

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 20-01
Wednesday August 28th, 2019, 7 PM
SU 304A

Voting Members: Emily O'Hara (Chair), Jessica Gagnon (Vice Chair), Samuel Donahue (Treasurer), Michael Katz (Secretary), Elizabeth Turano, Colleen Keller, Gabrielle LaTorre, Dylan DeMoura, Venkata Patchigolla, Elena Hernandez, Sean Oppenheimer, Damani Douglas, Parth Patel, Rachel Cormier

Non-Voting members: Petra Favorite (UConnPIRG campus organizer), Kurt Daigle (UConnPIRG primary advisor), Mason Holland, Alex Ivanov, Taylor Guasta, Victor Htut, Liliana Lorenzo, Maria Sette, Andros Prado, Nicholas Ferreira, Joseph Drossman, Willow Yang, Rebecca Ryan, Amy O'Rourke, Ryan Conrad, Justy Carney, Emily Cote

Meeting brought to order at 7:04pm by Chair Emily O'Hara

I. Introductions

II. General Org Info

- A. Emily O'Hara - We empower students, run campaigns that give students new skills, fight corruption, protect our environment, turn out voters, lobby, stay nonpartisan, offer jobs after graduation, internships, and summer opportunities. We advance a public interest agenda and give students the skills and opportunities to practice effective leadership. We maintain an active relationship with ConnPIRG (independent, statewide, student-directed student advocacy organization).
- B. Key Members
 - 1. Officers
 - a) Jessica - I'm the vice chair!
 - b) Sam - I'm the treasurer!
 - c) Michael - I'm the secretary!
 - 2. Campaign Coordinators in Attendance
 - a) Parth - I run 100% Renewable Energy!
 - b) Colleen - I run Hunger and Homelessness!
 - c) Emily O'Hara - I run New Voters Project!
 - d) Elena - I run Save the Bees!
 - 3. Cabinet Members in Attendance
 - a) Rachel - I'm the treasurer's assistant!
 - b) Damani - I'm the retention manager!
 - c) Elizabeth - I'm the office manager!
 - 4. Kurt Daigle - I work in Trustee Org support, and I'm the primary advisor for UConnPIRG!
 - 5. Emily O'Hara - Petra is our campus organizer!
- C. Emily O'Hara - We're a Tier III org (fee-funded). Our state board consists of six members from UConn and two each from Trinity and Hartford campuses.
- D. Campaign Goals for this Semester

1. Ban styrofoam in Mansfield (Zero Waste)
2. Introduce textbooks transparency program (Affordable Textbooks)
3. Colleen - one poverty simulation, five service Fridays, one successful H & H awareness week (Hunger & Homelessness)
4. Parth - clean transportation (100% Renewable Energy)
5. Elena - conservation, education and awareness (Save the Bees)
6. Emily O'Hara - one successful summit (Husky Engage), one National Voter Registration Day event (New Voters Project)

III. Recruitment Drive

- A. Colleen - I'm running the recruitment drive this semester! We recruit every semester to get new, engaged volunteers. We're holding the drive now - giving class raps (Jessica has been scheduling them), tabling (handing out interest cards there too), databasing (Elizabeth coordinates this - taking all the cards and entering data into spreadsheet), phonebanking (calling the people in the spreadsheet, reading from a script and asking people to volunteer). Also, Emily O'Hara is running campus relationships (communicating with other Tier III orgs, UConn administrators). Sign up for our recruitment drive events!
- B. Petra - three sign-ups: Textbooks table tomorrow from 11 am-2 pm at South dining hall, databasing in SU 214 from 3:30-6 pm tomorrow (need to bring computer), phonebanking from 6-9 pm tomorrow in SU 214 (bring headphones and laptops)

IV. Business

- A. Husky Engage Approval
 1. Emily O'Hara - Summit for training of student leaders across all UConn campuses. Engages students in electoral process.
 2. Discussion
 - a) Parth - When?
 - (1) Emily O'Hara - September 28th from 9 am-5 pm
 - b) Damani - Collaboration between PIRG and USG. Everyone should attend!
 - c) Venkata - Saturday or Sunday?
 - (1) Emily O'Hara - Saturday
 3. Emily O'Hara motions to approve creation of Husky Engage summit.
 4. Sam seconds.
 5. Motion passes unanimously.
- B. Monthly Bills
 1. Sam - We reimburse UConn for payments they make for us.
 - a) April 2019
 - (1) Sam - \$707.38 total: \$75.58 office depot for printer paper, \$20.60 for one month of telephone use, two \$19 travel fees (Walter Dodson and Kharl Reynado's trip to Washington D.C.), two \$286.60 charges for flights (Walter and Kharl)
 - (2) Discussion
 - (a) Joseph - Fee bill funds this stuff?
 - (i) Emily O'Hara - Yes

- (3) Emily O'Hara motions to approve payment of April 2019 monthly bill.
- (4) Damani seconds.
- (5) Motion passes unanimously.
- b) May 2019
 - (1) Sam - \$4942.57 total: \$640 for catering, \$430 for catering (activist leadership program), \$1679.40 for OER t-shirts, \$719.04 tote bags (Zero Waste), \$658.69 for shaker bottles (Save the Bees), \$794.84 for bee-friendly garden flowers, \$20.60 for one month of telephone use
 - (2) Emily O'Hara motions to approve payment of May 2019 monthly bill.
 - (3) Venkata seconds.
 - (4) Motion passes unanimously.
- c) June 2019
 - (1) Sam - \$87.20 total: \$66.60 for mulch (bee garden), \$20.60 for one month of telephone use
 - (2) Emily O'Hara motions to approve payment of June 2019 monthly bill.
 - (3) Jessica seconds.
 - (4) Motion passes unanimously.
- d) July 2019
 - (1) Sam - \$20.60 for one month of telephone use
 - (2) Emily O'Hara motions to approve payment of July 2019 monthly bill.
 - (3) Dylan seconds.
 - (4) Motion passes unanimously.

V. Closing and Action Items

- A. Emily O'Hara - Chad Schroeder (social chair) organizing social lunch this weekend!
- B. Colleen - Come phonebank in the office now!
- C. Emily O'Hara - Next Core meeting on Monday at 7 pm in SU 310!

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Minutes submitted by Michael Katz