Attendance:

**Voting Members:** Cameron Fisher, Emily O’Hara, Noah O’Connor, Matt Talley, Saman Azimi, Colin Bixler, Brandon Chesnut, Chelsea Garcia, Alex Pawlak, Cameron Cantolmo, Metban Ajak, Casey Lambert, Kharl Reynado, Bob Hannan, Ian Beattie, Walter Dodson, Sahar Iqbal, Sam Berdard, Kelly Flanagan

**Non-Voting Members:** Lean Thompson

**Guests:** Shawna Upton, Gina Divivo-Brassaw

Meeting called to order at 5:07pm by Chair Kharl Reynado

I. Introductions
II. Overview of Agenda
III. Campaign Proposals
   a. 100% Renewable CT – Walter
      i. Underground pipeline that runs diagonally across the state, expansion would be detrimental to not only the environment but would put water quality and safety at risk
      ii. Moves CT away from fossil fuels, and towards clean energy.
      iii. Move Governor Malloy from his stance on natural gas and towards 100% clean energy
      iv. Main target: CT townships, getting them to pass resolutions preventing their construction.
   b. Save the Bee’s – Emily
      i. Bees are vital to our food supply and our ecosystems
      ii. Being killed by the neonicotinoids, a wildly used pesticide that acts as a neurotoxins to bees and kills hives.
      iii. Continue to push to ban the use of neonicotinoids
      iv. Make Storrs/Mansfield a bee city
      v. Work to get the EPA to ban their use
   c. H&H – Matt
      i. Hunger and homelessness is a huge issue
      ii. Fundraising tactics to donate to shelters
      iii. Awareness and education programs
      iv. This semester has raised over 900 dollars and collected food and toiletries
   d. Ban the Bottle
      i. Ocean pollution is a huge issue, especially at this time where EPA protection is questionable
      ii. The Coke contract is being renewed this summer, now or never
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iii. Set up already to be one of the strongest visibility campaigns and would help improve campus relations and social media outreach

e. Democracy  
   i. Run a thank you event for people who use small donor empowerment plans  
   ii. Grass roots  
   iii. Good recruitment and gives us ability to work with legislators

f. Textbooks  
   i. Expanding the open source textbooks  
   ii. Work on assisting administrative groups on campus to pressure faculty in writing textbooks  
   iii. Shows that we are going to  
   iv. Closely work with USG and Administration to help students

IV. State wide lead campaign  
   a. 100% Clean Energy  
      i. Stand against the expansion of natural energy infrastructure.
   b. Carbon Tax  
      i. Goal is to reduce CT's carbon emissions by 15% by 2024  
      ii. Grassroots pressure on developing a bipartisan carbon tax legislation

V. State Board Elections  
   a. Nominations: Walter Dodson, Emily O’Hara, Brandon Chesnut, Matt Talley, Collin Bixler  
      i. All nominees accept their nominations.
   b. Campaign speeches by nominees.  
   c. Questions for nominees  
   d. Discussion of candidates  
   e. Vote on candidates  
   f. Winner: Colin Bixler

VI. Vote on the lead campaign  
   a. Unanimously vote to run 100% Clean Energy

Meeting adjourned by Chair Khal Reyndo at 6:34pm