Minutes 2007-2008

ANNOUNCEMENT

My dearest: (sic)

Hello all, I am writing to you to orchestrate a "go back to break" plan. If the entire campus decided that we are still on break, can the administration actually do anything to change our collective will?

Well, In addition to that, this post is to announce that the next MUN meeting will be this Thursday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 pm in Hellems 252. As was mentioned in the e-mail sent out, we request ever so kindly that you come with some basic research on Bolivia and Madagascar (like, try to know more than just the CIA world factbook report). See you then, and come with ideas on how we can return to break.

Minutes- Thursday, November 15th, 2007

To the best MUN team ever (and any other awesome folk that take an interest)-

Sorry I’ve been slacking on the updating of the website. I resolve to be henceforward much more expedient in the process. But in preparation for tonight’s meeting, you are to have a one page (handwritten is fine, but put some thought into it) reaction to DC, if you went. If not, you’re off the hook.

Today we WILL be having a meeting to discuss and practice some of the finer points of analytical debate technique. You don’t need to have anything prepared for that. Just come as your smiling, wonderful, glowingly intelligent selves!

Minutes- Thursday, October 18th, 2007

Hello my dears,

I’m keeping it brief here, but in the meeting we practiced and discussed strategies for “suspension of the meeting” work periods (ie resolution writing and caucusing).

Your assignments: 1. Read the parli pro guide posted here. 2. Get your information ready to be put into your MUN binder, so all the resources you need are prepared for you when we go to conference. 3. Also, e-mail your telephone numbers to both me and Colin. Watch for the phone list that will be coming out. 4. Continue to do your research and cement the ideas that you presented in your position papers.

Minutes- Thursday, October 11th, 2007

hello my darling Rockies fans,
Sorry for the slight delay in posting this, but these are the minutes for Thursday-

We did some parli pro practice- opening the speakers list, setting the docket and all that fun stuff. The main goal was just to cement the flow of debate.

The assignment was to do some internet cruising. Specifically, there are two places to go. One is the documents page of the MUN@CU site to look at the resolution writing resources. There's also an explanation of parli pro up there that would be a good thing to look at. The second place to surf is the osgood center site about the conference. It'll give you all those useful little details you need about the conference.

That should about do it for me. Hope everyone had a good weekend!

PS WORLD SERIES? WHAT?! SWEET!!!

Minutes- Thursday, October 4th, 2007

To the shining points of light in my MUN night sky:

This last meeting, we went over position papers and DC details. As far as DC goes, look for plane tickets, and plan on being there by Friday, around 3 or 4-ish. Generally speaking, we are all flying separately, but if you ask around, you’ll find people are kind of heading out in groups. If you’re looking for travel buddies, e-mail the officers with the times you’re looking to head out (ie, Thursday am/pm, Friday am, etc.) and odds are one of us will be going around then, or will know who is. Also, as far as rooming there goes, if you want to be in a NOT co-ed room, e-mail me.

As far as position papers, we discussed some of the common pitfalls of position paper composition. Key points were 1) Your paper needs to be between 1.5 and 2 pages, 10 pt font, single spaced, times new roman. 2) There don’t need to be sources cited, but don’t make unsubstantiated claims- don’t claim a position for your country without some kind of explanation of what facts led you to that point. 3) Make sure you paper makes a clear, substantial, explained suggestion for how you want to solve the problem.

We did some peer editing of the papers. For anything that makes really substantial changes to what we saw, it’d be good if you brought it by some time this week so one of the officers can look at it quickly and make any suggestions. Or if you just generally want an opinion, feel free to e-mail it to me (as a .doc, please).

NEXT THURSDAY YOUR FINAL DRAFTS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO US BY E-MAIL AND BY HARD COPY AT THE MEETING. There will be no exceptions- this was announced at the meeting and it’s posted on the website, so there will be no exceptions made or excuses accepted.

That said, on the whole, we were all EXTREMELY pleased with the caliber of work we saw last night! You guys rock my socks. Almost as Much as Kaz Matsui does. Almost.
Hello my little lambs—below is the e-mail I sent out about DC details, for anyone who is having listproc issues.

Also, some resources for position papers, the explanation of what should be in a position paper is still in the documents section of this site. The link for most of your conference resources is actually through the Osgood Center- the organization that’s hosting us, kinda. Here you can find their conference information, a sample position paper in the format they want as well as the NMUN DC rules (and keep in mind that our instructions are generic to different conferences- if they say anything that seems to conflict with what we say, go with their instructions). Also, on this site, you can find what they have as far as background guides. They are shorter than what some of you returnees may be used to, so enjoy the brevity.

