

UConnPIRG Core Meeting Minutes 18-17

Monday February 5th, 2018, 7 PM

SU 325

Voting Members - Casey Lambert (Chair), Walter Dodson (Vice Chair), Kyleigh Hillerud (Secretary), Alex Pawlak (Treasurer), Kharl Reynado, Chadwick Schroeder, Jessica Gagnon, Tori Zane, Michelle Wakim, Kim Pizzella, Bailey Bobzien, Michael Katz, Isabel Umland, Richard Monray, Dylan DeMaura, Sam Donahue, Abigail LeFontan, Emma Belliveau, Cassandra Saxton, Justin Kaiser, Aaron Golab, Noah O'Connor, Arya Sayadi, Zachary Corolla, Ian Beattie, Charles Frazine, Franklin Barrueco, Vincent Cajigas, Antonio Cajigas, Christopher Kaczegowicz, Faisal Rajan, Faizaan Siddiqui, Andrew Frosti, Abhishek Gupta, Casey Saxton

Non-Voting members - Yeasin Rari, Emma Robinson, Gabrielle Latome, Monica Grewal, Robert McClardy, Kelly Rafferty, Ryan Chester.

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

Meeting brought to order Chapter Chair Casey Lambert at 7:01pm

I. Introductions

II. Campaign update

1. Zero waste - Justin Kaiser

1. Research this semester is a priority. This being researching ways to improve UConn's own implemented standards of waste. As well as looking how towns have implemented.
2. Looking at ways for us to do work with the town of Mansfield specifically SWAC, looking at legislature in the town and campus.
3. Will be continuing work with trying to get Dunkin Donuts to phase out styrofoam, there will be prop making sessions this week for upcoming tables

2. ABX - Tori Zane

1. Dylan DeMaura and Nate Aroian at the involvement fair got 20 groups interested in endorsing campaign. Dylan then emailed these groups asking them to endorse the campaign.
2. Had a prop making session last week, to help tables to get petitions.

3. Researching professors to help figure out who is studying things to do with abx have more knowledge. Looking for professor endorsements and Winnie is holding training sessions to ask professor endorsements.
  4. March 7th panel discussion
3. H&H - Cassandra Saxton/Abeschich
1. 13 people in break off. During the breakout group everyone was given a task to work on for the next week. People are doing flyers for battle of the bands / charity talent show.
  2. With battle of the bands talking to uctv to get them to film battle of the bands.
  3. Getting people interested in sleep out and reserving space for sleep out. Collecting information of faculty, storrs business, and clubs who would be interested in collaborating with ua.
  4. Planning to do some work with the no freeze shelter in Windham.
  5. Booking space for poverty simulator
  6. Prop making 6pm tomorrow, 02/06, for McMahon table on Friday.
4. NVP/Textbooks - Kharl
1. Have to finish textbooks report. Then following that they are going to be doing some department presentations with their finds. Trying to do 4 department presentations.
  2. Researching to get a coalition in force.
5. Save the bees -Sam Donahue
1. 22 people in their breakout group.
  2. Had a table at northwest on Thursday got 228 petitions.
  3. Research on bee hotels
  4. This week first campaign meeting at 5 on Wednesday. Planning a Valentine's day table

6. 100% - Chadwick Schroeder

1. Starting research into getting renewable energy on campus.
2. Co-sponsoring metanoia event with the Geography department, we are helping them run the social media campaign.
3. Going to be talking to the university senate, they recently got environmental literacy gen. Ed passed, going to see what they can do in terms of getting the university committed to 100% renewable energy.
4. Rally going well, date has been moved to the 27th of February. We are partnering with march for science, women's march, sierra club, other schools, and clubs on campus.

7. Democracy - Noah O'Connor

1. Had 9 people in their breakout group.
2. Meetings at 6pm on Mondays in the SOC
3. This week having tables on Wednesday and Friday at south and mcMahon.
4. Writing letter to the editors about lobbyists, ranked choice voting, and citizens united off to daily campus Hartford courant.
5. Dr. Price working with ranked choice voting

III. Statewide updates

1. Kharl Reynado -

1. Have a retreat this weekend, Saturday and Sunday the 10th-11th. It will be held at Blue Hills Reservation in Milton, MA. We'd be leaving Saturday morning and coming back in the afternoon on Sunday. The retreat is with both the Massachusetts and Connecticut chapters. It will focus on how to message campaigns on different platforms, good opportunities to network and bounce ideas off one another especially with the 100% campaigns.
2. National Student Forum in D.C. is going to be February 24-26th. Each state sends two representatives to NSF. Walter Dodson and Kyleigh Hillerud were nominated. Great opportunity to see what's going on in other states and their accomplishments, gain lots of knowledge and national updates to bring back to

the chapter, and to do some networking. Traveling day on Saturday. There is also a lobbying day on that Monday where they will be lobbying Connecticut state representatives

2. Walter Dodson -

1. Legislative updates, we haven't in the past done a lot of legislative work. Right now working with Jim Leahy our contracted lobbyist and Kharl to create a legislative committee to lobby in state in Hartford. The goal being each members from each chapter in CT to go every two weeks, and have everyone go at least once. Talking with Jim in what to lobby. Going to be talking to all the campaigns to see who is interested.
2. Lots of work in Mansfield legislatively specifically with there proposed plastic bag ban.

