UConnPIRG Core Meeting  
Monday January 23, 2017  
Student Union Room 317

Attendance
Non-Voting Members: Justin Healy
Guests: Gina, Shawna Upton

I. Introductions
II. Overview of Agenda
III. Updates
   a. Walter -
      i. Behind on interest cards, please contact him if you want to do a class rap.
      ii. Return rates at class raps are incredibly low, so when doing wraps, try to personalize story more
   b. Brandon - Training
      i. Just had a class wraps training before the core meeting
      ii. Will be continuing trainings in the next two weeks
   c. Emily – Phone Bank
      i. Prioritize tables during the next phone bank
      ii. Need more hours
   d. Matt – Data Basing
      i. Over 1500 cards have been databased, and are pretty much caught up
   e. Saman – Campus Relations
      i. Daily campus hit on Monday, discussing our lead campaign
      ii. Went to the OER committee meeting, they spent over $100,000 on grants for professors who are working on writing open education materials
   f. Shawna
      i. Please sign up for a table
      ii. Leadership retreat February 18th in Milton Massachusetts, and approximately $10 per person
      iii. Blow out canvas over spring break in Massachusetts, minimum wage plus commission
      iv. Democracy and Ethics campaign is lobbying to hold Trump accountable
         1. Trying to prevent the failure of closing loopholes in lobbying laws
         2. Trying to increase the waiting time between legislator can become lobbyist
   v. Navient is being sued by the federal government, so we are working at federal levels to protect students
vi. Attacks on Democracy in CT State legislators

IV. Discussion
   a. Name Change – Saman
      i. Discussion on momentum, it should not affect it too much
      ii. Consideration of when the name change would come in relation to our reaffirmation vote
      iii. Need to differentiate us from ConnPIRG, especially if non-student PIRGS start to take partisan positions in the future.

V. Business
   a. Currently working on a new financial policy so we will
   b. Disbursements for H$H
      i. 736.96 to My Sisters Place
      ii. Alex Motions
      iii. Walter Seconds
      iv. Passes Unanimously

Meeting called adjourned 7:47pm by Chair Kharl Reynado