

UConnPIRG Core Meeting Minutes 19-09
Monday October 22nd, 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, Lizzy Turano, Andrew Frosti, Chad Schroeder, Dayna Robinson, Kelly Rafferty, Abigail Joseph, Colleen Keller, Jonathan Perry, Kasra Parchekania, Rebecca Sheehen, Michael Katz, Jessica Gagnon, Justin Kaiser, Khari Reynado, Gayatri Vishranath, Austin Ferguson
Non-Voting Members: Elizabeth He, Aliyah Hayes, Chritian Tolman
Guests: Alex Peebles (Campus Organizer), Shawna Upton (CT Assistant Organizing Director)

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Chair Walter Dodson

- I. Teach for America Announcement
- II. Intros
- III. Retreat Recap
 - a. Walter Dodson - We do retreats to give our members a more in-depth look at what we do as a whole region. It's good to talk about what works at other campuses and different prospective. Two days of trainings, and everyone from all different skill levels benefit from these trainings.
 - b. Jessica Gagnon- favorite training was the personal story training.
 - c. Alex Peebles – personal story training was favorite.
 - d. Kasra Parchekania – Favorite activity was the voting history one, interesting how to see how voting has changed in the united states over time.
 - e. Chad Schroeder– funding discussion how funding works at different schools was favorite
 - f. Andrew Frosti – funding discussion was favorite
 - g. Gabby Lattore - Breadth and depth charts for the campaign to look at the bigger picture was favorite
 - h. Sam Donahue – funding training, communicating how we are funded with different types of people was favorite
 - i. Kyleigh Hillerud - semester planning
 - j. Walter Dodson – planning the retreat and funding game
 - k. Shawna Upton – likes coming together as the region
 - l. Emily O'Hara- working with students with their breadth and depth charts
- IV. NVP Mega Blitz
 - a. Emily O'Hara – this week we are going to be registering a bunch of people as it is the last week before the deadline. Voting is fundamental to all the issues we work on is, voting how we make differences and an impact if we prioritize it. We need to get volunteers to help reaching our goal of 2,500 people registered to vote.
 - b. Justin Kaiser - if everyone signed up for one hour, we would meet our goal
 - c. Jessica Gagnon - please come to ballot ready party and help out.
 - d. Walter Dodson – NVP is our brand, it's what we are known for.
- V. Campaign update
 - a. Bees - Gabby Lattore
 - i. Film screening on Wednesday, last farm Friday this Friday on student valley farms.

- b. Zero Waste – Isabel Umland
 - i. This weekend on the Sunday showing the documentary film Bag It, had meeting with facilities about lack of trash bins and working on getting more. Building relationships with them which is great.
- c. H&H - Abhishek Gupta
 - i. Putting together H&H awareness, hoping to show pursuit of happiness, having poverty simulator, gotten 620 responses for food insecurity survey. Looking into swipe out hunger figuring out details, coalition building for that with other schools.
- d. 100% - Parth Patel
 - i. Planning our lobby day for administration, anyone can come
- e. National Update - Shawna
 - i. ABX we are switching policies on what restaurants should buy in terms of beef and chicken buy. Released social media graphic grading chain restaurants and that gave us some mentions on social media and circulation.

VI. Business

- a. Justin Kaiser motions to amend the 10/15 minutes, he isn't accounted for in attendance but he was there, clerical error.
 - i. Walter Dodson motion to amend minutes to add in Justin.
 - ii. Sam Donahue seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes unanimously
- b. Walter Dodson motions to approve 10/15 core minutes.
 - i. Abhishek seconds
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously
- c. Kyleigh Hillerud – On Social Media we want to promote the 2 upcoming nvp events, party at the polls and ballot ready party, to create more hype and visibility for the event online. Jey is going to pay for them and get a reimbursement. We want to shoot for 50\$, not going to spend that much on each.
 - i. Walter Dodson motions to give a reimbursement to Jey for up to \$50 for promoting social media events on Facebook.
 - ii. Sam Donahue seconds
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously
- d. Abhishek Gupta – film screening of “pursuit of happiness”, it is a multi media block buster, and we need to pay for film screening rights which is \$529 we are purchasing it through student union theatre
 - i. Justin Kaiser – could we go through the library to get it cheaper?
 - ii. Abhishek – Library will only purchase it if it's in a course or service learning project
 - 1. Walter Dodson motions to approve up to \$600 to purchase the movie rights of “pursuit of happiness”
 - 2. Emily O'Hara seconds
 - 3. Motions Approves unanimously
- e. Kyleigh Hillerud – Someone emailed me asking if we give out stamps for absentee voters, and after talking to Emily we think it's a good thing to do especially during GOTV week. This is directly benefiting students and helping

them vote. We want to buy stamps and get reimbursed for those. Alex Peebles will buy the stamps and envelopes.

- i. Walter Dodson motions to approve up to \$60 to reimburse Alex Peebles for buying of stamps and envelopes.
 - ii. Jonathan Perry Seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes unanimously
- f. Gabby Lattore – For bee swag we have the design, but we have to go through university vendor, so we are suggesting an up to amount to buy those items and fit them with a university vendor. We are having a few tables in upcoming weeks to spread awareness and do some games for people to possibly win swag. Also giving out stickers for the restaurants who are have signed onto the Bee friendly food alliance to put in their windows. Want to get 20 stickers and 60 shirts
- i. Walter Dodson motions to approve up to \$600 for 20 stickers 60 t shirts
 - ii. Justin Kaiser seconds
 - iii. Motion approves unanimously
- g. Gabby Lattore - screening money might not come in on time so wants to motion for a reimbursement safety net because we don't want to cancel event it
- i. Walter motions to approve up to \$200 for Gabby Lattore in case she needs to buy the screening rights for the “queen of the sun”.
- h. Isabel Umland - online quiz give away table, want to buy one reusable k-cup and get reimbursed for it.
- i. Walter Dodson motion to approve up to \$15 for reimbursement of a purchase of a reusable k-cup to Isabel Umland.
 - ii. Emily O'Hara seconds
 - iii. Motion Passes unanimously

VII. Announcements

- a. Austin – Follow swipe out hunger on Instagram!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06pm.

Minutes submitted by Kyleigh Hillerud