

## **Seattle University**

Seattle, Washington

Size: 4,000 undergraduate students

### **Oxfam Club**

**Mission Statement:** Dedicated to creating lasting solutions to hunger, poverty and social injustice.

**Size:** 10 core members, 15-20 regular attendees.

**Student demographic:** 4 of 5 officers are sophomores, 5 seniors (previous club leaders), small group of freshman.

**Leadership:** 2 co-presidents, VP communications, VP finance, Secretary, 4 campaign leaders (Fair Trade, Health/Humanitarian, Climate Change, Extractive Industries).

**Adviser:** Spanish/ Latin America Studies Professor, doesn't attend meetings but does help with some logistical aspects.

**Elections:** Held at the end of the third quarter each year.

**Communicate using:** Listserv, Facebook, meetings, flyers, Drop-Down posters in Common areas, word of mouth.

**Meetings:** Weekly general member meeting and bi-weekly officer meeting.

**Meeting Plan:** Each campaign committee updates on progress each week.

**Campaign Focus:** Fair Trade, Climate Justice, Right to Know, Right to Decide, Access to Medicines.

**Managing more than one campaign:** A committee for each campaign, decide week/month/quarter to dedicate to campaign. (For example, this year dedicated most of the Fall Quarter on preparing for Fair Trade Week, Second Quarter focused on Climate Justice Week, Third Quarter dedicated to health/humanitarian efforts.)

**Events:** 5-10 per semester

Annual Oxfam America Hunger Banquet, Annual Fair Trade Week (Fair Trade Top Chef competition, Fair Trade Craft/Info Night, Fair Trade vs. Direct Trade Luncheon), for the past two years have had an Access to Medicines Lunch and an Alternative Energy Forum. Also organize panels, interviews, movie screenings, and tabling.

**Members also Participate in:** United Students for Fair Trade Conference, concert outreach, PowerShift Conference, SRI Conference, and the Oxfam America CHANGE program.

**Years in existence:** 4

**Recruitment:** Flyers, drop-down posters, word of mouth, and table at clubs day.

**Funding:** Do not currently fundraise. For specific events, ask for donations from local vendors.

**Biggest challenge:** Retaining members and motivating them to take on leadership roles and responsibilities.

**What this club thinks they are exceptionally good at:** Clarifying, explaining, and making their current campaign "cool" on campus.