



UNIVERSITY SIN FRONTERAS

JANUARY TO JUNE 2013 REPORT

Background timeline

2010

The imagined idea begins to take shape and definition

2011

Founding Board of Directors establish the vision and mission, core curriculum, and OLF methodology

2012

University Sin Fronteras main campus in Atlanta launches 'Liberation Summer 2012' semester offering first 6 class/course with 24 student-participants successfully completing and rolling into organizing the first Emancipation Autumn semester with 19 participant-students. 2nd generation board of directors takes over leadership with some members continuing from first board.

January to June 2013

Developed Plan of Action 2013 draft and was adopted by the board. UNSF organized and had the first board meeting of the second generation board of directors of UNSF in Atlanta. The board focused on plans to expand and anchor more campuses, while organizing a campus committee in each. Each campus is anchored by a local or regional social movement grassroots organization of people of color, Indigenous and poor.

University Sin Fronteras expanded to four (4) campuses and they all implemented a Liberation Spring 2013 semester, including Detroit, San Juan, San Antonio and the main campus of Atlanta. 70 student-participants took part and completed successfully. Liberation Spring Semester included a Theory & Praxis course for Project South staff, and a Palestine Liberation Seminar. This added about 20 other student-participants to the sum total for the semester.

Now University Sin fronteras about to launch Freedom Summer Semester 2013, fashioned after the Southern Freedom summer movement of the civil rights era, and in conjunction with the Southern Movements Alliance and Southern Movements Assembly, UNS97 is part of a greater mobilization marking the 50 years since the March on Washington, Medger Evers assassination, the school house and church bombings, and the civil rights act. The Southern Freedom Movement of the 21st Century.

UNS97 was incorporated as a non profit organization in the State of Georgia, and its main office at Project South building. UNS97 established its by laws as a non profit organization. UNS97 is establishing its bank account, and re-building its website. UNS97 has received a grant (two year) to work on racism, decolonizing racism, and healing racial trauma. Project ReGeneration has hired a campus coordinator for each of the four existing campuses to coordinate PR activities including Freedom Summer semester. Jacksonville, Florida's Anti-new Jim Crow organization will be anchoring the campus there starting with Freedom Summer.

The board of directors meeting is coming up in July in Detroit, hosted by the Campus committee of UNS97, EM&AC and Centro Obrero. The board will develop a plan of action starting with Emancipation Autumn 2013 and rolling into Liberation Spring 2014 and finally Freedom Summer 2014. The expansion of campuses for UNS97 will be an important infrastructural work for enhancing, deepening and strengthening organization at the front of struggle. Campus expansion could be in Oakland, California, Washington DC, and Mexico City (DF).

University Sin Fronteras participated in the Healing America Conference sponsored and organized by WK Kellogg Foundation in Asheville, NC, and the meeting of the Southern Workers Assembly in Raleigh Durham NC. UNS97 was active in the Jacksonville, Florida Southern Movements Assembly in late April.

By now UNS97 has archived a lot of data coming from a years worth of classes where notes are kept, where students participants write a one page reflection paper per class, plus the synthesis write up of what the whole course meant to all collectively. Together with the adjunct faculties lesson plan, bibliography, and hand-out materials; the University Sin Fronteras has a rich archive already.

University Sin Fronteras will be launching a platform for educational technology to make the courses available over distance. A tech team of three people are working it full steam ahead.

