

UConnPIRG Core Meeting
Tuesday, December 1st 2015 at 7:05PM
Student Union Room 320

Attendance:

Voting Members: Saman Azimi, Jordyn Styczynski, Abby Katz, Ian Beattie, Bob Hannan, Ariana Javidi, Gabriella Pagliuca, Toyin Akinnusotu, Adedoyin (Addy) Ladoja, Nick Ravalese, Christian Allyn

Late Voting Members: Matt Rowe, Casey Lambert

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05 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 favorite thing about winter?" All persons in attendance answered said question with gusto. Discussion ended at 7:08.

Matt Rowe and Toyin Akinnusotu arrived at 7:15.

II. Campaign Selection

Lead Campaign Selection:

At 7:09 there was a straw poll to see if members were divided on the proposed lead campaigns of Global Warming Transit and Global Warming RGGI. The results of the straw poll are below:

Global Warming RGGI- 0

Global Warming Transit- Unanimous

Campaign Selection:

At 7:11 the chapter build the lists of the following campaigns for the official Spring 2016 campaign list.

Global Warming: Transit- Lead Campaign

Hunger and Homelessness- Regular Campaign

Democracy- Regular Campaign

Ban the Bottle- Regular Campaign

Textbooks- Regular Campaign

Campus Solar- Quick Hit

NVP- Quick Hit

There was a brief debate between running Antibiotics or Textbooks as regular campaigns. It was decided through consensus that because the Textbooks campaign received a grant to continue reviewing the open source textbooks campaign at UConn and that Antibiotics does not have a target company, Textbooks would be a better campaign to run.

Jordyn entertained a motion to approve the above list the official campaigns of the spring 2016 semester. The motion was made by Addy, seconded by Saman and passed unanimously at 7:16.

Minutes- The minutes of the core meeting held on November 17th were passed around core at 7:16.

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III. State Board Election-

Due to the fact there was 2 vacant seats on the ConnPIRG State Board from UConn there was an election held to fill the vacancies. Saman gave a brief explanation of ConnPIRG State Board responsibilities.

Jordyn opened the floor for nominations at 7:22.

Saman nominated Ian, Jordyn seconded the nomination and Ian accepted.

Toyin nominated Abby, Saman seconded the nomination and Abby accepted.

Toyin nominated Bob, Saman seconded the nomination and Bob accepted.

Saman nominated Ariana, Jordyn seconded the nomination and Ariana accepted.

Jordyn nominated Nick, Saman seconded the nomination and Nick accepted.

Jordyn closed the floor for nominations at 7:26.

All candidates were allotted one minute to give a speech to the core. The speeches ended at 7:31.

Jordyn opened the floor for questions at 7:31.

Saman asked the question, "What does the state board need to improve on?"

All candidates answered the above question and Jordyn closed the floor for questions at 7:37.

The candidates were asked to leave the room for core discussion at 7:37. The core discussion ended and all candidates were allowed back into the room at 7:45.

Votes were the two state board positions were cast by secret ballot and no voter could choose the same candidate twice. Christian counted the results of the election which are below.

Abby- 11

Bob- 9

Ariana- 6

Ian- 0

Nick- 0

Abby and Bob were elected to the State Board at 7:52.

Minutes- Jordyn entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the core meeting held on November 17th. The motion was made by Addy, seconded by Saman and passed unanimously at 7:52.

State Update- Last state board meeting of the semester will be held on Saturday December 5th at Trinity College in Hartford. Discussion ended at 7:54.

Jordyn stated that next meeting will be dedicated 'The Ugly Sweater Meeting' and adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.

Submitted by,
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