

UConnPIRG Core Meeting Minutes 19-07

Monday October 8th, 2018, 7 PM

SU 325

Voting Members: Walter Dodson (Chair), Emily O'Hara(Vice-Chair), Sam Donahue (Treasurer) Kyleigh Hillerud (Secretary), Gabby LaTorre, Isabel Umland, Jessica Gagnon, Dayna Robinson, Abigail Joseph, Lizzy Turano, Austin Ferguson, Carla Cedeno, Chadwick Schroeder, Michael Katz, Antonio Cajigas, Vincent Cajigas, Noah O'Connor, Dylan DeMoura, Kanu Caplash, Jey Herman, Kharl Reynado, Gayatri Vishranath, Kasra Parchekania

Non-Voting Members: Chance Payera, Elizabeth Collins, Kelly Hylton,

Guests: Alex Peebles (Campus Organizer), Andy MacDonald(National Student Organizing Director)

Meeting brought to order by Chair Walter Dodson at 7:02 pm

- I. Intros
- II. Icebreakers
- III. Campaign updates
 - A. Isabel Umland– Zero Waste
 1. Doing a petition table for bag ban on Wednesday at Whitney from 6-10pm Thursday, and a table on Thursday at McMahan from 6-10pm for bag ban on campus.
 2. Sunday at 11 am, we are doing a campus cleanup on discovery drive.
 - B. Gabby Latorre - Bees
 1. Had a Buckley table last week got 25 students signed up for Friday Farm Trips to Spring Valley Student Farms. 8 volunteers for first trip to the farm.
 2. Figuring out Bee garden
 3. Doing Film screening in a few weeks
 - C. Emily O'Hara - NVP
 1. Last week mini-blitz got 420 voter regs, almost at 1,000 voter regs all together. Having another table this week to hit the 500 we wanted to hit last week.
 - D. Abhishek Gupta- H&H
 1. Figured out what we want to do for H&H awareness week, running a series of events. Doing poverty simulation, volunteer days, charity showcase, tables.
 2. Carla had idea of kicking off H&H awareness week with a donation drive.
 3. Tuesday, held a forum event, lowkey got rained out, but got good input and feedback from students, about food insecurity.
 4. Soup kitchen visits every week open it up to the larger pigr, right now just clubs.

- E. Kharl Reynado– textbooks
 - 1. Had meeting with Kathy Labadorf, the oer librarian, about having a table in the library for open access week coming up
 - 2. Had meeting with the provost, he said he would mention oer st the next VIP staff meeting.
 - 3. Kharl is leaving on Wednesday morning going for a open ed conference, going to a bunch of panels for oer research and learn how we can bring research on campus more affordable options.
- IV. Andy MacDonald
- A. Given the country and the way things are now, the thing that is most challenging is the polarization. That is where we coming in trying to look at issues most people can agree on. Our issues are something that we can agree on we are all on the same page. We want to talk to people, and find the people who are on the fence.
 - B. How do we mobilize the people? People don't like being told what to do, people see we are telling them what to do, we need to talk to people about what we need to do as a country to fix the issues.
 - C. How are we winning this? What makes it passed, the work outside the building, never consume the conditions are right for change. The things we are fighting for are not just gonna happen because people are poised, we need to create the conditions for change. If we do win hearts and minds the people can't lose.
 - D. Campaigns are about good ideas, but policy at the end of the day we need to have a policy for things to get down. People are attracted to the aspiration.
 - E. For next semester, when you are picking campaigns think about what can we do to bring people together.
 - F. Walter Dodson – Moving campus relations to another core.
- V. Business
- A. Walter Dodson motions to approve 10/01/18 minutes
 - 1. Sam seconds
 - 2. Motion passed unanimously
 - B. Isabel Umland - Having a zero waste table giving out reusable items. We would want to purchase 150 water bottles green topped with zero waste logo totalling \$292.50, 200 canvas bags green handles with zero waste logo totalling \$492, 5 sets of reusable utensils totalling \$58.45, 100 stainless steel straws totalling \$80, 30 pairs of reusable gloves totalling \$30, Informational cards for zero waste table from uconn print shop 200 sheets (x 6 cards per sheet) x \$.35 = 70\$, Plus tax and shipping 300\$ grand total would be \$1,322 dollars. People are going to take a quiz about what is reusable and what is not, if they score a 3/6 out of it they can spin a wheel and get one of these items. The gloves are for campus cleanups because they can be reused.

