

UConnPIRG Core Meeting Minutes 19-06
Monday October 1st, 2018, 7 PM
SU 325

Voting Members: Walter Dodson (Chair), Emily O'Hara (Vice-Chair), Sam Donahue (Treasurer), Kyleigh Hillerud (Secretary), Kharl Reynado, Lizzy Turano, Chad Schroeder, Andrew Frosti, Justin Kaiser, Abhishek Gupta, Gabby Latorre, Jessica Gagnon, Michael Katz, Ian Beattie, Tori Zane, Rebecca Sheehan, Jey Herman, Parth Patel, Kelly Sandgren, Kasra Parchelcani, Aaron A. Golab, Kanu Caplash, Kenneth Klaer, Isabel Umland, Shristi Banjeree, Carla Celano, Lauren King, Vincent Cajilgas, Antonio Cajilgas, Gayatri Vishwanah, Vincent Cajilgas

Non-Voting Members: Jonathan Perry, Qasim Malik

This meeting brought to order by Chapter Chair Walter Dodson at 7:01pm

- I. Icebreaker/Intros
- II. Campaign updates
 - A. H&H - Abhishek Gupta
 1. Tomorrow from 6-8, having a talk about food insecurity on campus.
 2. Saturday went to soup kitchen with some volunteers to help out. Going to be trying to do this more often because the soup kitchen in Willimantic is very understaffed. Anyone from PIRG volunteer, going to be making it more accessible moving forward. Going back from 4-7pm on Friday.
 3. Started planning hunger homelessness planning awareness week.
 4. Farm bill expired Sunday – keep on radar S.N.A.P. – be trying to work with SNAP. They are food stamps.
 - B. Bees - Gabby Lattore
 1. Wednesday night table from 6-9 to get recruits for service learning project
 2. 4-6 pm going to volunteer at Spring Valley Student Farm on Friday.
 - C. 100% - Parth Patel
 1. Meeting at 7-8 in the office. Going to start researching politicians.
 2. Thinking about doing a “learn how to lobby” day
 - D. Zero waste - Isabel Umland
 1. Sunday the 14th doing a campus cleanup at 11 am.
 2. First table in a coupe weeks, ordering merchandise for giveaways.
 - E. NVP- Emily O'Hara
 1. Mini blitz week goal to register 500 people to vote - trying to dorm storm 30 buildings, tabling on FFW, doing a bunch of class raps. Sign up.
 2. MVPs of the week - Elijah, Kyleigh, and Michael.
 - F. Textbooks - Kharl Reynado

1. Got over 30 video petitions talking about how much students are paying for textbooks.
2. Meeting with Kathy OER librarian to have her apply for grants
3. Got the 5 million dollars for this years budget, we fixed the language in the bill.
4. Kharl attending OER conference in 2 weeks.

III. Tripod

A. Walter Dodson

1. The tripod is something that student pirs use, for chapters to be successful. There are 3 legs - visibility, campus relations, leadership development.

B. Emily O'Hara

1. We grow leaders actively, find it valuable to build people, and to encourage people to find new opportunities empower the group. We want our chapter to grow. Don't have a set 1,2,3.. Leadership in pirs is fluid.
2. What skills are important to us?
 - a) communication, organization, passion, preparation, persistence, time management, creativity cooperation, teamwork,
3. What we can work on?
 - a) resource usage, organization, communication, planning, presentation
4. What are we good at?
 - a) Passion, recruitment, community, creativity, leadership development, goals in mind, self reflection, trust, reliability

C. Walter Dodson

1. Motion to amend the agenda, to table campus realtations to next week. We are running low on time.
 - a) Sam Donahue seconds
 - b) Motion passed unanimously

IV. Business

A. Justin Kaiser - Motions to approve minutes from 9/17 & 9/24

1. Kelly Sandgren seconds
2. Motion passed unanimously

B. Kyleigh Hillerud - T-shirts for our coalition partners, that we could give them to them at our large events like the block party, so we look like a unified team. We want to get 100 shirts which with taxes would be about \$1,135.

