

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 21-3
Monday February 8th, 2021, 7 PM
Zoom (remote location due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members: Colleen Keller (Chair), Dylan DeMoura (Vice Chair), Erin McConnell (Secretary), Maya Murarka (Treasurer), Kyleigh Hillerud, Shafina Chowdhury, Rebecca Tripp, Leah LePage, Natalie Seier, Benjamin Albee, Gianella Anyosa, Kaleigh Davis, Mark Frederiksen, Sasha Goldblatt, Tahera Hoque, Julia Ward

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:02pm by Colleen Keller (Chair)
- II. Introductions
- III. Chapter Updates
 - A. Dylan DeMoura shares that Keller has been putting together a comprehensive document of our campus relations work, sent in monthly bills, and been completing the SFAC documentation. Erin McConnell has worked on fixing the calendar, taking minutes, and sending emails. DeMoura has been preparing for activist class, and meeting with the campaign coordinators. Maya Murarka has been working on the January monthly bill. Upcoming action includes finalizing the SFAC documentation to bring to the Core.
 - B. Benjamin Albee gives the Ex-Officio update. The veto of “A Statement Denouncing the Capitol Riots and White Supremacy” legislation was overturned, there was a Textbook Exchange Network (TEN) board meeting with the Affordable Textbooks campaign, there is food insecurity legislation being brought forward with Hunger & Homelessness, and the State Affairs Committee meeting is happening during this meeting. Upcoming action includes Senate on Wednesday at 6:30pm.
- IV. Campaign Updates
 - A. Albee gives the Save the Earth campaign update. The campaign’s interns have chosen bills they are passionate about, and are contacting the authors of those bills this week. They have continued planning eco-stewardship ads, and are meeting with the Residence Hall Association to get them distributed. They have begun planning an Earth Day Week, which will have different activities to do each day of the week. Upcoming action includes the 6th episode of the podcast being filmed this week.
 - B. Rebecca Tripp gives the Hunger & Homelessness update. They hosted the Food Access & Justice Panel with speakers including Senator Mae Flexer. They met with some representatives to discuss proposed legislation about food-insecure students. They met with the Undergraduate Student Government’s (USG) Academic Affairs Director to draft a proposal to include food insecurity resources in syllabi, and met with USG’s Food Insecurity Task Force to create a game plan for Husky Market this semester. There is an opportunity for them to work with Swipe Out Hunger to build a SNAP database. Upcoming action includes their first campaign meeting this Friday at 2pm where they will go tactic by tactic to give updates, meet the interns, solidify leadership positions, and give direction for

projects, revamping the website in preparation for their syllabi proposal, and creating the application for Husky Market.

- C. Leah LePage gives the Public Health update. They give some Vaccine Advisory Committee updates, which include that the total number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered is just under 460,000. Upcoming action includes the first official campaign meeting, and the Vaccine Advisory Committee meeting this week.
 - D. Shafina Chowdhury gives the Affordable Textbooks update. They participated in a TEN board meeting, and are working on getting storage for the textbooks. They decided on a campaign meeting time, have started to sort out roles for the campaign, and are working on their email list. Upcoming action includes the first campaign meeting this Thursday at 3:30pm where they will assign roles, finalizing storage by the end of this week, changing the TEN pre-sell link, starting physical collections of textbooks, and starting preparation for Open Educational Resources (OER) Week.
 - E. Sasha Goldblatt gives the Women's Campaign update. They finalized a logo for the campaign, and have contacted interested students. Upcoming action includes planning the first campaign meeting.
- V. Activity: Mission Statement & Tri-Pod
- A. Keller reads the UConnPIRG mission statement, and has members share in the chat what their favorite part of the mission statement is. Then, Keller explains the Tri-Pod, which is leadership development, visibility, and campus relations, and has members break into groups based on which leg of the tripod they think is the most important and discuss why.
- VI. Business
- A. Minutes
 1. Keller motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, February 1st, 2021.
 2. Kyleigh Hillerud seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
- VII. Announcements/Wrap Up
- A. Keller announces that activist class is Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6pm, and for members to fill out the Spring Hire form if they haven't already.
 - B. McConnell shares the UConnPIRG Google Calendar for the chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Minutes submitted by Erin McConnell (Secretary)