

UConnPIRG Core Meeting
Tuesday, November 17th 2015 at 7:07PM
Student Union Room 320

Attendance:

Voting Members: Saman Azimi, Jordyn Styczynski, Abby Katz, Emmett O' Donnell, Ian Beattie, Bob Hannan, Ariana Javidi, Gabriella Pagliuca, Sam Bedard, Christian Allyn, Nick Ravalese
Late Voting Members: Toyin Akinnusotu, Matt Rowe
Guests: Gina DeVivo-Brassaw, Donna Farvard

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm 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 is your highlight of the 2016 Election?" All persons in attendance answered said question with gusto. Discussion ended at 7:15pm.

Matt Rowe and Toyin Akinnusotu arrived at 7:15pm.

II. Campaign Discussion

Lead Campaign Discussion:

The following campaigns had campaign plans written and presented the core by the following UConnPIRG Members:

- Global Warming: Transit- Christian Allyn
- Global Warming: RGGI Regulation- Donna Farvard
- Campus Solar- Jordyn Styczynski
- Solar For All- Donna Farvard
- Antibiotics- Abby Katz
- Save the Bee's- Saman Azimi

There was a discussion conducted weighing the possibility of each campaign which ended at 7:34.

There was a straw poll vote held at 7:35 to see which campaigns each chapter had an interest in running. The results of the straw poll vote are below:

- Global Warming: Transit- 8
- Global Warming: RGGI Regulation- 3
- Campus Solar- 0
- Solar For All- 0
- Antibiotics- 0
- Save the Bee's- 0

At 7:36 discussion centered between both the Global Warming: Transit and Global Warming: RGGI campaigns. Discussion ended at 7:49.

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At 7:49 another straw poll vote was held between Global Warming: Transit and Global Warming: RGGI campaigns. The results of the straw poll vote are below:

Global Warming: Transit- Unanimous
Global Warming: RGGI- 0

Campaign Mix Discussion:

At 7:52 the question was asked by Jordyn, "What campaigns should we definitely run," to create a preliminary list of campaigns. A discussion ensued and the resulting campaigns are below in order of determination:

Global Warming: Transit- Lead Campaign
Hunger and Homelessness- Regular Campaign
NVP/ Democracy- Regular Campaign
Ban the Bottle- Regular Campaign
Textbooks- Quick Hit
Campus Solar- Quick Hit

It was inconclusive whether or not the core would run an Antibiotics campaign.

Discussion shifted into establishing a slate to vote on at the next core meeting. The below slate was informally agreed upon by the core at 8:22.

Global Warming: Transit- Lead Campaign
Hunger and Homelessness- Regular Campaign
NVP/ Democracy- Regular Campaign
Ban the Bottle- Regular Campaign
Textbooks- Quick Hit
Campus Solar- Quick Hit
Antibiotics- Quick Hit

Minutes- The minutes of the core meeting held on November 10th.

III. Reimbursements

\$12.29- Donna, Michael's Craft Store to get felt and putty paint.

Jordyn entertained a motion to reimburse Donna \$12.29. That motion was made by Saman, seconded by Emmett and passed unanimously at 8:22.

There will be a ConnPIRG State Summit held at Trinity College on November 21st and there will be two cars transporting members to and from the summit. Saman made the suggestion that we only allocate \$35 reimbursement maximum per vehicle.

Jordyn entertained a motion to allocate \$35 reimbursement per vehicle. Saman made the motion, seconded by Abby and passed unanimously at 8:25.

Jordyn entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the core meeting held on November 10th. The motion was made by Saman, seconded by Bob and passed unanimously at 8:26.

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IV. Campaign Updates

Hunger and Homelessness- Reported by Donna Farvard. Changecorps is working on the Syrian refugee crisis and is holding a day of action this Friday with the hashtag #refugee's welcome from 11-3 this Friday in one of the dining halls. Discussion ended at 8:28 → Ended up not being run because it didn't fit within PIRG's mission.

Solar- Report given by Solar Campaign Coordinator Jordyn Styczynski. The last solar table of the semester was held on Friday and the campaign surpassed its goal to collect 500 petitions in the semester. Discussion ended at 8:29.

Bottle Ban- Reported by the Bottle Ban campaign coordinator Ariana Javidi. The Bottle Ban Campaign collected 1944 petitions this semester in support of a bottle ban at UConn. Discussion ended at 8:30.

Textbooks- Reported by the Textbooks campaign coordinator Toyin Akinnusotu. There will be a textbooks table on Thursday during lunch at Northwest. Discussion ended at 8:31.

Democracy- Reported by Democracy Campaign Coordinator Saman Azimi. There is a budget on the floor of the state house which would end the Citizen's Election Program. After Core we are phonebanking state reps. Discussion ended at 8:32.

Jordyn adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

Submitted by,
Christian Allyn
UConnPIRG Secretary