

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 20-34  
Monday August 31st, 2020, 7 PM  
Google Hangouts (remote location due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members: Colleen Keller (Chair), Dylan DeMoura (Vice Chair), Kyle Cyr (Secretary), Maya Murarka (Treasurer), Rebecca Tripp, Leah LePage, Natalie Seier, Cheyenne Tavares, David Vallejo, Julia Ward, Ben Albee, Kyleigh Hillerud, Curtis Gongora, Andrew Mayano, Andre Johnson

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:03pm by Colleen Keller (Chair)
- II. Introductions
- III. Chapter-wide Updates
  - A. Executive Board Updates
    1. Keller states that they have been working on remote settings during the summer as well as building the Cabinet to help all volunteers, campaigns, and Campaign Coordinators. PIRG will not have a campaign coordinator this fall. Office hours will start next week.
    2. Kyle Cyr describes the PIRG Google Calendar. Located on the PIRG website, the calendar will be regularly updated and act as a hub for meetings.
    3. Natalie Seier announces the start of the Recruitment Drive and gives updates on the drive so far. The drive will be shared through the Involvement Fair and through classes. There are many ways to volunteer for, including phone banking and presenting a class rep to classes.
- IV. Campaign Updates
  - A. Cheyenne Tavares gives the New Voter's Project updates, including a video that will be a collection of videos sent from members. The video will include information on mail-in ballots, due dates, and other things on voting. Tavares asks to let them know if any members would like to be in the video.
  - B. Dylan DeMoura states that Save the Earth will hold a meeting this Friday with the combined environmental campaigns. The campaign is also working on a column for the Daily Campus.
  - C. Rebecca Tripp discusses Hunger & Homelessness, which has released a list of infographics. H&H is working with USG to create a HuskyMarket, setting up a way to help food shelters, creating new ideas for online learning, and planning for the semester.
  - D. Shafina Chowdhury says that Affordable Textbooks is conducting large-scale survey data on textbook prices for classes that they are creating with USG. Students will be better able to understand the classes of their textbooks. They are also working on buying and selling used textbooks.
- V. Our Mission
  - A. Keller reviews UConnPIRG's mission statement.
  - B. Julia Ward and Keller discuss that PIRG is reliable, and other members quickly talk about the mission statement.
- VI. Announcements

- A. Keller emphasizes the volunteering opportunities for the Recruitment Drive.
- B. Seier reminds everyone to fill out the attendance form and to share PIRG with your classes for the Recruitment Drive.
- C. DeMoura shares a graph of a survey for PIRG that is done for all Tier-III organizations. DeMoura specifically draws attention to a question asking responders for campaigns they are most interested for, which was a Public Health Campaign, which DeMoura feels is appropriate for this semester in light of the pandemic. They are currently drafting the proposal and asks for help and feedback on the draft.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Minutes submitted by Kyle Cyr (Secretary)