

# Minutes

# Sociology Club

February 18, 2003  
6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Student Union, 316C

**Meeting called by:** Karen  
**Type of meeting:** General Meeting  
**Attendees:** Dr. Jim Wright, Crystal Arellano, Ed Blaisdell, Nick Brasch, Amanda Chivers, John Gabriel, Jennifer Harrison, Richard Jones, Meggan Jordan, Sheryl Lanzel, Dana Owen, Erin Pack, Faith Powers, Karen Radakovic, Renee Robitaille, David Rotz, Arielle Sandford, Michael Segal, Rebecca Weichsel

**Facilitator:** Karen  
**Note taker:** Arielle

## Dues

### Discussion:

- Dues will be \$5 per person per semester.
- Dues aren't required to attend meetings, but are encouraged so we can have money for activities, etc.

## T-Shirts

### Discussion:

- Karen informed group about desire to get t-shirts this semester.
  - Will cost \$10 each
  - Explained 3 ideas we have already
- Didn't vote on which specific shirt designs people liked
- Arielle asked if anyone was good at art who could help with artwork. → Megan offered to help.
- Arielle also asked if anyone knew of any screen printing companies we could use to print the shirts. Megan said she might be able to help with this as well.

### Action items:

Help design shirt and print them

### Person responsible:

Megan

### Deadline:

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## Meeting Activities

### Discussion:

- Could have professors in the department talk to us about the research they're doing.
  - Dr. Wright: Department faculty is doing/has done research on topics such as domestic violence and homelessness, tuberculosis, marriage and family, Nascar, Tupac, barber shops. There are also people who specialize in things such as homicide, gerontology, domestic violence...
  - Arielle will send Dr. Wright an email directed to faculty asking them if they would be interested in speaking to the soc club about their research. Dr. Wright will forward this email to faculty and poll them. (Maybe we will get a better response if it comes from him?)
  - Ed: likes the idea of having professors tell us about the studies they're doing outside of class.

## Meeting Activities (cont'd.)

*Discussion:*

- Sheryl: Would like to have a meeting dedicated to current events since there is no class offered in that area.

*Action items:*

Email Dr. Wright with letter directed to department faculty

*Person responsible:*

Arielle

*Deadline:*

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## Community Service Activities

*Discussion:*

- Last semester we did a food and supply drive for the Harbor House.
  - Drive was very successful. We filled up conference room in Victim Services twice.
  - Many instructors gave students extra credit for donating.
- Dr. Jim Wright came to meeting to help generate ideas for activities
  - He says this is about the 5th attempt at a sociology club. If we last till next semester we will beat previous attempts.
- Habitat for Humanity
  - Dr. Wright: They may do criminal background checks. Do they?
  - What dates could we do this?
  - Everyone agrees that this is something they'd be interested in doing.
- Tomorrow is Service Learning Day.
  - There is a meeting at 2PM regarding civic partnerships between various organizations and UCF.
  - Meeting is in the Garden Room by the Market Place.
  - Dr. Wright: Encouraged us to send a delegation to the meeting. Karen and Crystal say they definitely can go. Didn't ask about anyone else.
- Coalition for the Homeless has a Boys and Girls Club
  - Dr. Wright: Would like to organize a UCF day for these kids to open them up to the idea/possibility of attending college and encourage them in other ways.
  - Could also help students fill out college applications or FAFSA applications or prepare for college entrance exams.
  - Mike: He is a substitute teacher at Edgewater HS. He is offering to speak with counselors there and see what kind of college preparation activities they do with students already, etc.
- Sheryl: VUCF has a lot of these things in place already. They have a lot of notebooks sorted by categories of organizations we could help. Can we collaborate?

*Action items:*

Attend Service Learning Day's Civic Partnerships tomorrow

Go to VUCF and see how we could work with them on community service projects

*Person responsible:*

Karen, Crystal & anyone else who can attend

Ed & Karen

*Deadline:*

n/a

Offered to do Friday

## Website

### *Discussion:*

- Arielle has gotten a computer account from UCF so we can have a website.
- She is working on setting it up and will email everyone when it's done.

### *Action items:*

Email those on mailing list when website is set up

### *Person responsible:*

Arielle

### *Deadline:*

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### **Special notes:**