

UConnPIRG Core Meeting
Tuesday October 20th 2015 at 7:05PM
Student Union Room 322

Attendance:

Voting Members: Saman Azimi, Jordyn Styczynski, Abby Katz, Emmett O' Donnell, Nick Ravalese, Ian Beattie, Aeneas Merchant, Matt Rowe, Toyin Akinnusotu, Christian Allyn

Non-Voting Members: Sam Bedard, Samuel Schulman

Late Voting Members: Faye Picagli

Guests: Gina DeVivo-Brassaw, Donna Farvard, Sam Gibb

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Jordyn Styczynski.

I. Intros: At the beginning of every UConnPIRG Core meeting it is accustom to ask upon the attendance of the meeting to state their name, class at UConn, and campaign they are working on, if applicable, along with an answer to the posed intro question. The intro question for this meeting, asked by Jordyn was, "What are you going to dress up as for Halloween?" All persons in attendance answered said question with gusto.

Faye Picagli arrived at 7:09pm.

Discussion ended at 7:10pm.

II. Main Updates

Antibiotics- Reported by Antibiotics Campaign Coordinator Abby Katz. The antibiotics campaign won its goal of pushing subway to end the use of human antibiotics in their meat. The remaining scheduled tables will be used to send thank you photo petitions to subway. Everyone present at core should stay for a big photo to send to subway through social media. Discussion ended at 7:13pm.

Maine Democracy Trip- Reported by Democracy Campaign Coordinator Saman Azimi. Saman gave context behind the Democracy campaign and stated that this election Maine is having a ballot initiative to support small donor empowerment. USPIRG is mobilizing campus organizers and other staff to go to Maine and gather support behind the ballot initiative. Wining the ballot initiative would be good for the democracy campaign because it shows that there is support behind small donor empowerment programs and campaign finance reform. Donna is planning to go from Oct. 30th through Nov. 4 only if there is support from the core in doing so.

Donna stated that she would not consider going unless there was support from the chapter. It would also demonstrate that UConnPIRG has the strength to run without staff. It would also be a good training opportunity for Donna so she can bring back her experience to UConnPIRG.

Jordyn entertained a motion to send Donna to Maine from Oct. 30th to Nov. 4th. The motion was made by Saman, seconded by Aeneas and passed unanimously at 7:22pm.

III. Invoices Fall 2014, Spring 2015 and Purchase orders from Fall 2015

Saman stated that some of the invoices from campaigns that were ran in Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 had accounting errors and had to be approved again. All invoices and purchase orders approved are attached to these minutes.

- Affordable Textbooks for \$16,020

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- Zero Waste for \$15,900
- Quick Hits (Democracy) for \$5,140

Jordyn entertained a motion to approve all the Fall 2014 invoices presented totaling \$37,060. The motion was made by Saman, seconded by Matt and passed unanimously at 7:29pm.

Jordyn entertained a motion to approve all the Spring 2015 invoices presented totaling \$105,820.00. The motion was made by Saman, seconded by Aeneas and passed unanimously at 7:39pm

- Antibiotics for \$24,540
- Hunger and Homelessness for \$7,260
- Solar for \$24,320
- Textbooks for \$30,720
- Transportation for \$9,560
- Clean Water for \$8,340
- Net Neutrality for \$1,080

Jordyn entertained a motion to approve all the Fall 2015 purchase orders presented totaling \$121,740.00. The motion was made by Matt seconded by Abby and passed unanimously at 7:53pm.

- Antibiotics for \$31,080
- Bottle Ban for \$5,140
- Democracy for \$18,660
- Hunger and Homelessness for \$9,300
- Solar for \$19,640
- Textbooks for \$24,000
- Transportation for \$13,920

The minutes of the Core meeting held on Oct. 6th 2015 were passed around at 7:53pm.

IV. Reimbursements

Jordyn entertained a motion to the Core for the following reimbursements to the UConn Co-op:

\$5.38 for Cardboard for the Transportation Campaign purchased though UConnPIRG account by Christian.

\$4.94 for printer paper purchased though UConnPIRG account by Saman.

\$50.85 for printer ink cartridges purchased though UConnPIRG account by Saman.

\$61.17 Total

Saman made the motion and Faye seconded the motion which passed unanimously at 7:52pm.

Quarterly UConn Bill

\$1118.16 to UConn for office space and phone.

Jordyn entertained a motion to pay the quarterly UConn bill totaling \$1118.16. The motion was made by Jordyn, seconded by Emmitt and passed unanimously at 7:56pm.

V. Campaign Updates

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Transportation- Reported by Transportation Campaign Coordinator Christian Allyn. There will be a transit campaign table on Wednesday the 17th during dinner in Towers. Discussion ended at 7:58pm.

Textbooks- Reported by Toyin Akinnusotu. There will be a table this week. Discussion ended at 7:18pm.

Democracy- Reported by Democracy Campaign Coordinator Saman Azimi. There were over 122 petitions and media coverage at our last table. Discussion ended at 7:59pm.

Solar- Report given by Solar Campaign Coordinator Jordyn Styczynski. Jordyn said that Spring Valley Farm, the UConn owned vegetable farm is exploring putting solar panels up at the farm. Jordyn is going to meet with them and collaborate. Nick stated that there will be tables on Oct. 22nd and Oct. 26th. Discussion ended at 8:01pm.

Bottle Ban- Reported by Donna Farvard. There was 602 petitions gathered in the past two days. Discussion ended at 8:01pm.

Minutes- Jordyn entertained a motion to approve the minutes from 10.6.2015. The motion was made by Jordyn and seconded by Saman. The motion passed unanimously at 8:02pm.

Jordyn adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.

Submitted by,
Christian Allyn
UConnPIRG Secretary