

UConnPIRG Core Meeting Minutes 19-05
Monday September 24th, 2018, 7 PM
SU 325

Voting Members: Walter Dodson (Chair), Emily O'Hara(Vice-Chair), Sam Donahue (Treasurer) Kyleigh Hillerud (Secretary), Kharl Reynado, Abigail Joseph, Lizzy Turano, Chad Schroeder, Andrew Frosti, Justin Kaiser, Abhishek Gupta, Dayna Robinson, Gabby Latorre, Jessica Gagnon, Michael Katz, Ian Beattie, Tori Zane, Rebecca Sheehan, Jey Herman, Dylan Demoura, Noah O'Connor, Parth Patel, Kelly Sandgren, Kasra Parchelcani, , Aaron A. Golab, Kanu Caplash

Non-Voting Members: Colleen Keller, Sarah Baksh, Troy Gzerwinski, Mikayla Nappi, Kim Alvarez

Guests: Alex Peebles (Campus Organizer)

Meeting brought to order by Chair Walter Dodson at 7:01 pm

- A. Intros
- B. Ice breaker
- C. Campaign updates
 - a. Parth Patel - 100%
 - i. Still on planning stage, first thing they want to do is research politicians, moving toward lobbying efforts
 - b. Gabby Latorre - Bees
 - i. Gayatri reaching out to school and service learning projects, doing money for garden this core.
 - c. Kelly Rafferty – Zero Waste
 - i. SWAC meeting, if they get bag ban passed, it would affect the private businesses on UConn's Campus
 - d. Emily O'Hara – NVP
 - i. Tomorrow is NVRD, big event and big day on campaign. The campaign is broken down into blitz's. The event in the SU theatre is going to be great please come.
 - e. Kharl Reynado - Textbooks
 - i. Got video petitions today on Fairfield Way, asks students to record 30 second video on how much they spend on textbooks and make it a montage to put on social media.
 - ii. Kharl is going to a open ed resource conference oct 8-12.
 - f. Colleen Keller - H&H
 - i. Going to soup kitchen this weekend, doing stuff with policy like the SNAP Bill.

D. Statewide Organization

- a. Walter Dodson
 - i. We belong to a state organization, Connpirg we have three chapter are UConn Storrs, Trinity, UConn Hartford. We have a board of directors 10 board seats, 6 UConn seats, 2 Trinity seats, 2 UConn Hartford seats. That body influences the state.
- b. Kharl Reynado
 - i. The state board approves the lead campaign, we make decisions on the budget, and we have a committees, lots to do on the board. It's what you want to do on the board. This semester we are working on coalition building, statewide days of action.
- c. Walter Dodson
 - i. We have done a bunch as a state, connpirg students efforts led to the first Lemon Laws in 1979 for consumer protection. We as a organization we have been instrumental with open educational resources.
- d. Justin Kaiser
 - i. Head of legislative committee, the CT legislature is only available for 6 months out of the year. Currently we are building coalitions, talking to people like our lobbyist Jim Leahy, and reps Greg Haddad, Mae Flexer to see what we can make an impact on and make an impact across state. Anyone can join if you want to go lobby, talk to Justin.

E. Business

- a. Walter Dodson - Approve the minutes from September 10th so we can fill out purchase orders.
 - i. Motions to approve Core Minutes from September 10th
 - ii. Justin Kaiser seconds
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously
- b. Emily O'Hara - Wants to get two buses to go from polls from union in a circle continuously on election day from 10am to 7:30pm. Cost \$900 plus \$175 per mile.
 - i. Walter Dodsons motions to approve up to \$1300 for 2 buses to run on election day.
 - ii. Andrew Frosti seconds
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously
- c. Kyleigh Hillerud - We made NVP shirts for coalition partners and to give away, personally do not like the shirts that ConnPIRG gave us. For 500 shirts it costs \$3,800, we'd be giving them away to students at tables.
 - i. Discussion
 1. Kanu - T shirt how are we giving them away?