1. Sam Donahue - just need name of events and list of students net-ids and what they got for the business office when we do give them away.
 2. Kharl Reynado - for water bottle see the reduce your use logo have "ConnPIRG" in it.
 - a) Isabel - Yes.
 3. Walter Dodson motions to approve \$1,800 for zero waste give-away items and gloves for campus clean up.
 - a) Abhishek Gupta - seconds
 - b) Motion passes unanimously
- C. Emily O'Hara – sheet cake for the ballot ready party, 2 separate sheet cakes with the logo "I'm a husky, I'm a voter", \$60 per layer, one layer vanilla, one chocolate.
1. Walter Dodson motions for \$150 for 2 sheet cakes one chocolate, one vanilla.
 - a) Sam Donahue seconds
 - b) Motion passed unanimously
- D. Emily O'Hara- We are having the ballot ready party on the SU terrace , to o that we need a event manager from 1-4, 15 dollars per hour so we would need \$60 for the event manager.
1. Walter Dodson motions \$75 for the event manager for the ballot party.
 - a) Sam Donahue seconds
 - b) Motion passed unanimously
- E. Emily O'Hara - National movement, student learn student vote all these groups come together to see what other groups are doing and get advice/resources for getting students registered to vote. They are having a post election summit with all coalition partners. Going to be November 13-15th
1. Kharl Reynado - would you be going as the Connpirg students rep or the Connpirg student rep. ?
 - a) Emily O'Hara - the ConnPIRG students rep
 2. Walter Dodson - want make a motion to approve up to \$2,000 for flights, \$1,000 for hotels, for \$290 for travel from airport and to airport, 30\$ for food each day, totaling at \$3,380. Ticket, hotel prices are all variable picking flights we are just setting a maximum allocation for the flights.
 - a) Carla - Does she need to go by flight because that might be cheaper?
 - b) Walter- that is something we will consider .
 3. Emily O'Hara leaves the room at 7:58pm for excusing herself from vote
 4. Walter Dodson motions to approve \$3,390 for all expenses for Emily to be in D.C. for the post election SLSV summit.
 - a) Ian Beattie seconds
 - b) Motion passed unanimously

5. Emily O'Hara comes back to room at 8pm
- F. Gabby La Torre - Having a screening of "Queen of the Sun", it is a documentary about bees, the screening rights to is \$187.50, and that is with a student discount.
1. Walter Dodson motion to approve \$250 for the film rights of "Queen of the Sun".
 2. Sam Donahue seconds
 3. Motion passes unanimously
- G. Walter Dodson - Sam and him fixed the proposed fy 19 budget that was proposed last year. We increased spending. Need to get it improved.
1. Student fees were projected higher than the actual, there is a \$10,000 difference lowering the \$155,000 projected to \$145,000.
 2. We didn't anticipate billing the different Chapters for Refreshments at Retreat last year so we added that it making our revenue for the year \$ 145,500.00.
 3. Promotional items we budgeted so every campaign can use 30% of their allocated budget. Based on our AFU survey students want us to see us do more giveaways. On the original it was \$1,500 we increased it by \$20,500.00 for a total of \$ 22,000.00 on merch Travel stays the same at \$10,000, so that is for us to be able to go to conferences and retreats.
 4. We increase for Refreshments - Events/Programs by \$500 and this is campaign specific events like food and drinks for film screening.
 5. Refreshments -Organization added to the budget for retreat food so we allocated \$5,000 for that.
 6. We didn't have a Contractual Service - Events/Programs before but we are intending on getting 3 speakers come each semester to our events, so we are shooting for \$30,000, \$5,000 for each speaker, this is something we've never done before so we thought \$5,000 each would be a good budget for each.
 7. Contractual services \$180,000 access to our campus organizer, and state organizer, those people.
 8. Equipment - Capital this is for office renovations we are trying to completely re-do the office, so we increased it to \$40,000
 9. One-time gifts, this is for graduation gift of seniors increased it to \$100 because we have a large graduating base.
 10. Photocopying increased because we do a lot of it so we increased it by \$25.
 11. Postage increased by \$5 just in case.
 12. Supplies went up \$ 1,450.00 for events and organization because of our need of pens, toner, tape, movie rights for events.
 13. Telephone is the same.

14. registration fee went up because some conferences you need to pay to attend.
15. Rental went up because we are having more events on campus.
16. Equipment stayed the same
17. Alex for his job for and through the university is the wages, and we also take care of the taxes.
 - a) Walter Dodson motions to approve fy 19
 - b) Justin Kaiser seconds
 - c) Motion passed unanimously

VI. Announcements

- A. Walter Dodson - next week we won't be having a core, we are going to be having a town hall for non-members and get feedback and how they want us to spend money. Core members can come you but we are going to ask not to participate. Going to have a core after words to talk about what happened and do business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Minutes submitted by Kyleigh Hillerud