

UConnPIRG Core

Minutes

[4/27/15]

SU Room 320

Meeting called to order at: 7:03 PM

Attendees: Saman Azimi, Sam Hollister, Christian Allyn, Jeffrey Santi, Nichole Perron, Jamie Kalogeros, Stephan Vazquez, Joe Tomastik, Adedoyin Ladoja, Katherine McLeese, Gabriella Pagliuca, Lee Aggison, Tedisha Brooks, Matt Rowe, Valeria Alfano, Scott Dombrowski, Aeneas Merchant, Oluwatoyin Akinnusotu, Thomas Chadwick, Jordyn Styczynski

Also in attendance: Miguel Colon

Campaign Updates

- Antibiotics
 - Tie-Die event on the 30th 11-3 on Fairfield Way.
- Textbooks
 - Met with Vice Provost Sally Reis today to discuss progress.
 - Petition table this Wednesday 12-2 in Northwest Dining Hall.
- Solar
 - Collected Petitions at Carnival.
 - May 13th meeting with all the master planners.
- Hunger and Homelessness
 - Hunger-Cleanup over and reached \$1,000 fundraising goal.
- Transit
 - Will deliver transit petitions to the Governor before the end of the semester.

State & National

- No Updates

Campaign Selection

- Go Solar! CT State Lead Campaign, Antibiotics Campaign, Hunger and Homelessness Campaign, and Textbooks Campaign were presented last meeting along with the UConn Plastic Bottle Ban Quick Hit Campaign.
- Democracy Campaign
 - Presented again by Saman Azimi as requested.
 - Problem: Citizen United crowding out small donors from supporting candidates.
 - Solution: Small donor empowerment by giving small donors tax credits and state matching of small donor contributions
 - Goals: Implement this program that already exist in New Haven, in Middletown and other municipalities pushing for a state standard.

- Transit Safety Quick Hit Campaign
 - Presented by Christian Allyn
 - Problem: Unsafe highways and rail lines pose a threat to lives and homes of Connecticut residents.
 - Solution: Prioritize the repair of unsafe highways and rail lines at the legislative level.
 - Goals: Identify highways and rail lines with high derailment and accident statistics and lobby the state legislature and governor to prioritize them in the 5-Year State Ramp-up plan.
- Clean Air Campaign
 - Presented by Katie McLeese
 - Problem: Air pollution causing climate change and public health problems.
 - Solution: Lobby our congressmen and senators to support the president's plan to reduce carbon emissions by 24%-28% by 2025 over 2005 levels.
 - Goal: Get the plan passed through the house and senate to be signed into law by the president.
- Clean Water Campaign
 - Presented by Katie McLeese
 - Problem: Supreme court ruling makes it easier for corporations to pollute
 - Solution: Strengthen the clean water act.
 - Goal: Pass bills in congress to shore up the clean water act.

Motion by Sam to accept the slate of campaigns as presented. Seconded by Thomas. Passed unanimously.

Recruitment Drive

-Creation of a cabinet to hold different responsibilities to make the goal of 120 new recruits at the kickoff meeting. The positions will continue throughout the year but are not executive positions

- Visibility- Lian Kish, Aeneas, Gabi
- Campus Relations- Thomas Chadwick
 - Phonebanking- Thomas Chadwick, Joe, Toyin
 - Class Raps- Katie, Saman, Jordyn
- Office Manager- Christian Allyn
 - Data-basing- Jeffrey Santi, Stephan

Motion to approve last week minutes by Stephan and Tom unanimous

-Motion was made Toyin and seconded by Lee to accept the minutes of 4.13.2015. The motion passed unanimously.

-Meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully Submitted,
Christian Allyn