
UIMF members contribute to Club Rush at UVU



Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) is a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UIMF). On September 10th and 11th, 2019, UIMF members were able to participate in the annual Club Rush event hosted by UVU. The Club Rush is an event where UVU students are able to learn about and join the many student clubs on campus that they feel like they can belong to and connect with. The UIMF is dependent on several student clubs at UVU to help address key issues regarding Sustainable Mountain Development agenda of the United Nations in the State of Utah and North America. The clubs that it relies upon are: Foreign Affairs, Model UN, Sustainable Mountain Development, National Security and others. The reason why so many of those clubs fall under UIMF is because it provides students an opportunity to join any of the clubs which better matches their majors and professional interests.

We, as members of UIMF, try to promote equality as well as diversity within our clubs, by involving students from different clubs as well as international students. Reason being is because the sustainable development for mountain communities is an important issue to many students at UVU and as a result they are able to join in on the event and the issue. Together

those clubs work under the umbrella of the UIMF to sponsor events which help to raise events of mountain sustainability topics, host different representatives from foreign countries that present issues and their opinions with in their own countries.



Victoria Bindrup with Abdulrahman Alghanmi during Club Rush at UVU

The Club Rush went well, indeed and UIMF president and vice presidents were able to prepare a great presentation for possible new members by providing brochures, big posters and leaflets about UIMF and took time to sign up many new members. I was able during my junior year of college to join UIMF because my professor from my International Relations class and UIMF mentor invited several students from the class including me to join a meeting, and I loved being a part of the coalition after that.

When I was able to sit at the table and recruit students to be a part of our club coalition, I tried to know them and their interests and which club would be a good fit for them and they would be for all of us. The conversation usually started out as “What is your major?” And the students went on saying “English,” “Mathematics,” “Bio Chemistry,” “Political Science...” However, it was interesting to see that when students got the opportunity to learn about UIMF activities, many of them expressed interest in joining the coalition and were eager to learn more information about how they could contribute to it activities.

I had a great experience of being able to participate in the Club Rush, talk to many students and get them involved in the activities of UIMF with focus on Sustainable Mountain Development.

Victoria Bindrup, UIMF member
