

UConnPIRG Core Meeting Minutes 18-23

Monday April 2nd, 2018, 7 PM

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Voting members: Casey Lambert (Chair), Walter Dodson (Vice Chair) , Alex Pawlak (Treasurer), Kyleigh Hillerud (Secretary), Kharl Reynado, Justin Kaiser, Gustavo Sazo, Michael Katz, Abigail Joseph, Dayna Robinson, Kelly Rafferty, Kim Pizzella, Michelle Wakim, Jessica Gagnon, Chadwick Schroeder, Andrew Frosti, Samuel Donahue, Tori Zane, Ian Beattie, Isabel Umland, Cassandra Saxton

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

Meeting brought to order at 7:03pm by Chapter Chair Casey Lambert

I. Campaign updates

A. Justin Kaiser - Zero Waste

1. Film screening next week of “A Plastic Ocean”, sent out a signup form in group chat to sign up.
2. Speakers from Eco Husky at film screening.
3. Finalizing bag surveys for SWAC asked to show local business.

B. Sam Donahue - Bees

1. Dan had a meeting with town conservation committee momentum towards making Mansfield a Bee Friendly City.
2. April 10th first presentation school presentation.
3. Farm service learning project on Friday, anyone can help out, link is in the group me.

C. Kharl Reynado

1. Textbooks

- a) Very close to finishing report, then going to make into a graphics and posters.
- b) Process of trying to get into department meetings to promote open educational resources.

2. NVP Certified

- a) Scheduled meetings 5 meetings with VIPs.
- b) Creating an action plan for the fall.

II. Business

A. Justin Kaiser

1. Would like to purchase nice printed posters for film screening. Anna made a nice poster and we would like them in color on nice paper. Professional posters would look great for visibility as well. Would like to go to print shop on campus and print 200 for \$70. Max \$100 for service fees.
 - a) Casey Lambert motions to allot a maximum of \$100 for 200 posters.
 - b) Walter Dodson seconds.
 - c) Passes unanimously.

III. Announcements

A. Kharl Reynado

1. There was only one proposed lead campaign for the state for the fall it was New Voters Project. Board of Directors will be discussing the proposal at 9 pm on 04/03 on a open board call anyone can be apart of the call, Kyleigh emailed out information for the call.

IV. State board elections

A. Casey Lambert

1. 6 positions open, it is a great way to take on leadership in PIRG. Lots of big picture logistical stuff, requires a little bit of time.
2. Ranked choice voting format, on ballots place 1-6 on who should be on state board then who ever get the top 6 get elected. Rank highest to lowest.

B. Kharl Reynado

1. Originally we were supposed to have state board meeting on Sunday, but there is triad training that is required for the executive board. So it is being moved to next week Saturday, required to come to this meeting.

C. Walter Dodson

1. Can count 10 people possibly running for state board. That would leave 10 people out of the room. People wouldn't be able to make a case for other candidates. Would want to motion to add two more minutes in speeches to give a shout out to others. Though, Justin brought up a good point when he was discussing this with him earlier that if he talks favorably about all the other candidates but that one person make it awkward.

- a) Michelle Wakim – when would we do these advocates for other candidates?
 - (1) Walter - In speeches.
 - b) Justin Kaiser - This would put candidates a weird position, there is a reason why we leave the room for discussion.
 - c) Casey Lambert - not a fan of it.
 - d) Kim Pizzella - everyone should be included in the discussion process, how about one person leave the room at once while we have a discussion about them?
 - (1) Walter - We thought about that.
 - (2) Justin - That is somewhat problematic, because one person could leave the room for 2 minutes, while one person could leave for 10 minutes.
 - e) Casey Lambert - Thinks we should make it clear with questions we ask nominates.
2. Walter motions to add two minutes to everyone's speeches to speak about other candidates.
- a) Kim Pizzella seconds
 - b) For motion - Walter Dodson, Kharl Reynado, Andrew Frosti, Kelly Rafferty, Kimberly Pizzella, Isabel Umland, Dayna Robinson
 - c) Opposed - Casey Lambert, Alex Pawlak, Kyleigh Hillerud, Justin Kaiser, Gustavo Sazo, Michael Katz, Abigail Joseph, Kelly Rafferty, Michelle Wakim, Jessica Gagnon, Chadwick Schroeder, Samuel Donahue, Tori Zane, Ian Beattie, Cassandra Saxton
 - d) Motion fails to pass.

