

UConnPIRG Core Meeting
Tuesday March 8th, 2016
Student Union Room 321

Attendance

Voting members: Alex Pawlak, Bob Hannan, Ian Beattie, Jay Cizeski, Mike Rago, Addy Ladoja, Emmett O'Donnell, Kelly Flanagan, Sam Bedard, Saman Azimi, Cynthia Garcia, Casey Tortal, Kharl Reynado, Michael Ryan, Matt Roe

Guests: Donna Farvard (Campus Organizer), Gina DeVivo-Brassaw (Advisor)

Meeting called to order at 7:09 by Acting Chair Saman Azimi

I. Introductions

II. Overview of Agenda

III. Reaffirmation Vote Debrief – Saman Azimi

A. Summary

- i. UConnPIRG won the vote
- ii. 57% of voters voted in favor of our fee, 43% against.
- iii. Turnout
 - a. Around 2,100 voters
 - b. Seven-year low in elections with contested presidential candidates

B. Considerations around the Field – Bob

- i. Weather was prohibitive
- ii. Saturation of certain dining halls
- iii. Wrong balance: less emphasis on week two than field in week one

C. Considerations around the Tripod – Saman

- i. Campus Relations
- ii. Visibility
- iii. Leadership Development

D. Summary

- i. Diversify locations
- ii. Improve training
- iii. Campaign-based tables
- iv. Improved campus relations

IV. Spring Break Canvassing opportunities with the Fund for the Public Interest – Saman

- A. Canvassing on the Save Antibiotics Campaign
- B. Paid → Wage and bonuses
- C. Located at regional office in Boston, MA
- D. Precursor to/Pilot for the Summer Canvass
- E. If interested, contact Saman

V. Chapter Board Elections – Saman

- A. Elections scheduled for 3/29

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- B. Prospective candidates should submit relevant information (PeopleSoft ID, email address) to Saman to make sure they comply with requirements
 - i. Candidates must not be on academic probation
 - ii. Candidates must be full time, fee-paying, undergraduate students
 - iii. If candidates are deemed ineligible, they will be contacted by the administration and given a week to appeal the decision

VI. Approval of the Minutes of the 3/1 Meeting

- A. Saman entertains a motion to approve the 3/1 meeting minutes
- B. Alex motions
- C. Bob seconds
- D. Passes unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 PM

Submitted by Addy Ladoja