

**UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

Students for Fair Trade Notes

Date: Friday, January 19, 2007

Location: UC San Jacinto, Room 260

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- Dr. Rudley thanked the members of FSAC for being present and mentioned that as a follow-up on a conversation he had with Dr. Gouge he is giving the Students for Fair Trade the opportunity to make a presentation on Free Trade vs. Fair Trade to the committee
- Mr. Kelley gave a brief update of the communications that Timothy O'Brien has had with the University regarding Fair Trade
- Mr. MacLean spoke briefly about what Aramark has done in response to the issue of Fair Trade
 - Einstein's introduced a Fair Trade Coffee in 2006
 - 3 varieties of Fair Trade Coffee are offered at Java City on a daily basis
 - Starbucks offers Fair Trade Coffee
- Dr. Rudley asked Mr. O'Brien to acknowledge to Dr. Gouge that we allowed him the time to come and give his presentation
- Mr. O'Brien agreed and followed up with the following:
 - 12 minute video on Fair Trade
 - A power point presentation on Fair Trade
 - Discussion
- Dr. Leiss mentioned that he will consent to providing information to the consumer in regard to Fair Trade but will not consent to restrictions
- Mr. MacLean mentioned that ultimately Aramark would like to provide the best service to UH for their students and that the decisions that are made at Aramark are a result of the decisions we make here as a group
- Dr. Degregori mentioned that there should be some concern for farmers who are not in cooperatives, the more successful the Students for Fair Trade are, the more burden is put on those farmers, how do you help farmers diversify their interest into something that will make them more money, how do you create a more dynamic, diverse economy, it's the only way to solve the economy problem
- Dr. Rudley closed by thanking Dr. Degregori for attending the meeting, the Students for Fair Trade for their presentation and the FSAC for allowing the presentation to be seen