

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 21-7  
Monday March 8th, 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, Gianella Anyosa, Julia Ward, Natalie Seier, Mehdi Namazi

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:02pm by Colleen Keller (Chair)
- II. Introductions
- III. Chapter Updates
  - A. Maya Murarka shares that Keller is planning for the rest of the semester and met with CamelsVote to continue the New Voters Project (NVP) work. Erin McConnell is working to get a listserv set up, Murarka has put together the January monthly bill, and worked with the Business Office, and Dylan DeMoura has been overseeing campaigns and working on Activist Class.
  - B. Benjamin Albee gives the Ex-Officio update. The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) elections have concluded.
  - C. Julia Ward gives the Legislative Committee update. The meeting times are Mondays at 6pm and Tuesdays at 5pm.
- IV. Campaign Updates
  - A. Rebecca Tripp gives the Hunger & Homelessness update. They share that Husky Market applications are still open and will be until March 15th. The syllabi proposal has been sent to Scholastic Standards by the director of USG's Academic Affairs. They have an upcoming meeting with the Dean of Students Office and Community Outreach, they are planning a Planting Our Roots livestream, and are in contact with the Career Development office about a professional clothing closet for students. The campaign meetings are Fridays at 2pm.
  - B. Shafina Chowdhury gives the Affordable Textbooks update. Open Educational Resources (OER) Week is over and it went well! They have been reached out to by a company called Red Hat, who is making a documentary about Open Educational Resources, and Chowdhury and McConnell will be featured in it. They have been working on professor emails, and will be sending out emails biweekly to professors about campaign updates. The campaign meetings are Thursdays at 3:30pm.
  - C. Leah LePage gives the Public Health update. They are continuing work from last week, including a Vaccine Advisory meeting from last week, discussion on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine release, and reaching out to SHaW about UConn vaccinations. The campaign meetings are Wednesdays at 6pm.
  - D. Albee gives the Save the Earth campaign update. They have submitted testimony for HB 6651, which is An Act Concerning Environmental Air Quality to the Connecticut Environment Committee. The sixth episode of the podcast is available, and a new flier has been sent to the Residence Hall Association today. The campaign meetings are Sundays at 5pm.

- E. Sasha Goldblatt gives the Women's Campaign update. They have been working on their semester plan, meeting with the National Organization for Women (NOW) at UConn next week to discuss collaborations, and creating student care packages with feminine hygiene products. The campaign meetings are Thursdays at 3pm.
- V. Business
  - A. Minutes
    - 1. Keller motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, March 1st, 2021.
    - 2. Kyleigh Hillerud seconds.
    - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
      - a) Mehdi Namazi and Murarka abstain.
  - B. Privatization Comment
    - 1. Keller motions to approve the Privatization Comment for Food and Water Watch.
    - 2. Albee seconds.
    - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
  - C. February Monthly Bill
    - 1. Keller motions to approve \$3,991.00 for the February Monthly Bill.
    - 2. Hillerud seconds.
    - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
- VI. Announcements/Wrap Up
  - A. Keller announces that everyone should stay after for a social!
  - B. Albee announces that there is an event about Environmental Justice this Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

Minutes submitted by Erin McConnell (Secretary)