1. Gayatri- fix the spacing in the back where it says volunteer with husky vote condensed in the back.
2. Walter Dodson motions to approve \$1400 for 100 volunteer shirts
3. Andrew Frosti seconds

4. Motion passed unanimously
- C. Kyleigh Hillerud - A snapchat filter for election day that encompasses UConn and the polling location. It will be running when polls open till they close. This is a great viz tactic. For the snapchat filter to run when the polls are open and to encompass compas it will be \$590.
 1. Walter Dodson motions to approve \$700 for snapchat filter
 2. Kelly Sandgren seconds
 3. Motion passes unanimously
- V. Emily O'Hara - For Ballot Party we want to order food from UConn catering specifically a voting sheet cake with "I'm a husky i'm a voter" on it. Cost comes to \$120 for a 2 layer sheet cake, both would be vanilla.
 - A. Andrew Frosti - wouldn't two cakes be more efficient, and you could get another flavor
 - B. Jey – people will eat the cake
 - C. Emily - table this till next week, because of this feedback – discuss this for next week
- VI. Elections
 - A. Walter Dodson– Elections for open board seat. You can be nominated or nominate yourself. The nominees will have a minute to talk then do a short round of questions, then they will leave the room while we discuss and then we will vote.
 - B. Nominations
 1. Kyleigh Hillerud nominates Justin Kaiser. Justin Kaiser accepts nomination
 2. Ian Beattie nominates Parth Patel. Parth Patel declines nomination
 3. Chad Schroeder nominates Jessica Gagnon. Jessica Gagnon accepts nomination.
 4. Ian Beattie nominates Kelly Rafferty. Kelly Rafferty declines nomination
 5. Jessica Gagnon nominates Chad Schroeder. Chad Schroeder accepts nomination.
 6. Michael Katz nominates Michael Katz. Michael Katz accepts nomination.
 - C. Speeches
 1. Justin Kaiser - Been in org for 4 semesters. 2 years ago when he walked in he was immediately infected by passion in the office. After seeing everyones passion he knew he wanted to dedicate himself to the organization. This organization changed his career path. He has stayed because he loves the work he does, he wants to better the organization. He stayed because of the passion and the people. He's grown to love activism, through being a tactical coordinator through being a campaign

coordinator. He wants to build up the state with his starting legislative committee, he wants to better the state.

2. Jessica Gagnon - On nvp this semester doing civic ed engagement week and ballot party, was the class raps coordinator for the recruitment drive. She does a lot of work with administration, to show them that the work that we do is important to them and they should support us bc we are making UConn a better place. She is passionate and dedicated. She has been a resource for everyone in the chapter. Thinks that this is the next step in leadership for her, and she wants to continue doing her work but on a statewide level.
3. Chad Schroeder - got involved his 3rd on campus. Always knew he wanted to get involved and make a difference, piig gave him that exact opportunity and inspires him everyday. He started off on 100% as the tabling coordinator. It was the 3rd week of school and the first big week where we had a goal of getting 1,000 petitions in 5 days, and we were able to do it in 3. Seeing that passion and dedication made him want to stay. Then became the 100% campaign coordinator for his second semester. Through these it has taught him that strong leaders are what this chapter needs. He believes he is a strong leader.
4. Michael Katz – when these openings have happened in the past he said to himself he isn't a leader, but these have been excuses. He is a honors double major, and finds time for other activities. This being his 3rd semester in piig, he has become more involved, doing phonebanking everynight during the recruitment drive, being the nvp media coordinator, writing our newsletter. He knows how to talk to people intellectually and emotionally, level headed super passionate.

D. Questions for candidates

1. Kharl – if elected into the state board what would like you do (committees and mini projects)?
 - a) Justin – legislative director, continue work and expand in it.
 - b) Jess- work on retreats.
 - c) Chad - Work on communications, value on communication set up a system talking to other states.
 - d) Michael – communications, building relationships
2. Kanu – what are you most worried about?
 - a) Michael - doesn't like face to face communication and lack of experience
 - b) Chad – not being able to get done what he wants to get done.
 - c) Jess - not fully knowing or understanding how we as a state works together as a whole

d) Justin - not being able to get the ball to be rolling at the end of the semester with legislative committee.

E. Candidates leave

F. Discussion

G. Results - that next board representative will be Justin Kaiser

Meeting to adjourned at 8:44 pm

Minutes submitted by Kyleigh Hillerud