

International Field Trip – Belize

Meeting #1 Agenda – EB 223

Friday, October 21st, 2011

3:30 – 5:30

I. Introductions

II. Ice Breaker

- Name game introductions-Amazing memory skills exhibited by all!

III. Agenda

- Meeting agendas distributed. Agendas for meetings are online on the website.
- Next meeting: **Friday, November 18th, room 223 Education Building**

IV. Review of the Syllabus

- A. Webpage: <http://people.uncw.edu/kubaskod/international.html>
- Everything you will want to know will be on the website. This is your “go to” spot. Website changed after each meeting. Will include meeting notes.
- Dr. K reviewed sections on the website: OIP Application form, deadlines, and grants. Schedules & information; budget. Schools where we’ll work. Accommodations. Travel Insurance. Local newspapers in Belize. Maps. Blogs.
- Syllabus is posted (Will go into greater explanation at another meeting.)
- Visit Facebook page and look around.
- B. Show a student produced video product
- Viewed two videos produced by students from the most recent Belize trip. These were examples of the type of group video projects required for the internship. The two videos were compared and contrasted. Video projects should reflect a thought provoking and in-depth thematic focus.

V. Short Term Study Abroad Application

A.

<http://www.uncw.edu/intprogs/documents/SummerandShortTerm2011EducationAbroadApplicationChecklist.pdf>

- Dr. K reviewed application.

B. Deposit Due Date – Friday, November 18th

- i. \$225.00 is paid to OIP (and soon online through a new web-based payment site called “U Store”)
- ii. In all cases, students obtain receipts and need to provide the receipt as proof of payment when submitting their complete application packet to the program leader. Application packet will not be accepted unless it is complete, including a receipt.

C. Trip Cost Due Date – Tuesday, January 13th

D. Questions

VI. Issues and Concerns from Past Trips

- Dr. C distributed and discussed Student Disposition Expectations. *Very important to be familiar with all the items on this handout.*
 - A. Passport
- Passport can be obtained on campus and other locations such as post office.
 - B. Emergency Services
- Medical services are available on the island of San Pedro.
 - C. Social Media
- Be *very* careful how you use social media.
 - D. Behavior
- You are stewards and representatives of UNCW when in Belize. Be conscious of your behavior at all times. You will stand out, and people will know who you are.
 - E. Risks
- Always be conscious of your surroundings. Never travel alone. Always have a partner.
 - F. Financial
- Be frugal. Make sure your money will last the entire stay.
 - G. Heat
- Be prepared for the heat. It's a new experience!

We will pick up here at next meeting.

VII. Committee Assignment

- A. Team Building Committee
- B. Service Project
- C. Collecting and Distributing School Supplies
- D. Excursions
- E. Communications
- F. Fundraising
- G. Student Governance

VIII. Student Teaching

- A. Internship placement
- B. Partnership teacher

IX. Honorary Consulate of Belize in North Carolina

- A. Web site – Resources
- B. Useful Links
- C. San Pedro Travel Guide

X. Next Scheduled Meetings –

- A. Friday, November 18th, room 223 Education Building**
- B. Thursday, December 8th, room 223 Education Building**