

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 21-5
Monday February 22nd, 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, Benjamin Albee, Sasha Goldblatt, David Vallejo, Emily Lopez, Gianella Anyosa, Julia Ward, Mark Frederiksen, Tahera Hoque, Natalie Seier

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:02pm by Colleen Keller (Chair)
- II. Introductions
- III. Chapter Updates
 - A. Maya Murarka shares that Keller met with Michael Gilbert, the Vice President of Student Affairs, and Campbell Streator from Every Vote Counts. SFAC presentations are this Wednesday, and Dylan DeMoura and Erin McConnell are doing the usual.
 - B. Benjamin Albee gives the Ex-Officio update. The Undergraduate Student Government's (USG) SFAC presentation is Wednesday at 1pm, and Senate is Wednesday at 6:30pm.
 - C. Julia Ward gives the Legislative update. There are new meeting times beginning next week, 6-7pm on Mondays, and 5-6pm on Tuesdays, and legislative interns should text Ward, so interns can start bill tracking and scheduling indies.
- IV. Campaign Updates
 - A. Rebecca Tripp gives the Hunger & Homelessness update. They have been working on the Husky Market application and outreach, met with Creating Caring Communities (CCC) and USG about the syllabi proposal and adding campus organizations to their website. They are launching weekly legislative updates, and have some things underway: No Freeze eviction research, budget-friendly meals page, Twitch livestreaming, and a CCC collaboration are among these new initiatives. The campaign meetings are Fridays at 2pm.
 - B. Shafina Chowdhury gives the Affordable Textbooks update. They have been preparing for Open Educational Resources (OER) Week, where they will be highlighting OER Trailblazers that have implemented OER in their classes, and poster for OER Week, as well. They met with the Library to hear about their plans for OER Week. TEN was launched today, and \$500 worth of books was collected on the first day. They are planning to sort the professor emails they have by department over the next couple of weeks. The campaign meeting time for this week only is Wednesday at 6pm.
 - C. Leah LePage gives the Public Health update. They had their first campaign meeting, they are planning to make infographics and continue vaccine research, and they shared the update that another 145,000 vaccine doses are arriving in Connecticut this week. The campaign meeting time is Wednesdays at 6pm.
 - D. Albee gives the Save the Earth campaign update. They will be having an in-person masked campaign meeting this Friday at 4pm in the Student Organization Center (SOC), and the weekly online campaign meeting is Sundays

at 5pm. Anyone interested in speaking on the podcast can reach out, and they are continuing bill tracking and preparing testimony for public hearing dates.

- E. Sasha Goldblatt gives the Women's Campaign update. The first campaign meeting is Thursday at 3pm. They have been doing outreach to student organizations, including National Organization for Women (NOW), the Women's Center, Revolution Against Rape (RAR), the Rainbow Center, different professors, and the Dean of Students Office. Next steps include additional outreach and meetings with organizations.
- V. Personal Story Training
 - A. DeMoura shares an overview of what a personal story is, shares their personal story, and then members go into breakout rooms to create their personal stories.
- VI. Business
 - A. Minutes
 1. Keller motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, February 15th, 2021.
 2. Kyleigh Hillerud seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - a) Ward, Natalie Seier, Gianella Anyosa, and Tahera Hoque abstain.
- VII. Announcements/Wrap Up

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

Minutes submitted by Erin McConnell (Secretary)