

UConnPIRG Core Meeting

Tuesday April 5th, 2016

Student Union Room 321

Attendance

Voting members: Saman Azimi, Michaela Poppick, Kelly Flanagan, Kharl Reynado, Bob Hannan, Ian Beattie, Jordyn Styczynski, Ariana Javidi, Jay Cizeski, Franklyn Barrueco, Sam Bedard, Casey Tortal, Casey Lambert, Emmett O'Donnell

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by chair Jordyn Styczynski

I. Introductions

II. Overview of Agenda

III. Updates

A. Campaigns

- i. Democracy
- ii. Hunger and Homelessness
- iii. Bottle Ban
- iv. Transportation
- v. Bees
- vi. New Voters Project

B. State

- i. Lobby Day on 4/13

IV. State Board Elections

A. Overview (Saman)

B. Straw Poll – add executive board members to state board → fails

C. Nominations

- i. Jay nominates Saman, who accepts
- ii. Ariana nominates Sam, who declines
- iii. Saman nominates Casey, who accepts
- iv. Saman nominates Ian, who accepts
- v. Saman nominates Kharl, who accepts
- vi. Jordyn nominates Kelly
- vii. Casey Lambert nominates Michaela, who declines
- viii. Ian nominates Ariana, who declines

D. Vote

- i. All six state candidates are voted to the board unanimously

V. Campaign Selection

A. Criteria

- i. Is it within PIRG's mission?
- ii. Do we have a history and track record on the issue?
- iii. Is the issue profound?

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- iv. Can our organization make a difference?
- v. Will it recruit well?
- vi. How will it impact our funding, if at all?
- vii. Does it position us to take on more?
- viii. Are there a variety of tactics?
- ix. Is it a hot issue?
- x. Is it locally relevant?

B. Ideal Mix

VI. Campaign Brainstorm

- A. NVP as lead campaign
- B. Democracy
- C. Solar
- D. Antibiotics
- E. Bees
- F. Bottle Ban
- G. Hunger and Homelessness

VII. Reimbursements

- A. Jordyn entertains a motion to reimburse Cynthia Garcia \$76.27 for pain, brushes, and other supplies for the office and antibiotics prop-making
- B. Jay motions
- C. Emmett seconds
- D. Passes unanimously

VIII. Approval of 3/29 Meeting Minutes

- A. Jordyn entertains a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/29 meeting
- B. Emmett motions
- C. Ian seconds
- D. Passes unanimously

Submitted by Saman Azimi