- a. Kyleigh- Giving them away at tables, we'd have students swipe their id, or give us their net id.
 - 2. Rebecca - Are we making shirts for our coalition partners/ volunteers?
 - a. Kyleigh - we are making other shirts, smaller order for our coalition partners
 - ii. Walter Dodson motions to approve \$5,000 for 500 "I'm a Husky, I'm a Voter" give away shirts.
 - iii. Sam seconds
 - iv. Motion passes unanimously
- d. Emily O'Hara - Tomorrow we have NVP event in the SU theatre, to do that we need a A/V person and pay for a event planner. It would be about \$60.
 - i. Walter Dodson motions to approve up to \$100 for av tech and an event manager for NVP event.
 - ii. Ian seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes
- e. Walter Dodson - Participate in trick and treat in the U, WHUS approve up to 400\$, so we don't need to spend 400\$ but want to use that as the budget.
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. Kanu - kit kats
 - 2. Rebecca Sheehan - Name brands
 - 3. Andrew - full size candy bars
 - 4. Kelly Sandgren – do we have options add in vegan?
 - a. Tori – skittles, swedish fish
 - 5. Andrew – wrap messages about campaigns on the candy
 - ii. Walter Dodson - motions to approve a maximum of \$400 for candy purchases for Trick or Treat in the U.
 - 1. Kanu - seconds
 - 2. Motion approved unanimously
- f. Gabby Latorre - need to get up to \$550 for itemized list of flowers and mulch, 5 Red Satin Coreopsis \$9.59 each, 3 Cardinal Flower Lobelia \$9.59 each, 5 Goldsturm Rubeckia \$10.39 each, 4 Sombrero Salsa Red Echinacea \$11.99 each, 6 PowWow White Echinacea \$11.99 each, 4 Autumn Gold Helianthus \$11.19 each, 4 Sombrero Lemon Yellow Echinacea \$11.99 each, Mulch totaling \$100.
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. Sam Donahue - When being planted?
 - a. Mikayla Nappi- first/ second weekend of October.
 - ii. Walter Doston - motions to approve up to \$600 for bee garden plants.
 - iii. Justin Kaiser seconds
 - iv. Motion passes

- g. Walter Dodson - Alex and Kyleigh are out of pocket for their pizza orders at the phonebanks during the recruitment drive for volunteers.
 - i. Alex Peebles & Kyleigh Hilleud leave the room
 - ii. Walter motions to reimburse Kyleigh and Alex for their pizza orders, setting a maximum of \$200.
 - iii. Emily O'Hara seconds
 - iv. Motion approved unanimously
 - v. Alex Peebles & Kyleigh Hilleud return to the room
- h. Walter Dodson - The retreat is this weekend we will be providing get food for everyone budgeting for about 75 people. For Breakfast we are getting 3 large bagel and cream cheese boxes \$24.99 each, for lunch we are getting Buffalo chicken, garden salad, Caesar wrap, and chicken club party platters from gansett totaling at \$265, for dinner we are getting a fajita bar from Moe's totaling at \$606.20, 3 Box of joes from Dunkin totaling at \$50, 14 pizzas totaling at \$300. Going to motion a maximum of \$2500 to pay for food.
 - i. Motions to approve up to \$2500 for food for the retreat.
 - ii. Sam Donahue seconds
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously
- i. Walter Dodson - We are having retreat at 4 arrows at Ellington Cottage, great location, about a three minute drive to it on depot campus, lots of breakout rooms, and conference space. Need to approve up to \$1,000 for this space.
 - i. Motions to approve \$1,000 for reservation of ellington cottage
 - ii. Noah O'Connor Seconds
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Announcements

- a. Kharl
 - i. We have an empty state board seat, going to be sharing the position of role, going to do elections next week.
 - ii. Fill it out housing and rsvp for retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Minutes submitted by Kyleigh Hillerud