

UConnPIRG Core Meeting Minutes 18-21
Monday March 19th, 2018, 7 PM
SU 325

Voting Members: Casey Lambert (Chair), Walter Dodson (Vice Chair), Alex Pawlak
(Treasurer),

Kyleigh Hillerud (Secretary), Justin Kaiser, Ian Beattie, Vincent Cajigas, Antonio Cajigas, Sam Donahue, Michael Katz, Noah O'Connor, Cassandra Saxton, Aaron Golab, Kharl Reynado, Tori Zane, Chadwick Schroeder, Jessica Gagnon, Dylan DeMoura, Isabel Umland, Gustavo Sazo, Michael Katz, Kelly Rafferty, Gabby LaTorre, Abhishek Gupta, Cathy Yan, Mathew Tally

Non-voting Members: Anna Baker

Guests: Elizabeth Bean, Sasha Richardson (Advisor)

Meeting called to order by Chair Casey Lambert at 7:02pm

I. Announcements

A. Elizabeth Bean

1. Campus Organizer at Trinity College and UConn Hartford. Over the summer, the Fund for the Public Interest and Environment America open up canvas offices in 30 cities to raise money for issues that we fight for to win campaigns, it is canvassing door to door. Arielle and Elizabeth are going to be Field managers in the Hartford office. There will be trainings and you can get paid for it 6,000 to 8,000 dollars over the summer. They are working on banning Styrofoam and pesticide use. Will be on campus Tuesday and Wednesday for info sessions

II. Campaign updates

A. Chadwick Schroeder – 100%

1. Last week we started to reaching out to University Senate.
2. Did LTES about offshore drilling, sent those out on Sunday.
3. This week we are bringing to awareness about wind turbines, putting up posters about facts about wind turbines.
4. Doing a workshop for professor drop ins.

B. Samuel Donahue - Bees

1. Last week had to cancel campaign meeting and had to reschedule presentation.
2. Meeting with Town Conservation Committee on Wednesday about bee city.

3. Since it is spring, Spring valley doing events hopefully we can go down there and do a service project.
- C. Tori Zane– ABX
1. Last week wrote LTEs, 5 written 2 sent in 1 published.
 2. Got local farmer and local health care professional for panel.
 3. Have gotten 10 healthcare professionals and 10 student groups who've endorsed our campaign.
- D. Noah O'Connor - Democracy
1. Got 1000 petitions for ranked choice voting.
 2. Panel discussion next week or April 12th
- E. Justin Kaiser - Zero Waste
1. Got 1000 petitions for ranked choice voting.
 2. Panel discussion next week or April 12th
- F. Kharl Reynado
1. Textbooks - Haven't had \$10 million appropriation for national open education resources passed yet. We are going to put more pressure on specific reps in states more work on that. Open textbooks presentation happened before break, more tables moving forward more student support in the library. Having report done in 2 weeks about how much students are spending on textbooks at UConn. Going to be sharing with everyone and tell professors.
 1. NVP Certified - coalition building, having meetings with reslife bunch seeing if we can have events.
- G. Abhishek Gupta, Cassandra Saxton – H&H
1. Business canvassing this past week reached out to 40 businesses got 4 quick responses about charity showcase. Dog Lane restaurant, Subway, new restaurant Modnue gave us gift cards and coupons to incentivize people to come to the showcase.
 2. Finished goals for showcase, design for t-shirt done, most slots filled time slots finished, accommodations from UConn about stage and lights.
 3. Michelle Wakim made a Facebook page for campaign, go like it and share page!
 4. Poverty Simulator moved it to next week because had difficulties with location. If you want to be apart of it click the link and sign up for a time slot. The event is what people in poverty feel like on a daily basis virtually live their life.
 5. Working on swipe campaign teaming up with UC-Cafe to donate swipes.
 6. Submitted Food pantry idea grant with Wawa about food pantry.
 7. Cardboard sleepout - Home Depot is sponsoring us.

III. State campaign selection

A. Walter Dodson

1. Criteria when choosing state wide lead campaign, criteria similar to chapter. Past three semesters lead campaign has been 100%. Criteria for lead campaign, is it within our mission, is it in our track record, can we make a difference, can we get money to fund it, is it sexy, locally relevant. Like you wouldn't do an ocean pollution campaign in Kansas.
2. New Voters Project is being proposed as statewide campaign for the fall because of it being midterms.

