

*UConnPIRG Core*

Minutes

[3/23/2015]

SU Room 317

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

**Attendees:** Thomas Chadwick, Saman Azimi, Christian Allyn, Sam Hollister, Katherine McLeese, Nichole Perron, Jamie Kalogeros, Jordyn Styczynski, Jessica Wallace, Jeffrey Santi, Gabriella Pagliuca, Candy Jin, Christine Atallah, Adedoyin Ladoja, Pauline Elmore, Valeria Alfano, Candace Pratt, Thomas McGlone, Lee Aggison, Aeneas Merchant, Sam Savage

Also in attendance: Donna Farvard, Miguel Colon

- Campaign Updates
  - Transit
    - Low on manpower
    - Working for 50 petitions and 25 endorsements
  - Antibiotics
    - To reschedule table
    - To focus on endorsements
  - H + H
    - Planning for Hunger Cleanup
    - Tables every week until end of semester
  - Net Neutrality
    - Table went well, about 30 petitions
    - Continue endorsements and petitions
  - Higher Education
    - Discussion of proposed cuts to Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, Student Loan Forgiveness Laws
- Discussion of Budget
  - Brief history of PIRG's
  - Brief history of student fee bill
  - Five guidelines for spending student fee money in a way to maximize impact in advocating in the public interest
    - Should be covering the costs of the program
    - Should contribute to state program
    - Should contribute to the maintenance of national student PIRG's
    - Should maintain the existence of public interest network
    - Try to maximize tangible impact by hiring organizers and advocates
  - Sam explains "Activity Fee Budget Update & Projection Form"
  - Sam explains "Campaign Participation Purchase Order"
  - Addy suggests possibility making increase to Chapter Coordinator salary
  - Discussion of fund balance and how to spend it is tabled until further notice
- Voting on Minutes from 3/9/2015

- Saman entertains motion, Sam motions, Thomas seconds, motion passes unanimously with one abstention
- In regards to issue of transparency of organization, discussion opened up. Discussion to be made after core.

*Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM*

Minutes submitted by Thomas James McGlone