

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 20-48
Monday January 11th, 2021, 7 PM
Zoom (remote location due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members: Colleen Keller (Chair), Dylan DeMoura (Vice Chair), Kyle Cyr (Secretary), Erin McConnell, Kyleigh Hillerud, David Vallejo, Shafina Chowdhury, Rebecca Tripp, Leah LePage, Julia Ward, Natalie Seier, Srimayi Chaturvedula

Non Voting Members: Sasha Goldblatt

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:03pm by Colleen Keller (Chair)
- II. Introductions
- III. Chapter Updates
 - A. The Executive Board has been completing paperwork, including getting Campaign Coordinators on payroll and completing the monthly bills, as well as completing trainings to present the UConnPIRG budget. Natalie Seier has been working hard creating stronger campus relations. Upcoming action includes following up on action items and scheduling office hours and meetings. The dates for Campaign Coordinator Bootcamp will be announced after all campaigns have been finalized.
- IV. Business
 - A. Minutes
 1. Keller motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, December 7th, 2020.
 2. Leah LePage seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - B. Secretary Election
 1. Srimayi Chaturvedula, Erin McConnell, and Julia Ward have been nominated and have accepted to run for the Secretary position.
 2. Chaturvedula gives a brief explanation for why they feel they should be elected Secretary. They share that secretary is the person that runs much of the communication and collaboration for the team, which is an important part of leadership. Chaturvedula is a very driven person, which they feel is important to the role.
 3. McConnell gives a brief explanation for why they feel they should be elected Secretary. They state that they have been a member since their second semester. Qualifications include paying close attention during meetings, creating clear and concise announcements, and being there during meetings.
 4. Ward gives a brief explanation for why they feel they should be elected Secretary. They share that they were a campaign coordinator on the Public Health campaign and will be applying for the PPA Fast-Track program. Ward would love to get career experience with the chapter and recognize they can make the time commitment for the position.

5. The floor is opened for questions for the candidates. Kyle Cyr asks all candidates what they would like to change about PIRG the most. Chaturvedula responds with the idea of growth; ensuring the chapter is never settling. Chaturvedula would like to change the energy of PIRG. McConnell would like to promote growth through the culmination of work and effort, as well as creating tweaks here and there throughout the organization. Ward would like to create better coordination with the interns, specifically through publishing articles.
6. Kyleigh Hillerud asks what initiative they would like to take on as Secretary. Chaturvedula feels that they are capable of taking on many tasks, and would like to focus on cooperation on group projects rather than a specific task to create group initiatives. McConnell would like to continue to ensure the Slack has great updates and continue, update, and maintain the Google Calendar to make sure the Chapter is aware of everything in the organization. Ward would like to create a mass email to send out PIRG information to our community so everyone understands the organization.
7. The nominees leave the Zoom call for a private discussion. Rebecca Tripp shares that Chaturvedula is a great member who is always texting them ideas and being attentive and active in meetings. Kyleigh shares that all candidates have amazing aspects, including Chaturvedula's art experience, Ward's dedication and reliance, and McConnell's commitment and creativity. Cyr emphasizes Hillerud's points and says that each candidate would be great for the position; Chaturvedula with their wordsmanship and great understanding of the situation, Ward with her ready game plan, and McConnell with her consistency and creativity. Leah also emphasizes these points, stating that these candidates are all great and that the vote is subjective.
8. The nominees return to the call and members vote using a ranked choice system. The Executive Board counts the votes. Keller announces McConnell has been elected UConnPIRG's official Secretary.

C. Campaign proposal

1. Sasha Goldblatt gives a campaign proposal for a Women's Rights Campaign. The main goal of the campaign is focused around distributing menstrual products to those in need as well as recognizing and building on the intersection of gender, race, and the environment. The campaign will work on educating how these identities build off of one another. Campaign goals include educating the public, responding to gender discrimination on multiple levels, distributing menstrual products, planning drives and other activities, and collaborating with other organizations. Strategies include creating a drive or fundraiser for the obtaining of the products. Tactics include grassroots organizing, lobbying, holding educational events, using media, specifically WHUS, creating coalitions, and holding drives.
2. Keller motions to approve the Women's Rights Campaign Proposal for the Spring 2021 Semester.

3. Tripp seconds.
 4. Motion passes unanimously.
- D. November Monthly Bills
1. Keller motions to approve the total of \$2,532.20 for the Monthly Bill of November.
 2. Ward seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
- B. December Monthly Bills
1. Keller motions to approve the total of \$1,884.49 for the Monthly Bill of December.
 2. Ward seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
- V. Announcements
- A. Meeting and training will be on the 18th for the Recruitment Drive, time is TBD.
The Budget Forum will be on the 21st at 2.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm
Minutes submitted by Kyle Cyr (Secretary)