course I would like to practice it.
  - Hopefully she will approve of what we want
  - Maybe we can start doing this next quarter
  - Ideas for visual presentation...at the...uh..class!
    - Having the produce itself and compare and contrast which looks more appetizing?
  - Hai: maybe talk about possible topics that the students can use for their research.
  - Kelsey: Next steps involve research... a little bit of editing
    - Colin Murphy wrote about the real food challenge to put in the NEW U! Yaaaaay Cole Slaw!
  - Alex C:
    - More information about programs at CV and working on real photo project!

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:05pm!