B. Karl Reynado

1. NVP is most likely going to be the lead. We need lots of materials for the campaign. We are the driving force on campus for voter registration, if we don't this campus won't be registered.

C. Walter Dodson

1. We run one of the biggest, it's our bread and butter, attract attention puts us in a good light. When we met with Susan Herbst she talked about our work with voter reg.

IV. Chapter Campaign selections

A. Walter Dodson

1. Same criteria as we apply criteria to state wide. Also like what the problem is are we trying to address, who are we trying to address, goals behind solution what we are looking to achieve set goals for upcoming semester.
2. This semester more than one person wants to run same campaign for two campaigns. Talked to Shawna Upton because we've never had to deal with this before. At UMass Amherst, two people wanted to run NVP they both wrote campaign proposals they made case at core how they differ from the other person chapter took it to a vote. If you are in that case make sure write a campaign proposal and send it to Casey and Arielle and go over it with them.

B. Casey Lambert

1. Talk to people who have written campaign proposals. If you want to run something most campaigns don't meet most of the criteria no idea we can't do, promote student advocacy is the main one talk to resources solidify it into something more actionable.

V. Constitution

A. Walter

1. We had to revive constitution, Kharl and I did that over break. Next week will send it out to the chapter and talk about it the week afterward and get input from everyone else. We have to vote before April 28th. Go to governing docs make own edits anyone can submit a constitution if they want to.

VI. Re-Aff

A. Kharl

1. Re- aff is next spring. The reaffirmation vote is we ask campus if they want to continue to fund us every three years with our 5 dollar waveable fee. We run a reaff campaign drive to gain support for chapter. When the vote day comes we have to get more than 50%, we have to say yes on a big turnout big turnout on people for us. The next two semesters make sure our viz campus relations are good to gain support, who are our mvps who would support us target students.
2. How do you think campus receives us?
 - a) Walter – Need people to know that we didn't do the paper straws.
 - (1) Casey – they don't like it
 - b) Cassandra – seen in a better light then they used to be a lot of people said no because they thought 5 dollars it was annoying. Now we have good visibility, thinks we can get more people to say yes, extreme viz week, should do a video, word of mouth is important.
 - c) Ian Beattie – takes place during the USG elections which a lot of people don't vote in , big push for people to vote.
 - d) Chad – thinks we are seen in a good light, plaster campus in what we do for the student body saying we do necessary things.
 - e) Abhishek – play to our strengths textbooks and nvp are good number things brings up positives, tangible things to bring to. Bring up textbooks and they get it play to strengths class raps beneficial for us to restructure them make them better
 - f) Chad – when we get something accomplished we don't take a victory lap show the victories that we did and have accomplished.
 - g) Justin – most important thing is that we keep doing good work.
 - h) Matt Taley – textbooks and nvp good to talk about, make a video, talk about visibility online.

VII. Announcements

A. Casey

1. E- board elections next week, rank choice secretary vice chair and chair, opposite elections, if you want to run send casey netid she needs that to

see if you payed pirc fee. A lot of people have potential to do any of these jobs.

B. Kharl

1. No intern class till Thursday, Arielle she's recruiting for canvas office build power on state level.

VIII. Business

A. Cassandra - Showcase for no freeze shelter, came up with tshirt design for people who participate. Want 200 t-shirts cover handle people who come. It would be \$1848.44

1. Casey Lambert motions for \$2000 cap for 200 t-shirts
2. Walter Dodson seconds
3. Motion passed unanimously

B. Justin Kaiser – driven places for pirc related events ex. blue hills, Bradley international airport totalling in 355.7 miles.

1. Casey Lambert motions to reimburse Justin for 355.7 miles
2. Abhishek Gupta seconds
3. Motion passed unanimously

C. Sam Donahue – drove Walter and Kyleigh to Bradley Airport for NSF

1. Casey Lambert motions to reimburse Sam for mileage to Bradley Airport
2. Chadwick Schroeder seconds
3. Motion passed unanimously

D. Sam Donahue - bought honey sticks for bees valentine's day table - 31.90

1. Casey Lambert motions to reimburse Sam for \$31.90
2. Noah O'Connor seconds
3. Motion passes unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Minutes submitted by Kyleigh Hillerud