DEPOIMENTO SOBRE O MODELO DAS NAÇÕES UNIDAS DA UFRGS (UFRGSMUN)

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The UFRGSMUN experience was one that was well appreciated. Having never participated in a Model UN, I was really grateful to have participated in the 5 day long event here at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul.

My participation began about two months before the actual meeting of the Model UN, when I was asked to revise the documents that were written by the heads of each committee. This was a very informative opportunity for me, as I learned many new things in regards to how these processes work. I also gained new insight into a few world issues, and gained more knowledge in regards to certain world conflicts and situations. Among other things, I was over and above impressed at the mastery of the English language that most of the students who wrote the papers had. I would say that the most I gained out of this section of work that I did was a new understanding of the situations that were covered in the papers that I revised.

After this work was done, I was asked to be part of the Press Team, in helping with editing the daily newsletter that circulated during the days of the simulations. With this, part of my responsibility was to sit in on various meetings and observe the actions being taken and the resolutions being proposed. This again heightened my understanding of the workings of the simulation. It was also interesting to see how things evolved day to day and where things were developing and working, and where things stalled because of differing ideas of committee members.

In my opinion, the most exciting thing about participating in this, albeit in a very small way, was seeing the dedication of the delegates, and their desire to work to change the world for the better. I feel greatly honored to have been there to witness these future leaders in work.

If I could have done one thing differently, I would have chosen to be a delegate, and to participate more greatly in the actual simulation. What kept me back was the fact that I had never had any sort of participation or connection with a Model UN, and other than knowing that it was a simulation of the actual UN, I was completely clueless. After having seen how it works, I would love to participate in the future in a much more active diplomatic role, rather than an outsider.

Thank you Prof^a Claudia for this really great and informative opportunity.