UConnPIRG Core Minutes
Monday, November 28th, 2016
Student Union Room 317

Attendance:

Voting Member: Kharl Reynado, Ben Hellmann, Jameson Foulke, Ian Beattle, Emmet O’Donnell, Walter Dodson, Cameron Cantelmo, Matt Talley, Noah O’Conner, Brandon Chesnut, Nick Roche, Chelsea Garcia, Sam Bedard, Kally Flannagan, Corey Freer, Colin Bixler, Alex Pawlak, Sahar Iqbal, Emily O’Hara, Dinellson Rosarlo, Bob Hannan, Calvin Mahlstedt, Cam Fisher

Guests: Shawna Upton, Gina Divivo-Brassaw

Called to order by Chapter Chair Kharl Reynado at 7:03 PM

I. Introductions

II. Campaign Updates
   a. Democracy
      i. Meeting on Friday to discuss the trajectory of the campaign for next semester
   b. Hunger and Homelessness
      i. Finished toiletries drive, will be delivering the results to House of Bread on Saturday
   c. Ban the Bottle
      i. Having a meeting on Friday
      ii. Phonebanking Tuesday and Wednesday 6:00 to 8:00 PM
   d. Bees
      i. Propmaking to make photo petition frames

III. Campaign Criteria (Saman)
   a. Saman discussed the 10 criteria that PIRG uses to determine what campaigns we run.
   b. Not every campaign will fulfill all criteria.

IV. Lead Campaign discussion
   a. Kharl asked what people thought the top two criteria should be when considering what campaign will be our lead campaign.
      i. Walter thinks that profundity and recruitment are the most important because more people will care about the issue and we can get more people to work on the campaign so it will run more efficiently.
      ii. Kharl thinks that the hotness of the issue is important because more people will know and care about the issue.
      iii. Bob agreed that profundity is important and thinks that whether we can make a difference on the issue is important as well, so that we can use our time and resources to contribute.
      iv. Alex thinks that whether there is a variety of tactics is important because it would help people stay involved.
v. Saman thinks that recruitment, hotness, and whether it positions us to take on more because all criteria involve developing leadership as well as our role on campus.
b. Lead campaign decision will be Thursday (12/1)
c. The rest of the campaigns will be discussed next Core meeting (12/5)
d. A vote was taken on everyone’s top two criteria. Profundity, and whether our organization can make a difference were determined to be the top two criteria for determining our lead campaign. Recruitment was the third most important.

V. Campaign Suggestions
a. Walter – Pipeline
   i. Profound? Environmental issue, human rights issue
   ii. Difference? Pressure congressmen to ask to make Standing Rock a national monument
b. Emily – Bees?
   i. Profound? Bees involved in every production process of food
   ii. Difference? Campaign against neonicitoids, get involved in government, contact senators.

VI. Business
a. Vote to approve Final Invoices
   i. NVP invoice: $52,090.00
      1. Increase in $25,710
   ii. Bottle Ban: $5,110.00
      1. Decrease in $4,390
   iii. Hunger and Homelessness: $9,750.00
      1. Increase in $1,110
   iv. Motion Saman, second Walter, passes unanimously
b. Vote to approve Purchase Orders
   i. Bees
   ii. Democracy
   iii. Motion Saman, second Brandon, passes unanimously

Adjourned by Chapter Chair Kharl Reynado at 8:05 PM

Thursday 12/1 at 5:30 PM – Meeting about lead campaign discussion

Campaign discussion conference calls: Tuesday 11/29 and Thursday 12/1 at 9:00 PM