D. Nominations

1. Walter Dodson nominates Kharl Reynado, who accepts.
2. Khar Reynado nominates Walter Dodson, who accepts.
3. Chadwick Schroeder nominates Isabel Umland, who accepts.
4. Justin Kaiser nominates Kyleigh Hillerud, who accepts.
5. Tori Zane nominates Michelle Wakim, who accepts.
6. Jessica Gagnon nominates Chadwick Schroeder, who accepts.
7. Chadwick Schroeder nominated Jessica Gagnon, who accepts.

8. Ian Beattie nominates Sam Donahue, who accepts.
9. Kharl Reynado nominates Justin Kaiser, who accepts.
10. Ian Beattie nominates Emily O'Hara, Walter Dodson accepts on her behalf.

E. Walter Dodson – What role would you like to run for on the executive board on the state level?

1. Kharl - Would run for State Board Chair, that has been her position the past year. Now has a better understanding of the job and what needs to be done like organizing retreats is just one example. Wants to continue building these foundations and connections not only within the state but throughout nation.
2. Walter – Would run for vice chair, sees that we need a strong executive board on the statewide level that we haven't had that. Would want to do team building exercises on the e-board. Wants to build a tight team.
3. Isabel – Run for secretary thinks it's the best spot. Would love to work with coalition building and create a strong executive board team.
4. Kyleigh - Run for secretary, it's her job now on the chapter level now, but would like to continue on state level. Would like to build coalition partners in the state along with the ones we already have to plan larger events. Build state cohesion, and strong e- board, bring about more visibility to ConnPIRG Students like social media.
5. Michelle – Run for vice chair thinks people working on statewide campaign should be on the e-board. Would take opportunity to work with people at UConn Hartford, would like to help on that campus to retain more people.
6. Chad – Run for secretary to increase communications in the state. Getting people to interact with one another on other campuses.
7. Jess – Run for secretary, at UConn she's been reaching out to administrators and VIPS on campus, she would want to do that on the state level set up lines of communications and building relationships.

8. Sam - Would run for treasurer, that is going to be his position in the fall on the chapter level, he is an accounting major. He is organized, and effective communicator.
9. Justin – Run for treasurer, right now he is in that position, he has gone through the training, knows how the budget works, and building budget practicing and discussion of the budget.

F. Kim Pizzella– what would you bring to the state board?

1. Kharl – Innovation, building lines of communication trying to involve more people.
2. Walter – Knows where we fit in on the national level as Connecticut, brings that insight in.
3. Isabel – Very passionate about these issues that we fight for, she throws herself into this work.
4. Kyleigh - Bringing experience with promoting on social media, and coalition building on the statewide level.
5. Michelle – Consistency, that some people who’ve been on the stateboard have said they would do certain things and they never did. Throughout her time in pircg she has always been reliable.
6. Chad - Idea of needing to bring people together to talk facilitating conversations.
7. Jessica – bringing communication and building relationships see what we do on a state board, this is what we do at UConn but wants to do on a statewide level.
8. Sam – inclusivity and involvement, wants to lead discussions on the budget.
9. Justin – understanding, passion, commitment, next year going to be a senior, sticking around into the end.

G. Election results

1. Kharl Reynado, Walter Dodson, Kyleigh Hillerud, Sam Donahue , Emily O'Hara, Michelle Wakim.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Minutes submitted by Kyleigh Hillerud.