As far as due dates go, they have the 15th listed on the website, but that is not correct- your rough drafts are due to us (both hard copy at the meeting and e-mailed to bate@colorado.edu) on THIS THURSDAY, so get hopping. We’ll look over your drafts and back to you and then you will need to resubmit them to us with your corrections. We are serious about these deadlines- I know they are fast, but if any one of your papers is not on time, the entire team is disqualified from winning an award. Since I plan us winning stuff, I’m not willing to take risks. We will very seriously reconsider your place on the team if your paper is late. I realize this sounds harsh, but the alternates are very good- you ARE replaceable. Turn it in on time- there will not be exceptions for anyone; I don’t care if you are charming and a good friend of mine- they will all be on time.

On that happy note, please feel free to e-mail me or any of the officers (in case I just totally made you think I’m scary) with any questions. It makes us feel needed.

and the e-mail--- Sorry the formatting is a little ugly- I'm still learning

Hello all:

As promised, we made picks for DC. They are listed below. The alternates are listed as well, and will be drawn in the order listed in the event one of the participants is forced to withdraw. Below that are the pairs and the committees that each pair is in.

As I mentioned in the meeting, the picks were really hard to make- we’ve seen so much dedication from all of you. I really, really want and hope that those that we weren’t able to bring will stay involved with the club. You WILL benefit from the activities we do over the upcoming weeks regardless of conference attendance, and there are other conferences for which we will have a harder time finding team members. So please, please, please stay involved!!

For those of you that do find your names below, first, E-MAIL ME BACK TO CONFIRM YOUR INTEREST, second, contact your partner and GET STARTED ON YOUR POSITION PAPER. I have position paper details below, but we will be collecting your rough drafts next
week. PLEASE start soon!

And without further ado, the 24-person team will be:

Laura Bate
Colin Gerber
Hannah Angst
Jenn Tscetter
Adrien Anderson
Dex Ballard
Chris Bass
Kelly Bendelow
Ryan Biehle
Aaron Bothner
Ashley Bosekowski
David Brennan
Elizabeth Elisha
Spencer Imel
Laura Kellogg
Katherine Krauland
Eun Jin Lee
Jamie McGaughran
Kristen Obenchain
James Souza
Alexandra Speers
Jadd Tank
Jeannie Vanderburg
Megan VanAelstyn

Alternates:
1. Felix Tilmann
2. Andrew Vroom
3. Jackie Knous
4. Emma Ogg
5. Jennifer Jeffery
6. Kim Fox

And the assignments:
Adrien and Megan in Ethiopia UNCTD
Hannah and Kristen in Brazil UNCTD
Kelly and Spencer in Liberia UNCTD
Laura B. and Dex in Ethiopia GA 1
Dave and Jamie Brazil GA 1
Jadd and Ryan in Liberia GA 1
Alex and Laura K. Ethiopia GA 3
Liz and Jimmy in Brazil GA 3
Jenn and Ashley in Liberia GA 3
Katherine and Chris in Ethiopia WHO
Eun Jin and Aaron in Brazil WHO
Colin and Jeannie in Liberia WHO

Your first step as far as position papers goes will be to contact your partner and look over your delegate and background guides, once I find the links. The ones I thought I had found during the meeting were to the NY conference. I should have the DC files by tomorrow. In the mean time, your topics are as follows:

General Assembly 1st: Disarmament 1) Solving a Nuclear Standoff: A South Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone 2) Iran: Nuclear Proliferation vs. Nuclear Energy 3) Illicit Arms Trade

General Assembly 3rd: Human Rights 1) The Use of Torture in the War of Terror 2) Crisis in Zimbabwe 3) China, Humanitarian Crisis


Let me know if you need your partner’s contact info. Other than that, keep an eye on the website for updates!!

Best,
Laura

**Minutes- Thursday, September 20th, 2007**

At the meeting, we worked on our spontaneous speaking technique. Specifically, the speaking prompts required the speakers to work with distractions, and to speak on unknown or unexpected topics.

Decisions on who attends the D.C. conference will be made after next Thursday’s meeting. They will be e-mailed out to you via the listproc system, so make sure you’re signed up for that.

As far as assignments for next week go, write us two paragraphs (no more than a page single spaced) telling us 1) why you want to go to DC and 2) why we should bring you. Hard copies would be best, but e-mail is ok if you have to.

Sound good? As always, e-mail me or any of the officers with any problems or questions!

**Announcement**
From IAFS:

The annual Study Abroad Fair will take place this Wednesday (9/19) from 6-8pm in the UMC Ballroom. It's an excellent opportunity for prospective study abroad students. Past participants and program providers will be available to share information and to talk about our study abroad offerings. Typically, over 1000 students attend the fair each year.

Students who can't come the fair can visit our web site (http://studyabroad.colorado.edu) or visit our office in the basement of the Environmental Design Building any weekday from 9-5.

Minutes- Thursday, September 13th, 2007

Good evening! Hopefully you all are as pleased with tonight’s meeting as I am (even though I am still a bit creeped out by how eerily silent you were most of the time)! I think we had some great debate, and it’s been a pleasure seeing everyone get involved with the debating process.

