

Minutes for Facilitator Meeting 7/16/2008

1. Introductions
2. Overview of FIUTS and Fall Orientation
3. Overview of Orientation Committees
4. Introduction to Volunteer Hub

1. Those in attendance introduced themselves and talked about their first memories of UW as a new student.
2. India Fitting gave slideshow presentation about FIUTS' mission and its role in Fall Orientation. FIUTS (Foundation for International Understanding Through Students) is a non-profit organization that promotes cross-cultural friendship through short term homestay programs, education outreach and volunteer opportunities, Wednesday Lunches, and student activities. It's important that all facilitators know this. More than 1,000 new international students will arrive on campus. All are mandated to attend by the UW. Orientation is made up of informational talks, social activities, and access to on- and off-campus resources in order to help new international students adapt and integrate into the UW and Seattle communities. The role of facilitators is to help welcome these students, answer questions, assist in events in activities, and support and interact with the new students.
3. Committees: There are four different committees facilitators can serve on. Committees simply are the small groups of facilitators who help plan the logistics of certain aspects of Orientation. Facilitators don't have to be on a committee. Facilitators can serve on committees AND serve as volunteers in other activities. The four committees are:
 - Camp – Help plan everything for Camp Arnold, an overnight trip that attracts around 200 new students.
 - Special Events – Help put together exciting events such as International Welcome Night, a social event aimed at welcoming new students, host families, and others from the community.
 - Greeting Table – Give input for this event which runs almost every day for two weeks.
 - Opening Day – Help plan Orientation's biggest day when around 700 new students attend to listen to speakers, learn more about UW, and have lunch with all the facilitators.

4. Volunteer Hub: This is the new software that FIUTS will use to organize facilitators for Orientation. It's a quick, easy program that allows volunteers to sign up for events online (instead of having to come in and sign up). Matt Thompson showed how to register (simply go to www.fiuts.volunteerhub.com) and how one can sign up for an event. If you want to be a facilitator, you MUST REGISTER ON Volunteer Hub.