

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 21-6  
Monday March 1st, 2021, 7 PM  
Zoom (remote location due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members: Colleen Keller (Chair), Dylan DeMoura (Vice Chair), Erin McConnell (Secretary), Kyleigh Hillerud, Shafina Chowdhury, Rebecca Tripp, Leah LePage, Benjamin Albee, David Vallejo, Emily Lopez, Gianella Anyosa, Julia Ward, Tahera Hoque, Natalie Seier

Non-Voting Members: Divyaj Parekh

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:02pm by Colleen Keller (Chair)
- II. Introductions
- III. Chapter Updates
  - A. Keller shares that the SFAC presentation is done! Erin McConnell has been taking minutes, sending emails, updating the calendar, and setting up a Twitch account with the Hunger & Homelessness campaign. Dylan DeMoura has been overseeing the campaigns, helping things run smoothly, and running Activist class with Natalie Seier.
  - B. Benjamin Albee gives the Ex-Officio update. The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) President received a vote of no confidence this past Sunday by the Governing Board. Husky Market applications opened today.
  - C. Julia Ward gives the Legislative update. The first meeting is tomorrow at 5pm, and the link will be in the Slack and on the calendar.
- IV. Campaign Updates
  - A. Rebecca Tripp gives the Hunger & Homelessness update. They share that Husky Market launched today and will be open until March 15th. They have an upcoming meeting with a representative from the Dean of Students Office to discuss how these resources look from the perspective of a student. They have launched their legislative update email, and are planning a collaboration with Creating Caring Communities (CCC). 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, which is this week. They will be highlighting OER Trailblazers that have implemented OER in their classes, and they postered for OER Week, as well. TEN was launched last week, and will continue to be open for collecting textbooks. They are sorting through professor emails they have by department over the next couple of weeks to start sending out biweekly emails to these professors. The UCTV spotlight video filmed last semester is almost finished, and will be on the PIRG social media this Friday! The campaign meetings are Thursdays at 3:30pm.
  - C. Leah LePage gives the Public Health update. They are planning to make infographics about Connecticut vaccine distribution, reaching out to SHaW about vaccinations for UConn, and continue work with the Vaccine Advisory Committee. The campaign meetings are Wednesdays at 6pm.
  - D. Albee gives the Save the Earth campaign update. They share that the Environment Committee will be having a public hearing this Wednesday at 10am, and they will

be submitting testimony for an act regulating polystyrene, plastic straws, and balloons, and making single-use plastic bags more compostable. They ask that everyone tweet their Senators this Wednesday, #banpolystyrene. They recorded the 6th episode of the podcast that should be out this week.

- E. Sasha Goldblatt gives the Women's Campaign update. They have been doing outreach to student organizations, planning events with SHaW to talk about survivor health, and learning more about how the campaign can help students.

V. Values Activity

- A. Keller shares that members of the chapter will be completing a values activity where they will be prioritizing their values.

VI. Business

A. Minutes

1. Keller motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, February 22nd, 2021.
2. Kyleigh Hillerud seconds.
3. Motion passes unanimously.
  - a) Ward abstains.

B. January Monthly Bill

1. Keller motions to approve \$796.58 for the January Monthly Bill.
2. Tripp seconds.
3. Discussion:
  - a) LePage asks if those who are getting paid can vote to approve payroll due to the potential conflict of interest.
  - b) Keller answers that because this is a check for the expenditures that have already occurred, there is no conflict of interest, and those who are getting paid can vote to approve payroll.
4. Motion passes unanimously.

VII. Announcements/Wrap Up

- A. Keller announces that anyone interested in an Executive Board position should stay after the meeting for a question and answer information session with the current Executive Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Minutes submitted by Erin McConnell (Secretary)