

UConnPIRG Core

Minutes

[9/24/14]

SU Room 303

Meeting called to order at: 7:04 PM

Attendees: Christian Allyn, Anna Montenegro, Lian Kish, Tom McGlone, Sam Hollister, Saman Azimi, Matt Roe, Pauline Elmore, Valeria Alfano, Adedoyin Ladoja, Geoff Profeta, Jeffrey Santi, Emma Kraner, Amy Robinson, Oluwatoyin Alunnusotu, Christopher McDermott, Joan Rodriguez, Kei Pritsker, Candace Praff, Tadisha Brooks

Also in attendance: Donna Farvard, Gina DeVivo Brassaw

- **Campaign Updates**
 - **Transportation**
 - Working to re-do campaign proposal for specificity
 - Planning to state reps and officials to convert the Housatonic rail line to commuters
 - Forum at the end of the semester
 - Open to students and the public
 - **Zero Waste**
 - Planning for the waste audit, hopefully next month
 - **Hunger and Homelessness**
 - 12 people coming to the football game on Saturday to advertise
 - Partnering with the School of Agriculture to let people know about the prevalence of hunger in our area
 - Working on completing paperwork and interviews prior to volunteering, open until Friday
 - Clothing drive in October to collect 500 articles of clothing, creating posters now and planning with RAs
 - **Textbooks**
 - Tuesday, October 14th at noon senator Blumenthal will come to campus to meet with students and the public to discuss higher education policies, lowering student debt, etc.
 - Great opportunity for students to talk to him about college affordability
 - Need campaign progress before this
 - Will video tape students telling their stories
 - Textbooks scholarship
 - Allow students to get money for textbooks next semester
 - PIRG chapter that gets the most will receive a reward
 - Table tomorrow
 - **New Voter's Project**
 - Over 500 students registered to vote so far
 - Big table on Monday
 - Dorm storming Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7 PM - 9 PM in East

- Will make up 25% of registrations for next week
 - Tuesday was National Voter Registration Day, worked with other groups to register students
 - Making a goal to get media coverage for the NVP drive
- **Chapter Updates**
 - New Voter's Project Event on Saturday in Amherst, MA
 - Skills trainings: public speaking, event planning, etc.
 - Issue briefings from top staff in the region, including Andy McDonald (has over 30 years of experience)
 - Campaign breakouts for other campaigns as well
 - Great way to meet other PIRG students and develop skills
- **Minutes**
 - Saman entertains the motion to approve the minutes from September 17th, 2014
 - Christian motions
 - Sam seconds
 - Passes unanimously
- **Treasurer's Update**
 - Purchased a printer through the new Co-op account
 - Need to get forms from Holy Family before donating money to them
 - New project packet system
 - Itemizes our deliverables and we pay the amount
 - Clearly shows how our money is used
 - Saman entertains the motions to approve the Hunger and Homelessness invoice for 39 director hours, 108 hours of organizer time, and the project packet for \$6580
 - Sam motions
 - Tom seconds
 - Passes unanimously with one abstention

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Andrea Hellwig