IV. Recruitment Drive Debrief

1. Walter Dodson -

1. Official goal was to get 95 people in the room for kickoff, we hit the goal of 95 people. Only downed 9 people from fall kickoff.
2. We didn't hit our interest card goal usually called all our cards every night but it meant that we were contacting every single person.
3. We had a great return rate.

2. Open discussion

1. Kharl Reynado- Last semester we got a lot of interest cards in the beginning and then we hit a low with interests card coming in. But from those large numbers in the beginning we got a lot of people from those interests card to come in the door.
2. Antonio Cajigas - moving day up was good idea, and having day of involvement fair right after it smart idea.
3. Cassy Saxton -A lot of people aren't that interested in the spring, so it's great that we hit our goal, thinks we should take more pictures
4. Andrew Frosti - At phone-banking there was lots of good conversation. Though on the phone people were complaining about saying they signed up for emails and

that they haven't received one. Thinks we should have a system where we once someone is databased with their email we send out information immediately.

5. Justin Kaiser - We didn't get to all interest cards last semester, because we were overwhelmed with the amount. This semester we got through all the interest cards each night, because we weren't at same interest cards more efficient talking to people.
6. Richard - At kickoff more visuals bullet points when coordinators are speaking.
7. Antonio Cajigas - better posters - more descriptive
  1. Justin Kaiser - people came up to him interested in what we are what we do because of those posters
8. Abigail LaFonta - more merch of pimg in general instead of campaign oriented
  1. Kharl Reynado- budget issues for merch in general

#### V. Mass Green Summit Takeaways

1. Kyleigh Hillerud - Went to media workshop learned about better ways to convey our message and campaigns in a better way on social media and traditional media. At the event felt very inspired.
2. Emma Belliveau- Went to a bottle ban workshop learned how these towns passed that. Talked to these citizens who were able to pass that and they believed we should look at alumni donations see where that money goes. Was very inspired by whole conference.
3. Aaron Golab - Went to a plastic bag workshop, learned why we don't want plastic bags in our waste, they are very dangerous.
4. Tori Zane- Went to a pesticide workshop, learned more about the negative uses of pesticides and how certain towns passed laws banning pesticide use. Felt very inspired.
5. Isabel Umland- Went to media workshop learned about better ways to convey our message and campaigns in a better way on social media and traditional media. Inspiring to see these 11 and 10 year olds passing bottle bans.
6. Walter Dodson - Went to a bag ban workshop, bring that information back especially how it was implemented legislatively. Felt very inspired.

7. Zachary Corolla - Was there any discussion on how different intersectional communities are affected by the measures discussed?
  1. Aaron Golab - That was a topic that was covered, not specifically, but it was in spirit during the whole event. It is important that when we do things like ban plastic bags or impose a fee, we also implement programs like bag shares to help support everyone in the community during the adjustment.

## VI. Business

1. Alex Pawlack - Quarterly Bill
  1. Supplies that we purchased mostly for the office ex.- printer, ink, etc
    1. Alex motions we pay \$3744.02 for the quarterly bill
    2. Ian Beattie seconds
    3. Abstained - Christopher Kaczegowicz, Faisal Rajan, Zachary Corolla, Franklin Barrueco, Kim Pizzella, Michelle Wakim, Bailey Bobzien, Emma Belliveau, Abigail Lafonta
    4. Motion Passes
2. Casey Lambert - National Student Forum
  1. Sending Walter Dodson and Kyleigh Hillerud to the National Student Forum in D.C. from 02/24-02/26. Paying for flight, hotel, and food for both.
    1. Casey motions \$1500 for sending Walter and Kyleigh to NSF
    2. Justin Kaiser seconds
    3. Walter and Kyleigh abstained
    4. Motion Passes.
3. Casey Lambert - Rally foam board
  1. For the upcoming renewable energy rally that we are working on want to purchase 16 foam bracket posters, being 15 dollars each from university vendors.

important for activists at the rally, the poster will be having graphics about using more renewable energy, and dangers of climate change.

1. Casey motions \$300 to purchase foam bracket posters
  2. Casey saxton seconds
  3. Passes unanimously
4. Casey Lambert - Rally hats
1. Want to purchase embroidered hats for the rally because this is a big event have solidarity give out put up a unified front. They will have the rally logo on it and the hashtag '#ctgogreen'. Ordering 102 embroidered beanies - for the rally 5 dollar per hat.
  2. Open discussion
    1. Casey Saxton - don't think we have should spend over \$1,000 for the rally,
  3. Casey Lambert motions purchasing 102 embroidered hats plus shipping, cumulating to \$650
    1. Alex Pawlak seconds passed unanimously
    2. Motion passes unanimously
5. Casey Lambert - Rally promotional posters
1. Want to purchase 150 poster and 1,000 flyers through the university for advertisement purposes, the will be informational for the rally and to be given out. Since they are through the university they will be from tax free
    1. Casey motion to purchase 150 posters and 1,000 flyers for \$750
    2. Noah O'Connor seconds
    3. In favor: Casey Lambert, Walter Dodson, Kyleigh Hillerud, Alex Pawlak, Kharl Reynado, Chadwick Schroeder, Jessica Gagnon, Tori Zane, Michelle Wakim, Kim Pizzella, Bailey Bobzien, Michael Katz, Isabel Umland, Richard Monray, Dylan DeMaura, Sam Donahue, Abigail

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4. Oppose: Casey Saxton
5. Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm by Chair Casey Lambert.

Minutes submitted by Kyleigh Hillerud