

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 20-37
Monday September 21st, 2020, 7 PM
WebEx (remote location due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members: Colleen Keller (Chair), Dylan DeMoura (Vice Chair), Kyle Cyr (Secretary), Maya Murarka (Treasurer), Erik Zawodniak, Cheyenne Tavares, Julia Ward, Shafina Chowdhury, Sarah Hill, Ben Albee, Rebecca Tripp, Leah LePage

Non-Voting Members: Catherine Myers, Amirah Jahaf

Guests: Kurt Daigle (UConnPIRG primary advisor)

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:05pm by Colleen Keller (Chair)
- II. Introductions
- III. Our History and Who We Are
 - A. Keller discusses the Chapter's history and where it stands today. They discuss our mission statement, Chapter positions, campaigns, and key issues.
- IV. Chapter Updates
 - A. Keller discusses the exec board's campus relations, overseeing campaigns, updating the budget, and creating a weekly update
- V. Campaign Updates
 - A. Cheyenne Tavares gives the NVP update. Tomorrow is National Voter Registration Day, and the campaign will be holding a Q&A with SOTS Denise Merrill. There will also be an H&H/NVP research collaboration on the 23rd.
 - B. Ben Albee discusses Save the Earth. The campaign is hoping to work with CT and their efforts to sue ExxonMobil for the climate crisis. The campaign will be working with a webinar to discuss the Coca-Cola/UConn agreement, and are thinking of writing a statement against the contract.
 - C. Rebecca Tripp talks about H&H's collaboration with NVP. Husky Market is still a process, and the campaign is currently working on advertising and negotiations. The campaign's first meeting will be this Thursday at 5pm.
 - D. Shafina Chowdhury says that Affordable Textbook's survey is being distributed, the website is being worked on, and the Booklet is being created. Campaign meetings are Thursday at 2pm.
 - E. Leah LePage and Julia Ward state that the Public Health campaign is ready to be proposed later today and working on getting members involved. Ward will be sending out a doodle poll this week to set up the campaign meeting time.
- VI. Activity
- VII. Business
 - A. Minutes
 1. Keller motions to approve the 9/14/2020 UConnPIRG Core Minutes.
 2. LePage seconds.
 3. Chowdhury abstains.
 4. Motion passes unanimously.
 - B. Ex-Officio

1. Keller nominates Albee as UConnPIRG's Ex-Officio.
 2. Kyleigh Hillerud seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
- C. Budget
1. Keller motions to change the Business Taxes from the budget of \$38,000 to \$45,000 of the Updated UConnPIRG Budget as of September 21st, 2020.
 - a) Albee seconds.
 - b) Motion passes unanimously
 2. Keller motions to approve the Updated UConnPIRG Budget as of September 21st, 2020.
- D. Monthly Bills
1. Keller motions to approve the total of \$12,549.83 for the Monthly Bill of June.
 - a) Hillerud seconds.
 - b) Motion passes unanimously.
 2. Keller motions to approve the total \$786.85 for the Monthly Bill of July.
 - a) Ward seconds.
 - b) Motion passes unanimously.
 3. Keller motions to approve the total of \$857.91 for the Monthly Bill of August.
 - a) Hillerud seconds.
 - b) Motion passes unanimously.
- E. Public Health Proposal
1. LePage proposes the Public Health campaign. They discuss the increases of Covid-19 and the increasing challenges for public health. The campaign's primary goal for Fall 2020 will be to prioritize research and information to the public health. The campaign's goals will be to educate the public, respond to the pandemic on a state and local level, plan and execute distant activities, and plan the campaign's structure for the future. Strategies include grassroots lobbying and reaching out to the public. Tactics include educational events, lobbying, visibility, and creating coalitions. Ward goes through an evaluation of the proposal, including determining the proposal is within PIRG's mission, the issue is profound, and PIRG can make a difference.
 2. Keller motions to run the Public Health campaign in the Fall 2020 semester.
 - a) Tripp Seconds
 - b) Motion passes unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Keller reminds everyone that office hours are up on the PIRG website.
- B. Dylan DeMoura announces Activist Class, which will be offered twice a week and is required for interns, but open to all new members.
 1. Amirah Jahaf asks DeMoura to include the information in an email, to which DeMoura confirms will be sent later.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm
Minutes submitted by Kyle Cyr (Secretary)