

Foreign Affairs Club Meeting Report

On September 27, 2012 the Foreign Affairs Club members had met together to discuss matters that were on the agenda for this academic year. The Foreign Affairs Club is one of eight clubs under the coalition of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF). The other eight clubs include the International Health Administration Club, the Russian Club, College Democrats, Model UN, Sustainable Mountain Development, American-Israeli Alliance, and College Republicans.

This year, the Foreign Affairs Club are preparing for a number of events, such as the International Mountain Day celebration on December 7th. For the event, the Foreign Affairs Club plans to invite mayors from Provo, Salt Lake City, Park City, along with other local public officials and foreign dignitaries to attend the celebration. All of the clubs under the coalition will be involved in participating in this event. There is also a need for volunteers to help out at the event. Everyone is invited to volunteer their time to help with this event.

There are also many other events and preparatory things that club members and volunteers will need to be involved with. UVU is planning on having a couple of panels to help do research. There will also be some preparatory work that's needed to be done for Skype conferences that will be held at UVU. Speakers are periodically invited to speak at UVU about specific topics. Volunteers and club members are also encouraged to invite guest speakers to come to UVU to speak about a certain topic.

The Call for Papers essay contest will be held next year during the spring. Jesler Molina is in charge of organizing the event. This will be the third year the coalition will host this event. There is also a need for club members and volunteers to get high school students involved in the contest, as well as take part in judging the essays written by the participants.

President of the UIMF club, John McClure is graduating this semester. We offer our congratulations to him for all of his achievements and we are grateful for all of his hard work. If anyone is interested in taking up the mantle as UIMF club president, there is a need for someone who can think of ideas to keep the coalition together, as well as involve other people and clubs.

The next meeting will be held next Wednesday October 3rd at 4:00 pm in the library. The budget plan will be presented, and starting at the next meeting there will be a brief five minute discussion on trends that are occurring in foreign affairs in order to learn from other perspectives and to discuss about issues with a diplomatic approach. There will be a sign up sheet posted for people to sign up to choose a topic and lead the discussion. Next week's discussion will be led by Alfonso Avila about the Mexican drug cartel.