

UConnPIRG Core Meeting Minutes 18-15

Monday January 22, 2018, 7 PM

SU 325

Voting Members: Casey Lambert (Chair), Walter Dodson (Vice Chair), Kyleigh Hillerud (Secretary), Justin Kaiser, Ian Beattie, Vincent Cajigas, Antonio Cajigas, Sam Donahue, Michael Katz, Andrew Frosti, Noah O'Connor, Casey Saxton, Matthew Byanyima, Matthew Talley, Aaron Golab, Kharl Reynado, Tori Zane, Chadwick Schroeder, Danielle Hartshorn, Faizaan Siddiqui, Dylan DeMoura, Nate Aroian, Abigail Joseph, Dayna Robinson, Emmett O'Donnell, Emma Belliveau, Bailey Bobzian

Non-voting members: Zachary Corolla, Arthi Jaishankas, Winnie Wang, Henri Serkosky, Michel Richard Monroy, Abigail Lafantan, Nathaniel Austin-Mathley, Faisai Rajan, Chris Koczegowicz, Daniel Duque, Madison Platow, Brandon Osborne, Sam Bedard, Kim Pizzella, Joan Basma

Guests: Sasha Richardson (Advisor), Arielle Mizrahi (Campus Organizer)

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair Casey Lambert

1. Introductions
2. Recruitment Drive Updates
 1. Walter Dodson - At the moment we are in middle of recruitment drive that occurs at the beginning of each semester. Running 8 campaigns this semester. Wanting to get people involved and that is the point of the recruitment drive. Trying to get people to get involved at tables, class raps, and in the room. The recruitment drive culminates to February 5th at the kickoff the formal start of the campaigns. There all coordinators will talk about their campaigns and their goals for the semester. Following coordinators speaking about their campaigns everyone will break out groups by campaign and start making plans. Point of recruitment drive it to engage students who are dedicated, who

have passion, and want to make a difference.

2. Casey Lambert - The recruitment drive is important for us to train new population of volunteers, develop leaders, it's like a retraining for the first 3 weeks on campus. Trains for the campaigns and the work that is involved with the campaigns during the semester.

III. Campaign Overviews

1. Zero Waste - Justin Kaiser

1. Zero waste previously known as stop styrofoam campaign. The campaign will still doing that work associated with stop styrofoam, but starting to do more in that, with all waste on campus in general.
2. The idea is for UConn to make a change to zero waste. A big part of the semester will be doing research. Believes it's going to be a very good semester, culminating with doing service projects.

1. Stop the Overuse of Antibiotics - Tori Zane

1. Focusing this semester stopping the overuse of antibiotics in farm animals. With factory farms pumping animals full of antibiotics they don't need, they are stimulating the growth and spread of drug-resistant bacteria, which is becoming a huge public health crisis
1. CT has not made illegal about giving certain antibiotics to animals. Trying to get fast food chains, specifically McDonalds to stop buying meat buying meat raised without routine antibiotics.

2. Doing live streams, photo petitions, and doing research on legislative side.

2. Hunger and Homelessness - Casey Saxton/Abhishek Gupta

1. This semester looking for more visibility on campus and social media. Looking at trying to how to help the crisis locally and national level.

2. Several events for the semester like a sleepout and a poverty simulator.

3. Research into tiny houses as a source to alleviate poverty. Tiny house visibility to get people off the streets.

4. Researching food and security on college campuses around the country. Prevalent issues in food with college, looking at this issue locally, see how uconn can make a greater influence.

3. Save the Bees - Sam Donahue

1. Pollinators around the world are in crisis, and bees are important. Without bees we are without food.

2. Planning exciting service learning projects this semester.

1. Going to different schools around the area, where the campaign will present about the importance of bees.

- iii. Trying to make Mansfield a bee city exciting.

5. Democracy - Matthew Byanyima

1. Trying to fix voting system, and not having a system against anyone.
2. Ranked choice voting, employing tactics for the reforms they want infiltrated.
 - iii. Plan to contact local legislatures and newspapers about campaign funding and citizens united.
6. 100% Renewable Energy - Chadwick Schroeder
 1. Last semester, the campaign got a ton of student support
 2. This semester goal is to build a coalition with professors who want the university to go to 100% renewable energy.
 3. Huge rally on February 28th demanding CT to use more renewable energy resources.
7. NVP - Kharl Reynado
 1. PIRG runs massive new voters project every even year, in 2016 we registered 2500 students to vote. Whole goal is to get young people civically engaged, and creating a culture on how to vote and how to get registered.
 2. This semester goals are trying to institutionalize voting reg on campus. Get whole freshman class registered to vote and increase voter turnout.
8. Textbooks - Kharl Reynado

1. Focusing on getting departments to get more open source textbooks, emphasizing why professors should adopt them.
2. Press release on Thursday, 1/25/18, national pirs have a report.

IV. Business

1. Casey Lambert - Ink

1. Ink is needed for the printer in the office.

1. Casey motions that we purchase \$300 worth of printer ink.

2. Justin Kaiser seconds.

3. Passes unanimously.

b. Casey Lambert - Tier III Social

- i. There is going to be a social hosted by all Tier IIIs on Monday 1/29/18. This event is going to be great for tier IIIs recruitment and major networking recruitment. There are six groups are all being asked to help hosting. Nutmeg doesn't have ability to fund. Casey proposed 20% of food budget to help cover nutmeg, which would be 250\$ exactly.

1. Casey motions 20% of food bill for tier III social, exactly \$250.

2. Walter Dodson seconds.

3. Passes unanimously.

IV. Announcements

1. Casey Lambert - Come to Tier III social on Monday 1/29 1-3pm

2. Kharl Reynado - Retreat
 1. Closest partner MassPIRG and ConnPIRG will be going to have a regional retreat at blue hills Massachusetts. At the retreat there will be trainings, talks about the broader non profit, be able meet people, and network. The retreat will be February 10th and 11th. Leave Saturday morning get back Sunday night. Encourages everyone to come.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm by Chair Casey Lambert.

Minutes submitted by Kyleigh Hillerud