Slow Food UW

Nelson Institute Community Environmental Forum -
“Addressing Food Sustainability in Communities”
Slow Food International

• Founded in 2000 in Italy
• Rejection of “fast food”
• Believe all food should be good, clean and fair.
Slow Food UW

- Founded in 2007
- TODAY weekly newsletter goes out to 600+
- Weekly, 100+ people attend our events.
- Most vibrant campus chapter in the country.
- Executive positions are elected for year long terms, otherwise projects run by interns (who get university credit for their time.)
Current Projects

- Family Dinner Nights
- Farm to University
- Outreach
- Food Justice - South Madison Partnership
- Café!
Family Dinner Nights

- Every Monday at 6:30 in the Crossing basement (corner of Charter and University) - always only $5
- Serve on average 120 people
- Prep takes up to 10 hours
- Featured Guest Chef - meals generally themed
  - Idea is to demonstrate that exotic, exciting food can be made with good, local ingredients.
- Currently have 3 FDN interns
Farm to University Project

- Working closely with University Housing and Food Services to get more locally sourced options into the campus food offerings.
- This semester, we’re targeting the dorms, hopefully getting younger and newer students excited about the good food movement on campus.
- 1-2 Interns take on this project every semester.
Outreach

• Outreach interns are in charge of providing extra services and activities to our members, whether that be workshops or collaborative events with other groups. Examples include harvest celebrations with FH King, social justice workshops, and Friday Flicks!

• Between 2-4 interns focus on outreach.
Food Justice - South Madison Partnership

- Two interns (and a supplemental community action class of 8) are working on the Food Justice Project this semester.
- Community Partners Include:
  - South Madison Farmers Market
  - Growing Power Madison/Badger Rock School
  - Campus Community Partnership
  - Community University Exchange (CUE) Project - Morgridge Center
  - Boys and Girls Club
  - South Madison Metropolitan Planning Committee
  - Penn Park Partners
  - Catholic Multicultural Center
  - Centro Hispano
Café! (coming soon!)

- Officially opening next fall
- Will provide open sourced soups, salads and sandwiches for $5 every day of the week
- Pilot project starts Wednesday, 11-3 March 23rd.
- 3 interns are currently working on the café project.
• Questions? Comments? Want to get involved? Email us at info@slowfooduw.org or check us out at www.slowfooduw.org!