

*UConnPIRG Core*

Minutes

3/30/2015

Meeting called to order at 7:01

**Attendees:** Thomas Chadwick, Gabriella Pagliuca, Katherine McLeese, Christian Allyn, Adedoyin Ladoja, Billy Guo, Tedisha Brooks, Pauline Elmore, Valeria Alfano, Christine Atallah, Matt Roe, Aeneas Merchant, Jamie Kalogeros, Nichole Perron, Lee Aggison, Jeffrey Santi, Tom McGlone, Sam Hollister, Jessica Wallace, Jordyn Styczynski, Christine Atallah, Oluwatoyin Akinnusotu, Dimitri Wallace.

**Also in attendance:** Donna Farvard, Marc Walsh, Miguel Colon, Samantha Gibb

- Campaign Updates
  - H+ H
    - Hunger Cleanup week April 20-24<sup>th</sup>, currently prepping
  - Antibiotics
    - Table Thursday
  - Solar
    - Table for Earth Day Spring Fling coming soon
    - Faculty and student endorsements continuing
  - Transit
    - Propmaking session 3/31, 2:00-4:00. Table Friday 1:30 – 4:00
  - Textbooks
    - Talking to professors, faculty heads
    - Table on Thursday for petitions
  - Clean Water
    - Representatives in New Haven, build support for campaign and thank representatives.
    - Currently prepping by collecting endorsements and building props
- Chapter Updates
  - April 20<sup>th</sup>: going to Hartford, speaking with Congressmen about textbooks + higher education, student debt, transit.
  - April 11<sup>th</sup>: State Board Meeting at UConn. Everyone welcome to come and contribute.
- Federal Update from Samantha Gibb
  - Recent victory in Antibiotics campaign, work still not finished. To focus on Subway restaurant instead of Wendy's. Popularity and health-conscious initiative are main reasons to focus on Subway.
- Elections
  - Saman goes over procedures with Core.
  - Chapter Chair
    - Christian Allyn and Katherine McLeese nominated. Christian speaks first.

- Floor opened for questions. Questions on the surplus, experience level, relationships with USG and other Tier III organizations, capitol expenditures, time management.
    - Discussion of candidates.
    - Voting. Katherine McLeese wins 18 votes to 5.
  - Vice Chair
    - Adedoyin Ladoja and Christian Allyn nominated. Addy speaks first.
    - Floor opened for questions. Question regarding “main plan” for the semester.
    - Discussion of candidates.
    - Voting. Addy wins 20 votes to 3.
  - Treasurer
    - Saman Azimi nominated. Saman speaks.
    - Discussion.
    - Voting. Saman wins 22 votes to 0.
  - Secretary
    - Jordyn, Christian, Nichole, and Jamie nominated. Order of speakers: Christian, Jamie, Nichole, Jordyn.
    - Question about what candidates will gain from the position.
    - Discussion of candidates.
    - Voting. Christian wins 13 votes to 1 for Nichole, 3 for Jamie, 6 for Jordyn.
- State Board
  - Marc Walsh explains State Board to core. State Board elections tabled until next core meeting for sake of time.
  - Board of Directors is responsible for branding, hiring and firing of executive director, and financial issues.
  - Board position is most important for people who want to make decisions on the statewide level. UConn level is important, but statewide board is essential for bringing change.
- Approval of 3/23 minutes
  - Saman entertains the motion, Sam makes the motion, Christian seconds.
  - Minutes approved unanimously with one abstention.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM*

Minutes Submitted by Thomas James McGlone