

## Beginner's Guide to Model UN at Winthrop University

This is the "Beginner's Guide to MUN at Winthrop." First I will provide some definitions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary: College delegates debate a resolution of general concern to all member nations.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary: high school delegates debate resolutions passed in the committee.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary: high school and college delegates debate resolutions passed in other committees.
- Advisor's Hospitality Room: light refreshments and social room for advisors. And evaluations will be located here, please fill them out.
- Chair: Secretariat members who are trained to govern the committees and enforce parliamentary procedure.
- Hot topics: Winthrop faculty and staff members have donated their time to do a "mini-lecture" for interested advisors. In the past, the topics have been International Drug Trade, Bosnia, and the Euro.
- Roundtable: Diplomat meets with advisors in an informal forum
- Pages/observers: high school students who do not act as delegates. They may observe or page (pass notes between delegates).
- Shack Party: party for high school and college delegates who volunteer their time to organizing the conference.
- Secretariat: former MUN college delegates who volunteer their time to organize the conference.
- Advisors' Mocktail: light refreshments and social opportunity for advisors
- Observers' meeting and Mock Model UN: Observers are debriefed on paging and engage in a mock Model UN committee session.

Now that you know the terminology, I'll go over a sample day for committee. Committee sessions start promptly in the designated rooms. The committee chairs have authority here. Delegates vote on resolutions to discuss, then form a speakers' list consisting of "for, against, and to." Then, the delegates speak according to the time limit set by the chair. Delegates may then ask questions of the speaker through points of information. Delegates may introduce amendments, motion to table, and motion for cloture according to the Rules of Procedure. The Procedures for Security Council and the Human Rights Council are discussed separately.

If you have any problems with researching, please refer to the "Research Guidelines" that are available on the Model UN website. The direct link for the guidelines is <http://www.winthrop.edu/modelun/Research%20Guide.pdf>. This information can also be found under "2009 Conference Information." If there are any questions concerning the MUN Rules of Procedure, the direct link is <http://www.winthrop.edu/modelun/RulesofProcedure.pdf>.

I hope this brief, "Beginner's guide to MUN" helps! Please feel free to call, email, or write with any questions.

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