

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 20-29  
Monday April 27th, 2020, 7 PM  
WebEx (remote location due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members: Emily O'Hara (Chair), Jessica Gagnon (Vice Chair), Maya Murarka (Treasurer), Michael Katz (Secretary), Colleen Keller, Kyleigh Hillerud, Chad Schroeder, Nia Moore, Shafina Chowdhury, David Vallejo, Simon Hua, Cheyenne Tavares, Victor Htut, Kyle Cyr, Dylan DeMoura, Ben Albee, Abigail Coia, Rebecca Tripp, Mary Elizabeth Monticello, Julia Ward, Natalie Seier, Elizabeth Turano, Chuck O'Coin, Erin McConnell

Guests: Justin Landry (ConnPIRG campus organizer for Trinity College), Julia McLaughlin (assistant organizing director for MassPIRG Students)

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:15pm by Colleen Keller (Chair-Elect)
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Chapter/Campaign Updates
  - A. Keller reviews the Executive Board's updates including finishing their trainings, working on campaign coordinator bootcamp, creating a plan in the fall, and working with Sam Gibb and Emily O'Hara on purchase orders.
  - B. Kyleigh Hillerud gives the State Board updates on Covid campaign updates, planning for New Voters Project as the lead campaign in the fall, and to start summer planning soon. Hillerud is the State Board Chair, Cheyenne Tavares is vice chair, and Chad Schroeder is treasurer.
  - C. Tavares gives the NVP campaign update. The campaign is working on work for the extended primary election timeline and evaluating the campaign.
  - D. Rebecca Tripp describes Hunger and Homelessness and their release of their website as well as a large social media push on Instagram. The campaign is looking for inter-campaign work and would like any ideas.
  - E. Shafina Chowdhury reports that Affordable Textbooks's campaign evaluation has been completed and the team is planning to do a vision board for the campaign.
  - F. Ben Albee discusses 100% Renewable Energy and the first Save the Earth campaign meeting last week. The campaign discussed their vision, tactics, and roles assuming everyone is present at UConn next semester. There will be a meeting tomorrow from 3-4pm to complete the semester evaluation and lay out everyone's roles in the summer.
- IV. Business
  - A. Approval of 4/20/20 Minutes
    1. Keller motions to approve the minutes from 4/20/2020 by unanimous consent.
    2. Motion passes unanimously (*Elizabeth Turano, Julia Ward, Mary Elizabeth Monticello, Simon Hua, and Nia Moore abstain*).
  - B. Spring 2020 ConnPIRG Invoices
    1. O'Hara gives an overview of the Spring 2020 invoices, which will be given to ConnPIRG as compensation for staff services throughout the semester.

2. Keller motions to approve the invoices totalling \$6,150.
  3. Jessica Gagnon seconds.
  4. Motion passes unanimously.
- V. End-of-Year Celebratory Activities
- A. Hillerud reflects and celebrates on PIRG's past events and accomplishments including National Voter Registration Day, winning the Net Zero School vote, a panel discussion with those on campus as well as a roundtable discussion, and having a fantastic Affordable Textbooks campaign and events in the fall as well as collaboration work with USG for the Husky Market, a great semester of new campaign coordinators, speaking at the environmental committee, running a very successful Virtual Lobby Day, and persevering throughout our spring semester.
  - B. Hillerud transitions to the Spring Season Slideshow, celebrating the outgoing seniors. Hillerud reads off a series of heartfelt farewells for each senior, and each senior gives a few words of thanks and goodbyes as well.
  - C. O'Hara gives a farewell speech for the chapter, thanking everyone and saying goodbye. She concludes that it is not about her, but about PIRG and the people in it. She gives a final thank you.
  - D. Hillerud continues remembering PIRG and shows a final collage created by Chowdhury.
  - E. Hillerud announces her final thanks and goodbye to Justin Landry. Landry also gives a few final words.
- VI. Announcements
- A. Emergency Core
    1. Keller says there will be another core next week to approve the Fall 2020 purchase orders.
  - B. Campaign Coordinator Bootcamp
    1. Keller states that the bootcamp will be taking place May 9th for campaign coordinators and other leaders in the chapter.
  - C. Mentorship Meeting Wednesday with Elly Daugherty moved to 4pm
    1. Gagnon states that the mentor meeting will be moved from 5pm to 4pm.
  - D. "Developing Activism Through Divergent Thinking" Event - Tuesday @ 6pm
    1. Gagnon announces Kyle Cyr will be holding an activism class on Tuesday.
  - E. Viz Survey
    1. Hillerud announces that she has released a survey in every GroupMe and asks everyone to fill it out.
  - F. Chad Schroeder's Announcement
    1. Schroeder will be hosting an Animal Hour for watching animals at the zoo. There will also be a virtual banquet this Saturday at 8pm to recognize the accomplishments of the chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm  
 Minutes submitted by Kyle Cyr (Secretary-Elect)