If you did not get a chance to turn your position papers in, e-mail them to me at bate@colorado.edu. If you did not get a chance to turn your letters in, e-mail them to Jenn at cheesecoco@aol.com. If you have more questions about the UNA or any of the work that they or Bruce (who came in and talked at the beginning of the meeting) do, let me know and we can get you hooked up.

Next week we will be doing some speaking exercises, so no preparation needed for that, but we are interested in what you took away from seeing some of the resolutions. So your assignment for next week is to draft a resolution that expresses the solution that your country would like to see carried out regarding nuclear disarmament, the topic we were discussing today. As with the position papers, I’m not at all concerned about formatting- in fact, I actually do NOT care to see your resolutions in proper format. What we want is just a paragraph or two saying what solution you’d like to see implemented and how you will go about doing it (ie, where is your funding coming from, and other logistics of your solution). Also, if you are not signed up for listproc, please do so following the instructions below.

Announcements- 9-12-07

Hello- I'm going to use this as a general announcements page too- I tend to get a lot of e-mails for MUN from IAFS people about cool opportunities in the area that I'll try to pass along through this page.

Also, I tend to hear about scholarship and internship opportunites from people who think MUN students would be interested. I'm going to challange my new web skillz and see if I can create a new page to post these for your perusal- keep an eye out. There are some really great opportunities (and money).

And while I have your attention, and before I get too far, remember your letters written to our potential speaker saying why you want her to come, how it benefits her to speak here, etc.
signed, with your name printed below so they can tell you are a real person not just a faked signature, as a member fo Model United Nations at the University of Colorado- Boulder.

There are a few speakers that I've been informed of that seem especially cool and you should check out if you can:

Dr. Kada Akacem Professor of Economics, University of Algiers, Algeria. Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in Humanities 135. I personally will be making every attempt to ditch my shift tonight to make this. It probably won't happen, but someone should go and take notes for me!!

Andrew Young, former US Ambassador to the United Nations will give a keynote address 7 p.m. TUESDAY Sept. 25 in the Lory Student Center Main Ballroom of Colorado State University. Immigration expert Professor Marcelo Suarez-Orozco will be keynote speaker 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY Sept. 26, same place. For information about the speakers, program and registration for CSU's free conference, "Diversity in the 21st Century: National and Global Dimensions," contact http://diversity.colostate.edu or Maria.Jones@colostate.edu. And how generous is that- even though they lost to us last weekend, we're still invited!!

Minutes- September 6, 2007

Second Meeting! How excited are we!!

At this meeting we got into debate on our topics. We used speakers’ list speeches and unmoderated caucusing to exemplify some of the basic MUN debating procedures.

First, as usual, we set the docket. We used some rather unique procedures to do this, mostly because I am an authoritarian at heart. (But really because there were time constraints and setting the docket takes foorrrrrreeeeerrrrrr- we’ll go over standard docket setting procedures later this semester.) After that we talked for a few minutes about Global Warming and then moved on (because who really cares about the environment, anyway (sorry Alex)) by tabling the topic. The next discussion was on Nuclear Disarmament, which is so much cooler in so many ways. This will be where we resume next week, but we’ll have to open a new speaker’s list.

The assignment for this week is to (a) write a basic position paper on one of the three topics. We aren’t so concerned with formatting, but you can find some instructions on the more substantive matters here, and if you are really concerned about the formatting, there are some guidelines here. These should be WELL under a page, and (b) sign up for listproc- the instructions are in the first entry at the bottom of this page.

Minutes- August 30, 2007

Welcome to Model UN! These are our first meeting minutes of Fall ’07! I’m only just learning how to update the website, so bear with me—

At this meeting we discussed the basics of what makes MUN awesome. Really, if you missed the
meeting you should read the below information, but also come to the office and talk to one of us too, so that we can remember your face. But included here for your perusing pleasure, we did answer some of the MUN FAQs:

-We are looking at two, maybe three conferences this year. The first will be in Washington, DC November 2-4. The other certain one will be in New York just before spring break. We’re also looking at a conference in LA that would be just as second semester starts.

-We’re hoping to bring in an AWESOME speaker as a guest of MUN this year. Stay posted for details!!

-We always get questions about time and financial commitments: just to give you an idea, as far as time, think an hour or so outside of meetings, which can run between one and two hours, depending on the day. Financially, MUN pays for the registration fees and hotels in a conference. Travel and food while you’re there are up to you.

At this meeting, attendees were assigned countries and were to do some background research on that country and three (broad) topics for debate at the next meeting. The three topics were (1) Nuclear Disarmament, (2) Global Warming, and (3) UN reforms. If you need a country, e-mail me at bate@colorado.edu or come by the office UMC 342.

If you have not yet signed up for the list serve please do so by sending an email to listproc@lists.colorado.edu. Leave the subject line blank and in the body type:

subscribe modelun first_name last_name

And that is all there is to it. Remember don't reply to the list serve but to an officer directly as your reply will be sent to the entire group. Thanks.