

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 20-41
Monday October 19th, 2020, 7 PM
Zoom (remote location due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members: Colleen Keller (Chair), Dylan DeMoura (Vice Chair), Kyle Cyr (Secretary), Maya Murarka (Treasurer), Leah Lepage, Kyleigh Hillerud, Shafina Chowdhury, Julia Ward, Rebecca Tripp, Erin McConnell, David Vallejo, Dylan DeMoura, Dashiel Matos, Monet Paredes, Cheyenne Tavares, Chad Schroeder

Guests: Kurt Daigle (UConnPIRG primary advisor)

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:04pm by Colleen Keller (Chair)
- II. Introductions
- III. Chapter Updates
 - A. Keller says the executive board (not collectively) met with Native American Cultural Programs, maintaining the list serv, exploring the possibilities of Zapier, approving fees, and planning the mentorship program.
- IV. Campaign Updates
 - A. Cheyenne Tavares shares NVP's updates. The Women's Center is holding a film screening and discussion today, with the discussion on the 26th. The team phonebanked with CTLCV last campaign meeting, will be writing letters to the editor, and will be taking over the official UConn Instagram with USG. The UConn Panhellenic Council has appointed a new NVP/voting representative, who has several ideas on engaging women in sororities.
 - B. Ben Albee states that Save the Earth held a facking phonebank, with conversations with legislative offices as well as leaving emails and messages. The campaign is in the early stages of planning a climate podcast as well as collaborating with UCCO. A statement of position is also being written on disbanding from the Coca Cola contract.
 - C. Rebecca Tripp announces Husky Market's continued work and a meeting with Husky Market Hartford that is meeting today. This week is Awareness week, so there will be a movie screening and a speaker outreach this week. There will be a donation drive, the team is working on visibility with setting up a mask vendor, and, legislatively, is outreaching about food insecurity research on campus.
 - D. Shafina Chowdhury gives the Affordable Textbooks update. This week is OER week, and there will be a social media takeover. The campaign is also working on a video with UCTV, as well as working on merchandise. Shafina asks everyone to take the survey for collecting data on class resources.
 - E. Julia Ward reports Public Health's updates. Last meeting was focused on public health research, which the team is using for their LTE. The campaign also discussed a potential vaccine task force at the state and is still waiting on updates.
- V. Activity: Activism Memes
 - A. Members post captions to amusing images using Padlet, leading to a discussion of everyone's favorite captions.
- VI. Business

A. Minutes

1. Keller motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, October 12th, 2020.
2. Kyleigh Hillerud seconds.
3. Erin McConnell abstains.
4. Motion passes unanimously.

B. Fee Update

1. Keller motions to approve a temporary reduction to the PIRG optional fee of \$2 for the Spring 2021 Semester.
2. McConnell seconds.
3. Motion passes unanimously.

VII. Announcements

- A. Chad Schroeder announces UConnPIRG's Horror Virtual Movie Night, which will take place on Friday, October 23rd, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Google Hangouts. More information will be posted in Slack.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Minutes submitted by Kyle Cyr (Secretary)